

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
August 6, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.  
Municipal Building  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Also Present Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge and Street Superintendent Larry Parrish. Chief Richard Foutch was not available.

**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**

Rob White presented an event request for Christmas on the Square parade. The parade will leave Cooper Park, go north on Main Street to the courthouse parking lot. It will take place between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM on December 1. He is requesting that no parking be along Main Street between Jefferson and Franklin Streets during this time. He will cover the parking meters for this.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event registration as requested. The motion was seconded and passed.**

He also asked about holiday banners that the Main Street Group would like to hang on the light posts. He was advised to get with Larry about the specs.

Next, Resolution 2018-07 for Establishing the Repair and Replacement of Sidewalk Program was presented for approval.

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

Next, 2018-08 Appropriation Reduction Resolution was presented to reduce the Rainy Day fund by \$50,000.00 and the MVH Fund by \$32,750 for 2018.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the resolution as requested. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Next, Resolution 2018-09 Resolution for Granting a Tax Abatement – Boston Scientific was presented by the Economic Development. A public hearing was held prior to the regular meeting. The Economic Development recommended passing the approval.

**Michael Spinks made a motion to approve the Resolution as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Invoice #2017-165-I-004 from HWC for inspection of the SRTS sidewalk improvement program was presented. This is the final invoice on this project for of \$9,968.09.

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

Next on the agenda was a request for an alley closure. Mr. Truax, representing Spencer First Assembly of God requested that the alley between the church and parking lot be vacated for safety reasons and additional parking. After some discussion, it was decided that the alley could not be vacated, but the Town would allow the Church to close it when their congregation meets, by using a gate at both ends. The recommendation was that Larry Parrish meet with Mr. Truax and get a better understanding, and drawings of what can be done. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Larry Parrish said he has a request from Tom Curry to open the Mayfair Addition at Fletcher and North and Fletcher and Indiana for school buses. The Board instructed Larry to open it.

The Clerk Treasurer notified the Board that the Public Hearing for the 2019 Budget would be held at 6:45 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. Budget approval will take place on Tuesday, September 4.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Cassandra Toth and Don Bingham reported on the projects and meetings they are currently working on. Cassandra requested that the Economic Development budget be increased to \$40,000 in 2019. The Board agreed to approve the request, when they approve the 2019 budget.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

The next meeting will be September 19.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No report. The Clerk-Treasurer proposed that she send a collection letter for unpaid violation tickets once before they are turned over to the Attorney. There will be a 14 day time period for payment, then the ones who are still unpaid, will be turned over to the attorney.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Larry Parrish reported that they have been working on the Community Crossroads Grant, but would like to see about getting a consultant to help put it together. This year, the grant application will require to be put out to bids. Richard Lorenz offered to have his office put the grant together and do the documentation for the bid process.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to permit Hickam & Lorenz to prepare the grant application. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Larry Parrish explained what he would need to do to cure the problem with the water flow up on Parks. It involved adding a culvert. He requested approval from the Board to do it.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to allow the repair work. It was seconded and passed.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

John Hodge reported on the sewer plant and collections.

He reported that he received a quote from Aqua-Aerobic Systems for a Control Panel Upgrade Package for \$56,998. The current system will not be supported, and has been in service for a very long time.

**Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the upgrade of the system for \$56,998. The motion was seconded and passed.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING**

Richard Lorenz continues to work with the Board on realigning the zoning categories of the town's properties with the expanded definitions.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz presented amended Ordinance 2017-12 to Amend Title VII Traffic Code, Chapter 77: Parking Schedules.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the amended ordinance. The motion was seconded and passed.**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Spinks requested to schedule an Executive Session for personnel matters to be held on August 16 at 7:00 P.M. This meeting will be closed to the public.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented and approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

/s/ Michael Spinks  
Mike Spinks, President

/s/ Dean Bruce  
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

/s/ Jon Stantz  
Jon Stantz, Member

Attest Cheryl Moke  
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer