

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
February 20, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Dan Cyr, and Chief Marshal Foutch, and Street Supt. Larry Parrish. Sewer Supt. John Hodge was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Donnie Minnick, County Commissioner, asked on behalf of the county employees, if there was a way to reduce the cost of parking permits. The council reviewed the cost, and explained if the permits were purchased for a year, there is a discount. They also explained the reason for increasing the rates, which hasn't been raised in at least the last 20 years.

Andrea White, on behalf of the Farm to Table Dinner requested to hold their event on September 8th from 3 pm. Until 9:30 pm. She is requesting they close Main Street between the railroad tracks and the south side of Market. They will also require a small portion of Market (the crosswalk) where they will be doing their plating. Additionally, Andrea asked to be allowed to serve a glass of wine with the dinners. They will get the permit to do this.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event registration as presented along with allowing them to go forward with the permission to serve wine. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Melody Kindred Carpenter, on behalf of REV20 presented a request for an event to be held on August 4th. They are asking for the parking areas on the inside on Main, Washington, and Market, around the Courthouse to be used for food vendors. They will have the music stages on the courthouse lawn like they did last year. The event setup will start at 8 a.m. and will be over by 8:00 p.m.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event registration with the changes noted for partial street closures only. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, the Clerk Treasurer presented an invoice from HWC for inspection work for the Safe Routes to School project in the amount of \$2,399.24.

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

Sam Hobbs asked if there was any way to get a program where the home owners could get some assistance in repairing sidewalks. The Board agreed to look into how other towns are handling sidewalk improvements and come back with a proposal. He suggested there be an application process, and they would have to include home owners in a complete corner to corner area.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 21st. There will be a representative from South Central Community Action Program at the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that they had a joint meeting with Zuercher, and member of the Sheriff's department as well as a council member from the Town and County. Austin Combs described

the program they are looking into, and also talked about E-Ticket which is a free software that can be incorporated into Zuercher. Additionally, he is looking into grant money to purchase scanners and printers. They are still waiting on an updated proposal from Zuercher for their program. So far, through corporate donations from Cook and Boston, they have raised \$50,000 toward the cost, with an additional \$18,000 from the Prosecutor's office. Owen County Council is considering putting in additional money if it is needed to get this up and running.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Jennifer Osborne reported to the Council that the County Planning Board met earlier this year, and approved a zoning change in Freedom. They would like to also defer the fees, and get the Town Council's approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the Owen County's action to change the zoning for the Freedom Nazarene Church from residential to Institutional Public, and also waive the fee associated with the change. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mike Spinks reported that he met with Jennifer and the Building Inspector to look at the construction of the horse barn at the fairgrounds. It had to meet specifications laid out by IDEM because it is in the floodway. Jennifer said when they are finished, they will have a surveyor in to make sure it meets all requirements.

Jon Stantz reported that there was a hearing last week for Demil. It is ongoing, and have made progress but still have a way to go.

Maureen Kip was present, and said she was concerned about the property after it was cleared. Jon Stantz stated that IDEM has been out numerous times for inspections and has given clean bills. He also mentioned that long before Demil was there, it was a manufacturing site, and there could be pre-existing issues. More discussion took place, and the Board decided it might be advantageous to require another IDEM inspection at the end of the cleanup.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

At the Board's request, Larry Parrish got an estimate for materials to pave the alleys around Dr. Cirgin's business. The estimated cost for materials is \$4,335. Larry said he would remove the old asphalt, grade it, and all that would need to be done is someone come in and pave it.

Next Larry asked if he could use \$22,000 of the paving budget for Liquid Road out in the Thornridge Addition, and \$10,000 for crack and seal. He said using these two treatments extends the life of the roads. The Board agreed that he be able to do that.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

An invoice from Fluid Waste in the amount of \$1,233.75 was submitted for approval.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Mike Spinks reported that the consensus on the trees are the hornbeam and the lilac. Cory Whitesell will see if it is available.

Jon Stantz reported that SRTS will begin on May 29th.

There is a meeting next month with INDOT about the 46 Project.

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 8:12 p.m.

/S/ MIKE SPINKS

Mike Spinks, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/S/ JON STANTZ

Jon Stantz, Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer