

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
August 19, 2019, 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Michael Spinks, Dean Bruce and Jon Stantz (*joined the meeting at 6:37 PM*).

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

Marce King presented an event Request for the Owen County Artisan Festival to take place on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. She is requesting Main Street from the railroad tracks to Jefferson, and Market Street from Main to Washington be closed. The festival will feature 50 to 80 skilled craft workers. It will promote local business while highlighting talents of local artists.

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

Next up, Rob White wanted to notify the Town that the Chalk It Up! Event is scheduled for September 7 this year. It will take place on sidewalks on Main Street, from the Vietnam memorial to Market and along Market Street on the Courthouse side.

Next on the Agenda, the Clerk-Treasurer presented Resolution 2019-16 for Additional Appropriations for \$83,533.00 from the LOIT Special Distribution Fund. This appropriation will offset the local match for the Community Crossings Grant. **The motion was made and seconded. Motion passed.**

Ordinance 2019-17 To Amend Title VII, Multiple Stop Intersections was presented. The Ordinance was amended to include the corners of Main and Market as a four-way stop as discussed at the last meeting.

A motion was made to approve the Ordinance followed by a second and passed.

Next, GRW Engineering invoice number 0052985 for \$4,275 for upgrades and design required for the wastewater plant was presented for approval.

A motion to approve the invoice as presented was made. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, the Clerk-Treasurer presented an update on where she was on the budget process. She received input from the Dept. heads on what they would like to add in 2020 and incorporated that into the budget. She gave the total budgets to the Board for review. There will be a meeting with the DLGF representative on Tuesday, September 13 where the process will be reviewed and approved by them for submission.

Next, the Clerk-Treasurer reported that she would be requesting additional appropriations for \$83,533 from the LOIT Special Distribution Fund to offset the local match for the Community Crossings Grant. She also advised them that there would be a public hearing at 5:45 PM, on August 19, prior to the next regular meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

There was no economic report tonight.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Nothing new to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch gave his department report. He is still waiting on the radio for the new vehicle. He reported that he has advertised for a full time officer to be hired as soon as possible.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd reported that he completed his paser report for 2019.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported that plant pump #1 needed repair. Estimated cost to repair by Xylem was \$5,680.

A motion was made to approve the cost to repair. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

Dean Bruce reported on a meeting he had with the parks department board. They have a number of maintenance items and will discuss with Tony Floyd or Roger Freeman. He also asked about the exercise stations from the YMCA to see if they were still available. The Clerk-Treasurer said she would check on those again. He said they would also like to look at what restrictions might be in place for the properties near Cooper Park.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

The Owen Valley Fire Territory voted to hire Lee Freeman as Fire Chief on a full time basis. They are still looking at hiring one or two part time engineers next year.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported on various issues. He requested a time to meet in Executive Session with the Board on August 28.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz gave an update on his efforts to move forward on the sidewalk project. Storm water issue on East Street is tabled until the next meeting. Jon asked if Tony could contact Arexco to give an estimate on what it would cost.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz attended the commissioners meeting prior to arriving here. He gave a report that there was a petition circulated to stop all events on the courthouse lawn or grounds. He said they tabled their plan to amend the ordinance until there could be more discussion and recommendations.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 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