

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
October 7, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Attorney Representative Samantha Paul, Street Superintendent Tony Floyd and Chief Richard Foutch and Sewer Superintendent John Hodge. Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke and Attorney Richard Lorenz was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

Jason Kinney with Owen County Tourism was present to request that Mike Spinks be reappointed as the Town Representative on the Tourism commission for the next four years. **Dean Bruce made a motion to reappoint Mike; the motion was seconded and passed.**

Andrea White, representing Christmas on the Square Festival, scheduled for December 7 requested Main Street be closed for the parade. The parade will begin at 10:00 A.M. and should not take more than an hour. The route starts at Cooper Park and will end at the Courthouse. She requested that they be allowed to replace the hanging baskets on the light posts with Christmas Decorations. They are planning a contest, and select wreaths made by individuals. The wreaths will not be any larger than the baskets.

Resolution 2019-17 Appropriations for Tax Rates was presented to the Board for approval. This is the resolution to establish the 2020 budget for approval by the DLGF. **Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Mike Sudol asked about the property located behind the Art Guild that is owned by the Town. He would be interested in bidding on it, if it were for sale. Mike Spinks told him that the Attorney would look into it.

Next on the agenda, the Board considered the Halloween hours for Thursday, October 31. The board agreed to set the hours between 6:00 PM and 8:30 PM. **Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the agreed upon hours. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Next, Chief Foutch requested approval of two new police officers, Matthew Mauder and Charles Wilderson. **Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the recommendation from Chief Foutch. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Mike Spinks presented invoice 45065 from Commonwealth Engineers for services rendered on the storm water issue for \$4,250. **Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the invoice. The motion was seconded and passed.**

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Don Bingham gave an update on what the Farmer's Market was doing in terms of applying for grants and possibly moving the market to the library property. Next, he made an update on the Quality of Place grant application process. He said he should be hearing this week on whether they are moving forward to the 2nd phase.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Next meeting is November 20.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch gave his police department report. There will be a police appreciation event held at the Fairgrounds on October 26. Money raised, will be split between the Sheriff's K9 unit, and the Spencer police reserves. They are also planning their Halloweenie Roast.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Mike Spinks reported that as of 12/31/2019, the Commissioners would dissolve the interlocal agreement between the Town and the County. There will be a work session to decide how to move forward.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd reported the crack sealing is complete. Next, he presented a quote for rock salt for the upcoming season. The cost this season will be \$103.5 per ton, and we can purchase up to 100 tons. The price is higher than the previous year, but it is within range of other providers.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the quote for the rock salt. The motion was seconded and passed.

He next inquired about the repair to the curbing along Morgan caused by an accident. Jon Stantz told him he has talked to INDOT, and they will do the repairs sometime in the next six months.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the plant and collections. The pilot test for phosphorous was completed on Friday.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

Next meeting to be scheduled later.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Samantha Paul gave a report on various issues for Attorney Lorenz

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz continues to work on the Sidewalk Project list. Mike Sudol asked Jon to take a look his property on Wayne Street to see if the sidewalk paving could continue a little further.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

/s/ Mike Spinks

Mike Spinks, President

/s/ Dean Bruce

Dean Bruce, Member

/s/ Jon Stantz

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Attest /s/ Cheryl Moke

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer