

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
May 16, 2016 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: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Chief Richard Foutch and Dan Cyr, with Hickam & Lorenz.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Kurt Rosenberger was present on behalf of Our Community Bank to request an event approval for August 5th to be held on Market Street between Main and Washington Streets. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. After some discussion, it was decided that the street should be closed early in the morning, to prevent anyone from parking there. As part of the celebration there will be three or four food booths and entertainment. He checked with the other businesses along that street, and had everyone's approval. Cynthia suggested he also check with the courthouse to make sure there was nothing going on there that this might interfere with.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the request for the event and the closing of Market Street. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next an event registration for the Owen County Community Picnic to take place on June 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They are also requesting the closure of Market Street.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event request and closing of Market Street. The motion was seconded and passed.

Andrea Oeding, on behalf of MyPath, requested help from Larry to clear out some concrete and level the area at the trailhead. Larry stated he could find a use for the concrete. The Board approved the use of the Street Department to assist with the project.

Danny Hasselburg had requested to be on the agenda (but was not present (to discuss the nuisance complaint he received. He wrote the Board a letter stating he felt he was in compliance, and wanted to have someone talk to him, if the Town still felt he was not. Jon Stantz said he stopped and looked over the property and pointed out areas that still needed improvement. There is still some question about the frequency of the yard sales, and the items he is selling.

Jon Stantz made a motion to continue with the nuisance complaint until all issues are complied with. The motion was seconded and passed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Gwen Tucker asked where we were on the proposed sewer extension. The Clerk-Treasurer said she would follow up by contacting Darren Wells.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

May meeting is cancelled. The next one will be on June 15th.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that the radar sign is ready to start using. He wanted to thank Larry Parrish for putting together the trailer so it could be moved around. He also asked the Board about accepting a memorial bench. After some discussion, they decided to recommend that it be donated to the MyPath group to see if they could use it at the trailhead.

Lastly, Chief Foutch said that it was time to replace protective vests. He submitted the grant for 50% of the cost, but there is a requirement to replace them every five years or so. Total cost is \$11,200, but he thinks there is a good chance that we will qualify for the grant.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported that he had relocated the shelter house and got a bid for the concrete pad. The pad will be 20' x20' to accommodate benches and a bicycle rack. The bid from Jerry Benton is for \$3,100.00.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the bid. It was seconded and passed.

Next they discussed the sidewalks for the Downtown grant. Jon Stantz still had questions on costs of plans, and Larry Parrish wanted further clarification on how the drainage coming in from under the tracks will be tied in. Jon said he would call Cory Whitesell

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported that he renegotiated the landfill fees for sludge removal. He negotiated a rate \$14.23 per ton lower.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Dan Cyr presented Cook tax abatement compliance papers for signature. He reported that they are in compliance.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the tax abatement compliance. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Mr. Cyr reported that Richard Lorenz spoke with Richard Treloar with Demil. He expressed surprise that he was not in compliance and had not paid sewer bills. Also some discussions with the Division of Military Demil contracted with took place. They were not pleased with the report they received and will be crafting a response.

Don Kivett also was in attendance and as a neighbor of the Demil property; he wanted to note his dissatisfaction with the progress being made on cleaning this property up. Dan Cyr said he was in the process of getting a packet together to change the zoning of that property as well. Dean said he is interested in getting this done before it changes hands.

Lastly he said they are in the process of filing a complaint against ProNet with the FCC.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk-Treasurer requested a list of projects that goes above and beyond the normal budget. Lists from the individual departments for new equipment or tools should be made too.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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