

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
July 5, 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: Chief Richard Foutch, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge and Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke. Richard Lorenz and Street Superintendent Larry Parrish were both absent.

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

Chief Foutch request board approval for adding three new reserve officers. The three new reserves are; Timothy Wayne Greenwell, Francis Joseph Minardo, and Alexandro Kelby Carrillo.

A motion was made to approve the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ordinance Number 2016-05, An Ordinance for Re-Establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund was presented for approval.

A motion was made to approve the ordinance, and it was seconded and passed.

A request by the River of Life Church of God Prophecy to use the vacant lot located at the alley between Main and Washington Streets, along Cooper Street was presented. The use would be for the Bible school children's games, starting Monday, July 18th through Thursday 21st. They also requested barricades between the alley and the property. The Board said contingent upon providing a certificate of insurance, they would approve.

There was a motion to approve the request with the contingency. Motion was seconded and passed.

Jim Crumley was present to discuss a parking problem in front of his property at 532 W. Indiana St. at neighbors to the west of it. He asked the Board if he and the neighbors could restore the area that currently have gravel, back to tree plots, He would like to keep the gravel. He proposed that he perform all the work himself with assistance by Larry Parrish for measuring the area, and final inspection. The Board agreed to his proposal.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mike Spinks reported that he attended a marketing meeting where they are doing videos to promote Spencer and Owen County. He thought these could be utilized to promote the downtown area.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported that the next meeting is July 20th. They are awaiting information from Richard Lorenz on a new TIF area proposal. When they have a chance to look it over, they will present it to the Board for approval.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch presented the Board with a quote for new weapons, backup weapons and holsters. The total quote for 18 handguns, duty leather, and backup holsters is \$9,171.00. They also, from a previous sale of weapons, have \$3,500 to use towards that. After they receive the new weapons, they will look into selling the ones they are using now, to further reduce the total cost.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the quote for the purchase of the new duty weapons and leathers in the amount of \$9,174. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the maintenance and operations of the sewer department. He reported that the cure in place piping was complete. He reported that the Maple Street lift station went out and the cost to rebuild is \$1,950.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the cost to rebuild the pump. The motion was seconded and passed.

He also reported that another pump in the same location went out, but he did not have the cost to repair or replace this one. Temporarily he is having the lines pumped out in this area every couple of days.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Cynthia Hyde reported that both Boards recently met, and there was a variance hearing for a property owned by Rob Babbs. The request was approved. She said there were plans to have another meeting next month. One of the topics to be discussed will be the Demil property request for a rezoning.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Cynthia Hyde reported that the current term for an appointment to the board was due to expire. She recommended the reappointment of Tony Floyd for four years.

Jon Stantz made a motion to reappoint Tony Floyd to the board. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

The attorney was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

An update on the construction grant was given. 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.

Cynthia Hyde mentioned she wanted to follow up with the IACT and IPEP benefits programs to see if we could get better insurance for the employees.

Cynthia updated that she has a person in mind for the Volunteer of the Year, but has not gotten around to writing it up yet. She will proceed on this and get the details to the Clerk-Treasurer.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Dean Bruce said that he will contact Highpoint Solutions about making a presentation to the board at the next meeting.

Jon Stantz said he had a document from the Lochmueller Group (sent to Larry Parrish) with an overview of the Morgan Street project. Copies were made by the Clerk-Treasurer and distributed to each member as well.

Mike Spinks said that he would like to have the Board consider future parking options around the downtown area. The consensus is that the parking problem is extensive and the idea of building a parking garage could be a long range solution. Dean Bruce suggested maybe a task force could be setup to discuss this issue.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

/S/ JON STNTZ

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