

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
January 22, 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Also present, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Street Superintendent Tony Floyd, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Chief Marshal Richard Foutch, and Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke.

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 MATTERS

The first order of business was to recognize the retirement of Reserve Officer Tom Trefry. Officer Trefry has been serving as an officer since 1994 when he attended the first weeklong reserve officers training class. The town council congratulated Tom, and thanked him for his service.

Next, Richard Lorenz presented an application for the Municipal Riverfront Development District Liquor License for approval by the Town Board. The applicant, Ben Williams, on behalf of Civilian Brewing Corp, LLC, presented the application to the Spencer Redevelopment Commission on January 16 and received their recommendation to move forward. The applicant has met all requirements and prepared a check for \$750.00 for the application as required.

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

Next up on the agenda, Rodney Clark, with Wellness for Life spoke to the Council about an opportunity for the town employees to join the OCCS healthcare clinic. He described the benefits of joining the clinic as part of their healthcare program. The Board approved for Clerk-Treasurer, the employees, and Jay Henson to look into this further as part of their health plan.

Next up, Todd Gardner, with BBP spoke to the Council about what the water corporation has been doing. He said they are in the process of changing all the meters in town, which will result in improved efficiency and readings of water usage. The cost to replace these meters has been approximately \$120,000 so far. As a result, the town's cost for meter readings increased from \$600 to \$900 per month. He also mentioned from the improved efficiency, the town would realize an increase in sewer fees, which will more than absorb the increase in the meter reading fees.

Next, Richard Lorenz presented the Petition to Annex by TBH, LLC. The petition requests an ordinance that would annex the parcel identified as 60-10-21-200-1800.000-027, commonly known as 272 N U.S. Highway 231, Spencer, IN. The purpose for bringing this into the town is for use by Boston Scientific, which is next to it, and its use is for additional parking. There will be a public notice in the paper on January 29, followed by a public hearing on February 19 scheduled for 5:45 P.M. Moving forward, the Ordinance will be brought to the board at the regular town meeting held on March 18. The board acknowledged receipt of the petition.

Next, Ordinance 2019-02 To Amend Title VII Traffic Code, Chapter 75 Parking, § 75.026 Parking for Sale, Repair or Future Repair was presented for approval. The ordinance was discussed at prior meetings, and a few corrections to wording were made.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the ordinance. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ordinance 2019-03 To Amend Personnel Policy to Add Section 707, Training and Equipment Reimbursement was discussed next. This also was presented at previous meetings for discussion. Chief Foutch and several officers were present and asked for further clarification. After additional discussion, the Board agreed to table this until further discussion can take place.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Don Bingham reported that they received the \$50,000 planning from Regional Opportunities Initiative. The next step is to use this money to apply for additional grants for the initiative to make Owen County a more attractive place for a workforce to live and enjoy what we have to offer.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch asked for permission to begin looking for a new vehicle to put into rotation. He also requested that they establish \$1,000 per officer for a uniform allowance.

Dean Bruce made a motion to establish the Uniform allowance as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Officer Terry Sips made a presentation to the board for replacing all the tasers and related equipment such as holsters and cartridges. He explained how Axon Enterprises, Inc. has a program to allow smaller departments to purchase this equipment with all required cartridges for training and pay over 5 years as opposed to all in one year. He presented three plans and recommended the basic plan that he felt worked best for the Spencer police department. The total cost for the plan is \$10,840 to be paid over five years.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the Basic Plan over 5 years as recommended. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mike Spinks reported that Jon Stantz said Jeff Brothers would be in touch with Mike to set a date for a joint session.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd reported on the Street Department operations. He also presented a 5-year budget for major expenses. In 2019, he is requesting approval to buy a new vehicle to replace the Durango that is no longer running. He also would like fill the vacant position.

Mike Spinks asked Tony to look at the parking on Washington by the Ford lot. A metered parking spot might interfere with the entryway into the lot.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported that Aqua Aerobics fixed the alarm problem. On the backup power, he had a quote from Aqua Aerobics for \$3,986, plus shipping.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the quote of \$3986 plus delivery. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING

Mike Spinks reported there were several openings for town boards and he would like to put out a call for volunteers.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported that he was meeting with Richard Foutch to finalize their personnel policy. His office is also monitoring the Community Crossings process.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

No claims were presented.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

/s/ Michael Spinks
Mike Spinks, President

absent
Jon Stantz, Vice-President

/s/ Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Member

Attest /s/ Cheryl Moke
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer