

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
September 4, 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 and Chief Marshal Rich Foutch.

**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**

The Clerk-Treasurer presented Ordinance 2018-11 for Appropriations and Tax Rates to the Town Council for approval. The total 2019 budget request was for \$2,087,567.

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

Next on the agenda was Ordinance 2018-2012 To Add a New Section to Title XI: Business Regulations to the Spencer Town Code Titled Chapter 112: Mobile Food Vendors

**Jon Stantz made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, with an application fee of \$50.00 good for one year. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Tamara Bingham, with the Tivoli Theater presented a revised event request for Halloween Happenings. The revision for the route was to leave the court parking traveling south on Washington to Cooper, west on Cooper to Main, north on Main to Market. Travel west on Market to Sycamore to travel along the cemetery, turn east on Jefferson to Main, then back to the courthouse. The trips occur between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. done with two wagons. The biggest route change is that it will not cross the bridge, and should be a safer route.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the re-route of the Halloween event scheduled for Oct 26 with a snow date of Oct. 28. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Next, Vic Kinney also presented a revision to a previously approved event. He asked for the event location be changed from Market Street in front of the old library to Washington Street due to the Apple Butter parade route. He is requesting that they be allowed to cordon off two parking spaces so their group can set up tables for their annual fundraiser.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the revised event request for the Owen County Heritage group. The motion was seconded and passed.**

**IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Don Bingham presented a request for a tax abatement for World Arts expansion project. The abatement is for both real and personal property and is for 8 years. Tim Lewis, with World Arts described what the planned expansion would entail. The estimated cost for the expansion is \$3.5 million. The next step for World Arts is to schedule a public meeting for September 17 prior to the regular meeting. Providing there are no objections, at the regular meeting, the request to approve the tax abatement will be voted on by the Town Council at the regular meeting.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Jennifer Osborne presented a recommendation for a zoning change related to the World Arts Expansion. The request for the change was approved by the planning commission.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the application for rezoning as requested. The motion was seconded and passed.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Richard Foutch said they were ready to transfer 2009 Dodge Charger to Worthington as soon as they can work out the timing. He reported that the new Ford Interceptor was in, and ready to pick up. The blue Ford broke down, and Chief Foutch requested that they be allowed to repair it for approximately \$1,600. Mike Spinks told him to get it taken care of at the time.

**Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the repairs for the vehicle by Bloomington Ford. The motion was seconded and passed.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Larry Parrish reported on the installation of the two generators.

Larry Parrish announced his retirement date is November 1. He also has six weeks' vacation and he would like to use those, and go right into retirement. He will be working one more week before his vacation begins.

He reported on the concrete project at the Fire Territory.

Richard Lorenz reported at the next regular meeting, bids would be opened for the Community Crossings Grant.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

John Hodge reported that they were inspected and audited by IDEM on August 27. There were no violations, but there were some concerns. One of the concerns was that another study be done on the collections system. Another concern was that the septic system was outside the fence and not secure. John did not consider this a big issue, because he can tell when it is used on weekends.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Richard Lorenz reported that they updated all the ordinances as of August 30. Next, they will be prepared for uploading. Next will be updates of Personnel handbook, and Standard Operating Procedures.

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

Mike Spinks reported that he signed the closeout out documents for the Streetscaping Grant.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

Jon Stantz reported that the Sidewalk project was complete, and the final billing from HWC will be \$5,371.71.

**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