

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
August 1, 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: Officer Tony Stevens, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, and Town Attorney Richard 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**

Marilyn Jackson, on behalf of Owen County Tourism, presented a request for the Bicentennial Torch Relay to come down Main Street on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The relay begins at the park at 8:30 a.m. and come down 46 to Main. They will have a celebration afterwards at the Courthouse parking lot.

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

Next, Marilyn asked for permission to place a geocache box at Cooper Park. Owen County Tourism has recently become involved in this very popular activity as part of the Bicentennial project and are in the process of placing these items around the county.

Approval was granted by the Board.

Sharon Barger, on behalf of the VFW Auxiliary made a request for a street closure between Market and Franklin Streets on September 30<sup>th</sup> for a POW-MIA event. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be over by 8:30 p.m.

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

Cynthia Hyde presented a request for participation by the Town to sponsor a page in a coloring book promoting Owen County. The cost is \$50. The Board granted her permission to proceed.

Next, the Clerk-Treasurer made a request for additional appropriations from the CCD funds in the amount of \$100,000. She said the funds would be used to upgrade the accounting system and the computers in the Clerk-Treasurer's area and Utilities billing office. She felt any amount left over could also be allocated to the expense for the new police car recently purchased. The first step in the request is to publish a notice to the Taxpayers advising them that there will be a public hearing to be held on August 15<sup>th</sup>, where they may attend and be heard. The Board agreed that she should proceed with the request.

Next, Jon Stantz inquired on the status of a property located at 307 N. Lincoln. The house recently had a nuisance complaint made against it, but it was abandoned and the last known owner was a bank in Oklahoma. Jon requested that the Town Attorney look into the matter so something could be done about the violation.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Nothing to report.

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

Mike Spinks reported that at their recent meeting, they looked at naming a new TIF area, but want to look at the impact it would have on the Town. Once they complete that study, they will present their request to the Town Board for approval.

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

Officer Stevens reported that Officer Tony Pope had turned in his letter of resignation and would be leaving in two weeks. They will begin the process of replacing him.

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

Jennifer Osborne, with the Building Department reported that Josh Lanham had put in his resignation. There was some discussion about whether or not that position should be moved to full time. An alternative is to increase the hours from 21 to 28. A lot of the decision about hours will be based on who will be filling the position.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to increase the hours for the Building Inspector to 28 hours for the remainder of 2016 and 2017. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Next, Sheila Reeves said that they were looking at two vehicles for the department at Valley Chevrolet. She did not have the specifics, but the higher priced one was around \$21,000. The Board thought the decision for which one they should buy, should be made by the department, but they would agree to a purchase of not more than \$21,000.

Richard Lorenz reported that at the last Commissioners meeting, there was a request for a waiver of fees for a rezoning. Even though it is in the county, since it is an inter-local agreement they would like the Town to agree to the waiver as well. The Board agreed to the waiver of the fee.

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

Larry Parrish reported that he had testing done on the backhoe, and they reported that there was no algae growth in the fuel tank. As a result, when McAllister repaired the backhoe, the cost was reduced to about \$3,500.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

John Hodge reported that he got the first pump back from repair for Maple Street, and will replace it this week. The cost of repair was \$2,275.75.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the payment for the repair. The motion was seconded and passed.**

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Cynthia Hyde reported that there was an application for receiving federal surplus equipment. The application has been approved by the Fire Territory Board. Once they are approved, The Territory will be allowed to view available surplus equipment. They are currently looking at a new ladder truck in the range of \$50,000 to \$80,000.

### **IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz reported that the end of the remonstrance period for the Cumulative Capital Development fund is August 8<sup>th</sup>, which at that time he will have the Auditor certify it.

Richard Lorenz asked Jon Stantz if the INDOT Utility agreement is ready for signature. The contract will need to be signed and in place before the bid. The agreement amount is for \$6,115. Also, a letter from the Town would need to be prepared certifying there are funds available to use.

**Dean Bruce made a motion authorizing Jon Stantz to sign the agreement as officer of the Town. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Next, the Town Attorney said that Greg Prince with INDOT requested that the Town have ordinances in place for the streets changes for the construction period. He said he would work on a preliminary draft.

### **IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Dean Bruce said he received suggested names of individuals to participate in the Highpoint Global meeting. He also said Josh Plaskoff had requested digital copies of any plans and a mission statement. The Clerk-Treasurer will look into this.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**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