

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
October 24, at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Jon Stantz, Dean Bruce and Cynthia Hyde.

Also present: Chief Foutch, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz and Cheryl Moke. Street Superintendent Larry Parrish was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

On behalf of Spencer Main Street, Inc., and their Board of Directors, Michael Spinks presented a Proclamation to honor Cynthia Hyde for her service to the community and their organization.

Next, Bonnie Emerson requested that the Main Street group have permission to once again decorate the meters downtown for the period from December 1st to December 30th. She hopes that the project will grow in number this year, and decorate as many as they can in the downtown area. Once again, the businesses will make the donation to the Town for the missed meter funds.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Gwen Tucker reported that preparations are underway for the Owen County Chamber awards banquet to be held on Tuesday, October 25th. She also reported that they were planning a phase 2 expansion of the sewer down to the shovel ready property.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported that the Declaratory Resolution, Economic Development Area and Economic Development Plan had been approved by the Planning commission and was now up for consideration before the Town Board. Richard Lorenz reviewed the resolution, describing what area was included, and how the money generated could be used in the future. The next step for the Redevelopment Commission is to actually plan projects in the future when money becomes available.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-13 A RESOLUTION OF THE SPENCER TOWN BOARD APPROVING THE DECLARATORY RESOLUTION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that he received notification from the Department of Justice that they received a grant in the amount of \$5,599.93 to be used towards the purchase of 16 new vests costing \$13,180.80. He requested that the council approve the purchase of the new vests.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the estimate from Velsen & Co. for the purchase of 16 vests. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next Chief Foutch reported that they are beginning a Safe Sleep Initiative. Officer Stevens has gone through the training in order to conduct educational sessions to parents and caregivers of infants. Two 20 minute sessions will be held on November 3rd and the 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. After watching a 15-minute presentation, each participant will receive a safe sleep sack and safe sleep book. They also have 240 extra books to hand out on Halloween night.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish was absent. It was reported that he had worked on the MyPath trailhead last week, and began leaving this week.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the plant and collection system.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Discussion took place around the Fire Territory's recent decision to increase the contract amount to the OV Fire Fighters, Inc. and their plans to hire a part time employee.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz presented Ordinance 2016-12 DECLARING FRANKLIN STREET A NO PARKING ZONE, A ONE WAY STREET, AND ALTERING THE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE SR 46 PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next Richard Lorenz presented Ordinance 2016-08 A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A RAINY DAY FUND AS PERMITTED BY INDIANA PUBLIC LAW 251-2001.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next an agreement for consulting services between the Town of Spencer and Larry Tippin was presented for approval. The services are for assistance on the conversion of the accounting system to the new software. The contract is for up to 50 hours work at \$50 per hour or a total of \$2,500. There is also an agreement that the hours could be extended upon mutual agreement. In addition to the contracted amount, the Board agreed to pay the consultant for mileage based on the federal rate.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jon Stantz asked for an update on the houses that have violations against them. Richard Lorenz provided this for several houses.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Dean Bruce discussed the HighPoint Global workshop and plans to meet to continue the process. He proposed that a meeting be scheduled for November 21st at 6:00 p.m. prior to the regular Town meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

/S/ JON STANTZ
Jon Stantz, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/S/ CYNTHIA HYDE
Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer