

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
April 16th 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Michael Spinks and Jon Stantz. Dean Bruce was absent.

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, and Chief Marshal Foutch, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, and Sewer Superintendent John Hodge

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Kyle Bixler, along with his mother Candace were present for tonight's meeting. Kyle is working on a badge for Boy Scouts.

Next, Michael Spinks presented a proposed art project from a professor at IU. She designed a limestone bench that she would like to be placed in Spencer, possibly at the corner of Main and Franklin by the by the Hickam Lorenz offices. At this time, it is unknown how this project would be paid for, but she would like the Town's impression of the project and the possible placement. The bench is 25 feet long, which after some discussion seems a little long for the area. Also the modern design may not fit with the downtown streetscape.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18th. The guest speaker will be Deb Marlson, with SCHIO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that he spoke with the Chief of the Worthington Police, and they agreed to purchase the 2010 Dodge Charger for \$8,500.00. He asked the Board to approve Mr. Lorenz to proceed with the joint resolution between the two entities to accomplish this. Also, he mentioned that they were interested in the 2009 Charger as well, for \$6,500. They asked for some time to raise the money for this.

Jon Stantz made a motion to sell the 2010 Charger for \$8,500, contingent upon approval of the joint resolution by both parties and to hold the 2009 Charger for at least 30 days to allow Worthington to raise some money for the purchase. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Chief Foutch reported that the best price for the replacement Ford Interceptor was from Bloomington Ford for \$29,571.25.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2018 Ford Interceptor from Bloomington Ford. The motion was seconded and passed.

Discussion followed regarding the availability of information about ordinances. One way is to post them on the website, another suggestion was a flyer. The Clerk-Treasurer said she will work on updating the website. Chief Foutch also mentioned he will have an officer working weekends who will be dedicated to enforcing these local ordinances.

Mike Spinks asked if the meters downtown were being patrolled. He asked for a report about the ticketing activity.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported he had a limb go up in the shifting housing of the back hoe causing it to break. MacAllister gave him a quote of \$1,500 to get repaired.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow Larry to proceed with the repair. The motion was seconded and passed.

Larry also reported that they have their equipment ready to go to begin pothole patching when weather permits.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the plant and collections after the last rain event. He requested that he be allowed to order Lift-Off in a 55-gallon drum. It should last a year and save money in quantity and shipping. Currently, he buys 5 gallons about once a month.

Mike Spinks made a motion to allow John Hodge to order the Lift-Off in 55 gallon quantities. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Richard Lorenz discussed the project of redeveloping zone categories that better fit the Town’s plan. He stated this would take several meetings to work through, then they would consider reclassifying properties into these zones.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Mike Spinks gave a report on the Fire Territory projects.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported an ordinance that the County was considering for Broadband. He said the proposal included the Town, which he said there was no authority to do this. He wanted to make the Town aware of the proposal.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Nothing new to report on the 46 project. It continues.

In regards to the Streetscape, they are wrapping up, and doing a final walk-thru soon.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz said he has three sign options which he will present at the next meeting.

He also mentioned that when the sidewalk project on Hillside begins, there will be trees that will need to be removed. He told Larry he will go over the sidewalk plan with him.

In regards to the house at 78 West Wayne, Jon said the Town will most likely remove the trees the new owner asked about.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

/S/ MIKE SPINKS_____

Mike Spinks, President

ABSENT_____

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/S/ JON ABSENT_____

Jon Stantz, Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE_____

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer