

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
November 4, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

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

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

Representatives of the American Legion Auxiliary were present to receive the Community Proclamation declaring November 10, 2019 as American Legion Auxiliary Day Centennial Day.

Marce King with the Chamber of Commerce presented an option for Banners along Morgan Street. Currently the Owen County Bicentennial banners have decorated the poles for the entirety of 2019, and she would like to have a similar concept for all of 2020. She is proposing a destination theme depicting various places throughout Owen County. The cost of the new banners would be approximately \$2,609, same as last year. The cost is footed by the Town, unless Marce secures sponsor as she did for 2019. The Town will take her recommendation under advisement, until Marce gets back with final costs and potential sponsors. The goal is to change out the banners by February 2020.

Matt Sward, with SIDC, presented Resolution 2019-19 Authorizing Application Submission and Local Match Commitment. The local match for this project, if approved, is \$307,500 from Spencer Sewage utility depreciation funds. These funds are contingent upon receipt of the Wastewater/Drinking Water funding from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA).

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. It was seconded and passed.

Mike Sudol requested an update on the property owned by the Town, behind the Art Guild. Mike is interested in purchasing this. Richard Lorenz reported that in order for the Town to sell, it would have to be appraised and listed for sale. The process will begin when a bid is made on it. The sale listing price will be the appraised value. The actual sale price will be based on the bidding.

Jon Stantz made a motion to move forward with the sale of this property by getting two appraisals. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Next meeting is November 20.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief was absent.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Richard Lorenz reported that Jennie Osborne delivered three boxes of records from prior years to his office. Richard Lorenz suggested in the interim, his office would process applications related to zoning and planning. The Town will need to find an inspector for the future town projects. A suggestion would be to check with engineering firms for recommendations, or for an on-call inspector for more sophisticated projects. A work session was set for Tuesday, November 12.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd updated the Board on the Street Dept. He requested removing a tree from Town property located at 422 5th Street. David Meinert who would remove it for the value of the wood approached him.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the removal of the tree by David Meinert, contingent upon him providing a certificate of insurance. The motion was seconded and passed.

Tony said he would have Mr. Meinert contact the Clerk-Treasurer with proof of insurance.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on plant maintenance and collections. He also reported that he would be on vacation for the remainder of November.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

Dean reported that the Board met on October 12.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz provided an update on his sidewalk-paving schedule.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for acceptance and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 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