

6:45 p.m.  
Public Hearing – Request for Additional Appropriations  
Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m.  
August 15, 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 Marshal Richard Foutch, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, and Town Attorney Richard Lorenz. Gwen Tucker, Economic Development and Mike Spinks, Redevelopment Commission.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

Jason Kinney, on behalf of Owen County Historical & Genealogical Society, presented an event request for walking tours of downtown to take place on September 25<sup>th</sup>, between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. They would like to close E. Market Street in front of the old library between Washington and the alley.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event request for September 25<sup>th</sup>, between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., including the closure of the area along Market Street in front of the old library. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Next on the agenda was Rick Hero regarding a notice from the Town Attorney to remove a structure at one of his rental sites located at 229 Beem Street. He objected to the notice, and claimed there was nothing structurally wrong with the residence. He claimed he was not ordered to have the residence tested until he decided to rent it. Richard Lorenz stated that we would return to the courts for a determination.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented a request for additional appropriations from the CCD Fund in the amount of \$100,000 for replacing the computers, upgrading the server, and replacing the software for the accounting and billing offices. Prior to the regular meeting, a public hearing was held where the public could comment on this request. There were no comments from the public.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the signing of the Certified Copy of Additional Appropriation Request by the Clerk-Treasurer.**

At the same time, she went over her recommendations for the software vendor, Donald R Frey & Co. and asked for approval of the invoice in the total amount of \$41,863.00, of which \$19,248.75 will come from the CCD fund, and \$22,614.25 from the Utilities fund.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the invoice in the amount of \$41,863.00. The motion was seconded and passed.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Gwen Tucker updated the Town Council on the department. She reported that the County Redevelopment Commission was getting ready to take bids for extending the sewer line on State Rd 43 from the Abram Farm property out to Owen Camp Drive. She also reported that they have been working on a website update.

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

Mike Spinks asked the Board what additional information they required regarding adding the new TIF district. They agreed to ask Tom Pitman to address the Board about TIF districts and answer questions at a future meeting.

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

Chief Marshal Foutch introduced a young man who offered his apology to the Town Board and Larry Parrish for driving recklessly at Cooper Park. The Chief thought that addressing the board would be more appropriate than citing him for a driving violation.

Next he asked for permission to advertise in the paper and on various websites for hiring for the vacancy on the police force. He was given permission to do this.

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

Mr. Lorenz said they were reviewing applications for the Building Inspector, and will be interviewing soon.

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

Larry Parrish reported that Officer Sips suggested signage along Hillside between East and Garden Park to keep cars from stopping for dropping off students. Additional conversation followed about parking on North Street. Richard Lorenz suggested he work with Larry and look at additional areas and make one ordinance that includes all.

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

John Hodge presented a bill for approval for pumping the lift station on Maple Drive while the pump was out.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the bill from Todd Sewage for \$5,250. The motion was seconded and passed.**

He also reported that he had a call from Millgrove Camping Grounds to ask about dumping. They have a 500 gallon tank truck and they will require dumping about 3 to 4 times a month. He will establish a per trip rate of \$30 and bill them. Dean Bruce suggested that they approve this for the remainder of the year, and Richard Lorenz will work on an ordinance for the future.

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

Cynthia Hyde reported that the Fire Territory in conjunction with the Firefighters got permission to purchase military surplus equipment, and have purchased a ladder truck for \$28,000 plus shipping. It should be delivered to Indianapolis in a couple of months.

Richard Lorenz said that he heard that there were questions regarding CAGIT funds and the water hydrant fees. The contract should be coming up for renewal sometime soon.

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

The Attorney reported that the ordinance for Franklin Street needs to be completed. He said he has an outline but needs more detail to complete.

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

Dean Bruce reminded everyone about the meeting about customer experience planned for September 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 8:45 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