

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
May 21st, 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, Chief Richard Fouch, Deputy Marshal Austin Combs, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish. Sewer Superintendent John Hodge was absent.

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

In regards to the Franklin Street Groundwater update: Mike Spinks reported that The Town of Spencer was officially added to the Superfund Priorities List. He stated that even though the water is not harmful, we scored high enough to make the list. They will investigate the site and will update us when they make plans to proceed. The Town Attorney and Todd Gardner also made comments. Mr. Gardner told the public in attendance that currently, there is no contamination in the Town's wells.

Next item is an event request from the Owen County Art Guild for "Cook Out for Arts to be held on June 16 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They are requesting a street closure along Cooper from Montgomery, around the corner to the water fill station.

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

Next item on the agenda is approval of Invoice# 2016-058-S-014 from HWC for Streetscape admin for \$300 and Invoice # 2016-058-I-009 for Inspection for \$8,203.88.

Dean Bruce made motions to approve both invoices. The motions were seconded and passed.

Next, Invoices 5 and 6 from SIDC for grant administration services for the Downtown Streetscape, in the amounts of \$7,200 each, were presented for approval.

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

Next, the Attorney presented Tax Abatement Compliance statements from Cook Urological for both personal and real property taxes. He stated that they were in compliance, and exceeded their estimates for employees, salaries and property improvements. This is the eighth year of the Tax abatement. The Board approved the agreements.

Next up is the Interlocal Agreement Amendments Between Owen County and Town of Spencer Relating to Information Technology Services. Owen County Commissioners voted on approval of this agreement at their meeting earlier today.

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

Next on the agenda, was a request to install a "Little Free Library" on town property located at the intersection of Hart and Crane Streets. The residents have agreed to this installation, and they maintain this piece of property themselves.

Jon Stantz made a motion to allow the placement of the library box at the location mentioned. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Don Bingham was present to report on the organization's activities. He reported that the County had approved to go forward with their broadband project.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Nothing new to report because the May meeting was cancelled. Next meeting will be June 20th.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported on Police Department matters. He talked about selling back old firearms to the police employees. Richard Lorenz mentioned that before the next meeting, this should be put into writing and presented to the Board for approval.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Jenny Osborne with the Building Department presented a recommendation for approval to build a fire pit at 289 S. West Street in accordance with Town Ordinance 94.02. Lee Freeman, Chief for the OVFT, made the recommendation. Larry Parrish also inspected the location.

Dean Bruce made a motion to allow the construction of the fire pit in accordance with Ordinance 94.02. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Jenny presented a re-zoning request from Corey York. The property is located on 5th Avenue and was originally zoned agriculture. He is requesting that it be re-zoned to Business. The Planning commission previously approved it. Jenny also requested that the fees be waived due to a clerical error.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the re-zoning request, and waive the fee. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported on department matters.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Mr. Lorenz reported on various issues.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz provided some quotes for lighted speed and stop signs. He said he would study these and come back with a recommendation.

About the sidewalk program, several suggestions were made to the sample documents. Jon Stantz volunteered to be the Sidewalk Administrator. The Clerk-Treasurer will incorporate the suggested changes into the document for another review.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Mike Wood discussed traffic problems in the Mayfair Addition. He made a recommendation to close Crane and Fairview during the construction to reduce the thru traffic. One of the problems that exist is that the Crane intersection is still used by emergency vehicles. The decision was to put up offset barricades, and signs saying Residential Traffic Only to reduce some of the traffic.

Jon Stantz made a motion to put up barricades as recommended on Crane and Fairview, add signs on Hillside, Indiana, Crane and Fairview to restrict traffic to residential only. Dean Bruce seconded the motion, but asked for a follow up in a couple of weeks. The motion passed.

Next, Mike discussed a temporary change in the speed limit for the Addition until a study is conducted for all streets. He recommended 30 miles per hour. Jon Stantz suggested this tabled to later.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 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