

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
February 5, 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 Richard Lorenz, and Chief Marshal Foutch, Street Supt. Larry Parrish and Sewer Supt. John Hodge.

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

A renewal contract with AME was presented to the Board for approval. The new contract for one year is \$560 per month. There is a discount if paid in full annually which would reduce the price to \$532 per month. Also if the Town agrees to a three-year renewal, the only increase would be a 3% CPI for the next two years.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the multi-year contract, paid annually at the following rates: Year 1 - \$532/mo.; Year 2 - \$548/mo.; Year 3 - \$565/mo. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next on the Agenda the Board heard from Dr. Cochran regarding the alley behind his business. He said the alley has never been paved, and because of the added traffic caused by the road construction, it has deteriorated considerably. He asked the Board about the future plans for paving. Jon Stantz asked Dr. Cochran if he would be willing to pay for the materials, and the Street Dept. would do the work. He said he would check with the other neighbors and would like an estimate of the cost. Larry Parrish said he would do an estimate and get back to him.

The next item on the Agenda is parking issues. Dean Bruce said that he had people ask him about parking and blocking alleys. He advised them to contact the police because it is against the town ordinances. Another problem, specifically on Main Street, is a business parking his customers' cars are parked all up and down the street, which interferes with residential parking and services such as trash pickup. After some discussion, it was decided that the town ordinance needs to be a little more specific about businesses using residential streets for business parking overflow. There is a work session planned for March 15th where the Board will work on revamping the ordinance.

Next on the agenda, invoices from HWC were presented for approval:

1. Sidewalk Improvements - Inv. # 2017-165-I-001 \$187.50
2. Downtown Streetscape - Inv. # 2016-058-I-006 \$1,680.00
3. Downtown Streetscape - Inv. # 2016-058-S-013 \$900.00

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

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development is once again looking for an assistant.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 21st.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that they have selected seven new reserves to fill vacant positions. He asked for permission to begin the training. He said the cost of the training, which will be \$50 a person, will be paid by the recruits.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow the reserves project to move forward and to begin the training. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next Chief Foutch reported that he is in the process of getting quotes for a new vehicle, and will be trading in or selling the two black chargers. He said he should have the quotes by the next meeting.

Next, Chief Foutch gave an update on the Zuercher purchase. Mike Spinks reported that he had received a donation from Cook in the amount of \$25,000.00, and made a presentation to Boston Scientific. They were receptive to participating, but would like further cost information. He also said he planned on speaking to the Owen County Council about their participation and approval for the Town to be part of the system. The next step is to meet with Zuercher so that there is a full understanding among all the parties about what the Town is purchasing, what the cost is, and how it is integrated with the County.

Chief Foutch next asked for permission to purchase an updated Microsoft program because there's has expired. The cost should be around \$100.

Dean Bruce made a motion to allow the Chief to proceed with the update. The motion was second and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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Larry Parrish reported that the 1998 International dump truck is in need of repair. The cost to repair is \$3,451.61. He said after that repair, he felt the truck would last several more years.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the estimate for the repair to the dump truck. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Larry reported that the overhead door on the east side of his building is out of order and needs to have the motor replaced. The estimate to repair is \$1,800 from Overhead Door Company.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the estimate for the repair to the door. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the plant and collections. He reported there was a power outage at the plant and Cassidy Electric repaired it. While they were there, he had them work on another influent pump. They made the repair, but he didn't not have the invoice with him. He did present a bill for the overload relay installation in the amount of \$1,819.16.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the invoice. It was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Mike Spinks reported on the last meeting. He also reported that they were looking into purchasing a vehicle for the Chief for running around town.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz had nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Nothing new to report on Demil. The next hearing is scheduled for February 8th at 9 a.m.

Mike Spinks reported that all lights are up. Trees for the downtown streetscape are still being considered. One that was agreed upon was the American Hornbeam. The consensus was that the Ginkgo tree would grow too big and too fast. He will continue to look at options, including other dogwood varieties.

Jon Stantz reported that SRTS will begin sometime in May on Hillside.

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 8:38 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