

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
March 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, Sewer Supt. John Hodge and Street Supt. Larry Parrish.

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

Bruce Fisher, with Boston Scientific presented an event request for the Fifth Annual Family Run/Walk to take place on May 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Their charitable partner will be Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Owen County. The event will take the usual route from the plant and through the May Addition and back to the Boston property. There will be barricades at Morgan and Crane to help with traffic control (if necessary).

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

Next, the 5k Run/Walk Event request was presented by a representative of the Spencer Church of the Nazarene. The event will be held on May 28th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. It will begin at the Nazarene church, head down Main Street and cross the bridge and up to River Road. They asked for some assistance in crossing the bridge, and up River Road.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event request. It was seconded and passed.

Next, Jason McKinney presented an event request for the Opening Day Baseball/Softball Parade on April 28th beginning at 8:00 a.m., with May 5th as a rain date. The event takes place on High School Road, to Hyden, down 5th Avenue to the Sports Complex. They are requesting some assistance with traffic on Hyden Road and 5th Avenue.

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

Next on the agenda, Jeff Brothers, Commissioner for Owen County requested a work session to discuss the inter local agreement for the Building Dept. with the Commissioners. They would like it to be on March 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. The Board agreed to that date, and it will be advertised by the Clerk-Treasurer.

Next up, the Police provided an update on the Zuercher system. Total cost for the system will be \$78,576. This includes the Zuercher software, nine laptops and four desktops, vehicle installation, and other peripherals. There will also be a \$5,580 annual maintenance fee after the first year to Zuercher. So far, donations from Cook (\$25,000), Boston Scientific (\$25,000) and the Owen County Prosecutor's office (\$18,000) have been received or pledged. The remaining \$10,000 will be paid by the Town from the General Fund if available.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the Zuercher portion in the amount of \$49,478, so they can move forward with the contract preparation. The motion was seconded and passed.

The purchase of the hardware will be finalized by the Clerk-Treasurer. The nine laptops are for the eight full-time officers and one extra one to be used by the Reserves. The laptops will be in the officer's custody so they will be allowed to take them home but can be used for town business only. Chief Foutch said he will write up protocol for the use of the laptops.

Next, an invoice in the amount of \$7,200 from SIDC for the Streetscape project was presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the invoice. The motion was seconded and passed.

Rhonda Farmer spoke on behalf of the need for a dog park in Spencer again. She said she looked at the Veteran's Park area, but is still interested in having it in the Town limits. Richard Lorenz suggested they visit Bloomington parks to see how they operate. He will look into setting up a date later this month or April.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike reported that they are still looking at options for affordable housing in Spencer.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported on the police department. He brought a letter from INDOT in response to a resident regarding repair to a fence along the detour route. She was not satisfied with the response and wanted to share it with the council. Mike Spinks said there will be a representative from INDOT later this month and he said they would discuss this. He also mentioned that he is looking at quotes for a new vehicle. He also thought the best way to dispose of the two vehicles no longer in use would be to declare as surplus and get bids on them.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish requested that he be allowed to send Tony Floyd and Jim Surber to Paser training in Greenwood. The board agreed to send them. He also asked the Board to consider a permit be required for the placement of dumpsters on streets that cover the parking cost, and also limit the time they can sit there. The Board agreed to look into this further at the Work Session to review ordinances on March 15th.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the plant and maintenance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz said they are looking at rezoning from residential to business and light manufacturing along Fletcher and the north side of Morgan from Fletcher to Crane. He asked the Board to approve the application for rezoning the area and send it on to the Planning Commission for review.

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

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz updated the Council on costs on new speed signs. He will continue to look into this.

Richard Lorenz reported that Ice Miller Law Firm recommended that the Town of Spencer oppose the adding of the Town of Spencer to the EPA Superfund. Being added to the list could cause more harm and unnecessary cost than any potential good that would come from the proposed cleanup because it essentially does not pose any threat to the residents.

The Board agreed with their recommendation.

Dean Bruce made a motion, to approve having Ice Miller prepare the letter, and authorize the Board to sign. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 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