

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
June 20, 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: Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Chief Richard Foutch and Richard Lorenz and Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke. Sewer Superintendent John Hodge 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 2-0. Cynthia Hyde abstained because she was not in attendance.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Matt Sward with SIDC was present in regards to the Main Street Renovation project. He summarized the project scope and said that an environmental review letter would go out this week, and there will be a 90 day response time, but he did not anticipate any problems, and there will be enough time to submit the budget afterwards. The project budget is \$1,098,000, with \$500,000 coming from OCRA, and local match of \$598,000 from local match, which most likely will come from the EDIT fund. Some of that can come from local match, but that amount will be minimal. Next he went over the calendar for submitting the grant. A public hearing will be scheduled for August 1st, the Letter of Intent is due August 19th, and once submitted, OCRA will set up site visits. Applications are due October 14th, and the award will be made on December 1st. Letters of support should be solicited to go along with the application.

Next an event request for Farm to Table was submitted for September 3rd from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. They are requesting the closure of Main Street between Franklin and Market.

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

Dean Bruce spoke about parking on Main Street, north of Morgan, along the East side. He got several questions from residents about whether or not a business (Pete's Mufflers) should have the right to park along there. One resident was present, stated that she felt that north of North Street, was residential and should not be used for business parking. The Town Attorney, along with the Police Department and the Street Department will study the problem and come back with a recommendation.

There was a second reading of an Ordinance to Re-Establish the Cumulative Capital Development Fund, but after the meeting was adjourned, it was determined it was not published correctly, so it will be published and reread at the next meeting. Another Public Meeting will be held prior to the regular meeting.

Discussion about the Beem Street property owned by Rick Hero was discussed once again. Mr. Lorenz stated that the property should be removed because it is uninhabitable.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that Gwen Tucker will be doing a press release regarding the River Front District in order to get information out.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch requested permission to promote Officer Stevens to Sergeant. The Board unanimously agreed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported that the Library will have to move a construction fence so the alley behind it can be paved. He also reported that he and two others from his department will be attending an INDOT training session for rating roads.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge was absent but he provided a department report that John Stantz read. In it, he reported that a grinder pump in White Oaks went out and had to be replaced for a cost of \$2,350.00. He will look into rebuilding the old one.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz introduced Ordinance No. 2016-06 **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS AND ESTABLISHING A MATERIALITY THRESHOLD.** The State Board of Accounts is requiring that all local governments adopt an ordinance establishing Internal Controls by June 30th. The Town of Spencer will adopt the minimum standards as proposed by the State and detailed in this ordinance.

A motion to approve Ordinance No 2016-06 was made by Cynthia Hyde. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz asked the Chief if there was a standard for the rate of speed an officer should drive. The state policy is "drive with due regard", but Chief Foutch said he will follow up on this.

Dean Bruce reported that he has talked to Highpoint Solutions about making a presentation at the July 18th meeting regarding the citizen's experience. He said it would be at no cost to us, but they have worked with larger government entities, and are interested in one our size. They also may be interested in facilitating a strategic planning meeting later in August among all the community leaders in Owen County.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 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