

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
February 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Jon Stantz, Dean Bruce, Michael Spinks

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Officer Tony Stevens, Sewer Superintendent, John Hodge, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Gwen Tucker, Economic Development, and Chad Briggs with the Spencer Owen Community Schools.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the previous minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Melody Carpenter presented an event request for a Christian music festival to be held on May 20th from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. As part of the request, she is requesting Main Street be closed between Franklin and Market Streets. Discussion regarding how the downtown streetscape project would affect this took place, and the conclusion everyone agreed to, was that the event be held on the Courthouse parking lot, courthouse lawn, and utilizing parking spaces along Washington Street and Market Street as permitted by the construction project.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request pending proof of insurance and the approval by the County Commissioners for use of the parking lot, with the changes being cordoning off the parking spaces along Washington Street, and use of Market Street as available. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next Cory Whitesell and Jacob Balash discussed the event already approved by the Council for June 3rd. They agreed that they would work on what space is available for the Pride Festival, and work on accommodating the request. One of the options Cory suggested was delaying the construction until the second week in June.

Chad Briggs shared the tentative plans the School Corporation was planning for the early summer. In addition to changes on the school property, they are planning on opening the parking lot on the north side to Bob Babbs Drive. He asked what the Town needed in the way of permits. Larry Parrish asked about the drainage, which is his main concern, but said to apply for the permits as they get closer to the project.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Michael Spinks reported that the February meeting was canceled and they will resume their work in March at which time they should have reports from the Auditor's office with the assessed values for both districts.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Lorenz reported on matters he is working on.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish discussed a traffic issue on the corner of Clay and Harrison. He would like to have the intersection changed from Yield to Stop. Richard Lorenz will update the ordinance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the maintenance of the plant and collection systems.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING & ZONING

They are in the process of updating the maps.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

The new truck is still being serviced but should be back in the next week. They are also looking into selling the old truck as surplus.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz presented contract Addendum #1 for signature, between the Town and HWC Engineering which essentially adds an inspection to the original contract.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept Addendum #1 to the original contract. The motion was seconded and passed.

The attorney suggested that the Personnel Handbook and procedures for hiring new employees be reviewed and updated.

He also suggested that a possible work session be set up to discuss the future of the parking meters and parking in the downtown area in general.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

In regard to the Highway 46 project, they will be letting it out for bids, which should be a two to three-week time period. After the contractor is chosen, the Town will have a public meeting so that interested parties can find out more specifics.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

The Clerk Treasurer presented a contract renewal with The AME Group. The new pricing is now \$495 per month, but the Clerk-Treasurer felt it was expected. She made the recommendation that the Town approve the contract.

Mike Spinks made a motion to accept the renewal contract with The AME Group. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented the 1782 Budget Notice for the approved 2017 budget for the Board's review. Also presented was the preliminary 2016 Funds Report prepared in conjunction with the Gateway annual report. The annual report is essentially complete with the exception of a final review of a few cosmetic changes.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p

/S/ JON STANTZ

Jon Stantz, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/S/ MICHAEL SPINKS

Michael Spinks, Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer