

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
May 2, 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, and Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cynthia Hyde noted some changes to the minutes. A motion was made to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

Rob Wilson, on behalf of the Historic Tivoli Theatre, presented a request to block parking in front of the theatre on May 12<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. for drop off and pick up of patrons attending the Sponsorship Party.

Additionally, for the Street Dance events scheduled for May 28<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>, he requested that Washington Street be closed from the alley to Franklin Street from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve all three event requests for the Tivoli Theatre. The motion was seconded, and passed.**

Next, Lynda Ellington, on behalf of McCormick's Creek State Park, presented an event registration for the "Centennial Celebration: March to the Park" to take place on June 25<sup>th</sup>. They are requesting use of the shelters and parking area at Cooper Park for registration and starting point. They would also like the street closed while they cross the Old River Bridge heading up to River Road. Registration will start at 8 a.m. and they anticipate to be gone by 10 a.m.

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

Next Brett Franklin, representing Tri-State Timber spoke about his concerns about his trucks pulling out on 231. Currently, he is using 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and learned from Larry Parrish that he cannot do this because the trucks exceed the weight limit. He asked if there was some way they could continue to use 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, with maybe paying a fee, he would be in agreement. Stantz asked if he contacted the State about the problems with visibility and speeds on 231, and he said he had, and they were unwilling to do anything about it. Jon Stantz said he would contact someone with INDOT himself to see if they could find out anything. He also said he and Larry Parrish would meet to see if an agreement to use it could be reached.

Next, there were two events presented by Bradley Arthur. "Cruisin' for a Cure Custom Car Show" is to take place on June 4<sup>th</sup> (rain date June 18<sup>th</sup>) in Cooper Commons from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The second event, "The Brotherhood Scholarship Car, Bike, and Tractor Show" is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> (rain date Aug 13) also at Cooper Commons.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the two event requests. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Gary Ault addressed the Town Council about an issue he had with faulty wiring. He claimed in 2000, he remodeled his house and had it inspected by the Building Department, and was told everything was up to code. Recently, he had some electrical issues and was told by his contractor that the wiring was not done properly. The problem was where Duke brought the power lines to his roof. He filed a claim against Duke, and they denied it. Therefore, he felt the Town should be held responsible. The Board argued that there was really no proof that anything was done inappropriately since it happened 16 years ago. He requested that he get the permit fees waived to have it repaired, and was told he needed to contact the present

Building Department about that. Richard Lorenz said he would respond to Gary Ault within seven days.

The Clerk-Treasurer addressed the Board about recent property cleanup complaints pertaining to three properties located at 189 W. Jefferson, 105 S. West Street, and Beem Street. All three properties are owned by landlords. Richard Lorenz said he would take care of these.

Jon Stantz next reported on the cleanup of the Demil property. He contacted people at the Department of Defense and they were not happy with the situation their contractor left. They told Jon they would be down to look at property and help the Town to reach a resolution.

On the issue of food trucks, Richard Lorenz asked the Board to take a look at the Bloomington ordinance that the Clerk-Treasurer provided to see what would work for the Town of Spencer. He would modify it, and prepare an ordinance for a future meeting.

Richard Lorenz said an Executive Session would need to be held for discussion of pending legal issues. A meeting time was set for May 11<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m., just prior to the work session scheduled for the same date at 5:30 p.m.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Michael Spinks reported on the last meeting of the Commission on April 20<sup>th</sup>. He shared a map of the proposed area along Morgan Street, and Fletcher Street up to include Boston. Cynthia raised a question about whether it was wise to TIF the whole business district. Michael Spinks suggested that Tom Pittman, with Barnes Thornburg be brought back to address the Board on TIF districts.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Michael Richardson, Reserve Spencer Police Officer, presented quotes from PatrolPC for in-car computers and mounts. The advantage of this vendor is that it includes all the equipment necessary to install. The quotes varied by the speed of the processor. One was for \$4,979 and the other was for \$5,505 per vehicle. The primary use for this equipment is for Zuercher if they should resolve the issues with the chain of custody, and integrated servers. The Board will take this information under advisement.

An invoice from Truax was presented in the amount of \$1,576 for repairs to the 2010 Dodge Charger.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the invoice. It was seconded and passed.**

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Larry Parrish reported that he had an estimate to replace the front tires on the backhoe for \$538 from Neil Tires. He next said that Sam Hobbs had asked if he could add red dye when he replaced his sidewalk. The Board said they had no issue with this. Sam asked if the Town could dispose of the concrete, and Larry agreed to do this.

At 308 Garden, Larry reported that the owner of the property took out the sidewalk, and replaced it with pavers. The Building Inspector was asked to look into this.

Larry asked Cynthia if the request to move the shelter house by the Parks Department was okay. She confirmed it was.

Dean Bruce asked Larry if he had a road inventory that he could add to a spreadsheet. Larry said he did, and would provide Dean with a copy. A road inventory will be necessary to apply for the INDOT grant to be used in conjunction with the special LOIT distribution.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

**IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING**

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

The work session to discuss the grant for the Downtown revitalization meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on May 11<sup>th</sup> with Cory Whitesell from HWC.

**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 8:20 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