

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
February 3, 2020 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.

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC MATTERS

In regards to the sewer issue on Laymon Avenue, John Hodge and the residents have worked out a solution to correct the problem.

Sharron Barger, on behalf of the VFW Post and Auxiliary presented an event requests for Run For the Fallen in Honor of Brett to be held on April 4, 2020. The run route begin at the VFW at 78 E Franklin, take place primarily along Morgan Street where they will utilize the sidewalks. From Morgan, it will turn north on Vandalia to Hillside, then continue to Highway 46 West and finish at the YMCA. They will have plenty of race officials along the route to handle traffic. She anticipates it will not take more than 45 minutes to complete the route.

A motion was made to approve the event request. It was seconded and passed.

Jonathan Balash presented his event request again, after speaking with the local business owners who will be affected by the street closures for the Pride Festival to be held on June 6. He heard from one business owner who had an issue with employee parking on that day, but they were able to work out a compromise. He also spoke with a postal employee who said there would not be a problem, but he said he would still attempt to notify the postmaster. After further discussion. He also said he got positive feedback and supportive comments from all the local businesses with whom he and his volunteers spoke.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event request for the Pride Festival. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next on the agenda, the Clerk Treasurer presented an agreement for a tree removal at a residence located at 720 E. Morgan. The tree is located along a property line where it has begun to interfere with not only the electrical lines, but with the infrastructure by its roots expanding into the sewer and storm water systems. Duke has agreed to take the tree down below the tree limbs, and the Spencer Street Dept. will remove the remainder and the debris. The town will also replace the tree with a noninvasive species in an area of the property where it will not interfere with the power and water systems.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the agreement to remove the tree. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, an Agreement to contract with Josh Hogan as Building Inspector was presented to the Board for approval. The contract is for one year for \$6,000 along with \$25.00 reimbursement for mileage.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the contract for Josh Hogan as Building Inspector. The motion was seconded and passed.

One bid was received on the property located at 480 S West Street. The bid was for \$13,800.00, with the minimum bid requirement of \$10,570.00 being met. The bid was received from Trillium Woods.

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

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Don Bingham sent his report to the board. They are continuing to work on their strategic plan and anticipate it being done in May.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Next meeting will be March 18, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported updated the Board on the police department. Chester Richardson is currently doing his required training, and Chief Foutch is looking at reserves to complete his hiring of open positions. He requested that the Board give approval in advance for him to hire.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Department is functioning normally now. In regards to the sidewalk repair on Market Street proposed by the County maintenance, there was a decision that it could not move forward without an approved plan for the repair of the sidewalk.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Floyd reported on street department operations and maintenance. He reported he had two surplus dump trucks he would like to scrap or sell for scrap. Mr. Lorenz reported that if the offer were greater than a \$1,000, a bid would have to be advertised.

Tony presented a 5-year Equipment plan to the Board for review.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge gave a report, and left early

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Jon Stantz reported on the January OVFT meeting. They are moving forward with hiring the second full time position.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Community Crossing Grants will be filed tomorrow.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

At issue still, is the trailer sitting on the property across from the Chevrolet Dealership. Lorenz

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz reported that the Cleanup Day will be held on May 2 and will be countywide this time. Republic will provide as many dumpsters as needed.

Jon Stantz said to start the signup for the sidewalk program. Cheryl will advertise it on Facebook and in the next sewer bills.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for acceptance and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

/s/ Mike Spinks
Mike Spinks, President

/s/ Jon Stantz
Jon Stantz, Member

/s/ Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Vice-President

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