

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

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

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

#### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jon Stantz made a correction to the minutes regarding the approval of the Keith building on Hyden. He rephrased it to say, "The building is still in the process by the DNR.

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

#### **IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS**

The first item on the agenda was approval of the Spencer Pride Festival to be event request scheduled for June 1, from noon to 7:00 p.m. Vendor setup will start at 10:00 a.m. Judith Epp was on hand to request that Market Street be closed between Washington and Main.

**Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the event request as presented.**

Melinda Beatty, and others, petitioned the board about flooding problems on N. East Street. They maintain the issue surfaced after the new construction that occurred on Hillside. After discussing the cause and solutions to fix the problem, the Town Board agreed to assess the drainage problem by using an engineer, determine how it can be corrected, and get back to them. There may not be an immediate solution, but they will see what they can do to alleviate the flooding.

Next, Rob Wilson presented banner designs he and other groups were proposing for the downtown light poles included generic, festival, and other businesses to be rotated on a regular quarterly schedule. The Main Street group will handle the purchasing and the scheduling. They will coordinate with the Street Department to install them on the light posts.

There are fourteen poles in the downtown area and there are 21 along Morgan.

The Board gave their approval on the initial banner design implementation of their plan for hanging. Colleen Minnemyer also showed up late and presented her designs to the Board for MyPath. They will be installed on three poles south of Market Street along Main.

Next, Resolution 2019-07 Adopting a Title VI Nondiscriminatory Implementation Plan and Policy was presented. This is an updated policy to an already existing one to be in compliance with the requirements for applying for grants.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to adopt the policy. Motion was seconded and passed.**

Richard Lorenz reviewed the Fiscal Plan for Petition to Annex for the annexation of the property for the Boston project. Before the regular meeting tonight, there was a public hearing for the annexation.

Next, Toby Church, with Commonwealth Engineering presented a proposal to the Board for applying for an inflow and infiltration project. He told the Board that based on the rates; the town qualifies for \$700,000 with a match of \$300,000. The proposed cost of the project is \$15,000 for preparing the application for the grant.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to hire Commonwealth Engineers for the preliminary study for \$15,000. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Next, Toby discussed a storm water project that could be started as soon as the first one goes to bid. The board also agreed that they would be open to a storm water evaluation to fix some of

the problems themselves. Toby suggested a contract based on hourly rates estimated at \$5,000 to do this study. The board decided to take the matter under consideration.

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

No report.

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

Mike Spinks reviewed were they were on verifying property values. Next meeting is schedules for Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

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

Richard Lorenz brought Ordinance 2019-08 To Amend Title III: Administration, Chapter 32: Town Departments § 32:12: Police Reserves for approval by the board. He asked the Board to review and it be ready to approve and the next meeting.

Cheryl Moke also stated that she and Rich were working on a plan for completing all the tasks under the former meter officer and police clerk. She feels that the Clerk-Treasurer's office can absorb the tasks and she will make a recommendation to the board prior to the next meeting.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

There is a meeting with the Building Department and DNR regarding structures in the floodplain. There is a need to review protocol and checklists as part of the department procedures.

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

Tony Floyd reported on the Street Department operations. He also reported his meeting with Duke Energy regarding adding a new streetlight at SR67 and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The cost to install this is \$2,711.97 The Clerk-Treasurer said the cost could come from the EDIT funds.

**Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the installation of the light. The motion was seconded and passed.**

He next discussed the twelve old Duke poles in town. The board decided to remove eight poles, and to look into converting the remaining four to LED.

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

No report.

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

Richard Lorenz said he was working a question and answer format for answering questions to the public regarding the changes in zoning.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

Mike commented that there is a need to add at least two handicap.

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

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

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

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

Claims were presented for approval.

#### **IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

/s/ Michael Spinks  
Mike Spinks, President

/s/ Jon Stantz  
Jon Stantz, Vice-President

/s/ Dean Bruce  
Dean Bruce, Member

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