

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
July 6, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Dean Bruce, Jon Stantz, and Cynthia Hyde

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, Chief Richard Foutch, Redevelopment Commission President Michael Spinks, and Town Attorney Richard Lorenz

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Tax Abatement Hearing

A 10-year tax abatement request for Brown-Forman Corporation was presented to the town board by Gwen Tucker. The project has the potential to create 97 jobs in the community and is estimated to bring in an additional \$1,465,939 in property taxes and \$401,939 in local income taxes.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the tax abatement recommendation. It was seconded and passed.

The tax abatement was closed, and the regular meeting resumed.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

A request to change the date from September 5th to September 12th for the Farm to Table Event previously approved was presented.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the event request for the date change to Sept 12th. It was seconded and passed.

A question from Andrew Peterson regarding entrance to his property on Morgan Street was discussed. INDOT had confirmed that the decision on how to handle the entrances was the Town's. Mr. Lorenz said that a decision will be made once a plan is proposed by Mr. Peterson. He also added that the current plan was one that was approved by INDOT, and strongly suggested that we keep.

IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Michael Spinks updated the Board on what the Commission was currently working. They have plans to visit Lafayette to see how their commission is working. Also, they will be submitting their Declaratory Resolution defining the economic development area to the Town Planning Commission soon will in turn make a recommendation to the Town Board.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Some discussion about the budget and request for additional personnel from Sheila Reeves took place. Mr. Lorenz said he will follow up on this.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch reported that Nathan Martin had resigned and joined the Sheriff's Department. Anthony Pope, who was approved at the last meeting, has assumed the open position.

At the beginning of the meeting, Chief Marshal Foutch presented a certificate of acknowledgement and recognition to five-year old Lucas Jewell, whose quick action prevented serious injury to his grandmother. He also received a copy of "The Wise Guy" book, created by Deputy Marshal Tony Stevens.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported that the tree at 389 N. Washington was removed. They also took down a tree on Meadow Drive that was dead. He reported on other maintenance projects.

He reported to the board that he purchased a 2011 Ford F250 for the amount approved at the last meeting. He traded in the 1982 Ford Explorer, and the 2007 police car. He had it checked out by Jeff Carlson and found that there was a bad wheel well assembly. He has it in for repair.

He stated requests for tree removal, or any problem with trees, requires a written request. The forms are available online, or in the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge is on vacation.

Mr. Lorenz discussed the Sewer Extension Project. During a recent meeting, McCormick's Creek State Park made some indication that they would like a request for proposal to hook on to the Town sewer system. Mr. Lorenz said he would help with wording the request, and it could go to the various engineering firms who might be interested in doing this.

IN THE MATTER OF ZONING AND PLANNING

Dean Bruce mentioned that there is still a vacancy for both boards and will ask Tad Wilson, who fits the requirements, if he is interested in serving.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Regarding the revised Nuisance Ordinance, Richard Lorenz said he will send out a copy again to the Board for review.

Regarding the Food Vendor Ordinance, he said he is reviewing state requirements to make sure what we will need to have here in Spencer.

The agreement between INDOT and the Town of Spencer for SR46 Project was discussed. There were some questions about whether the light fixtures listed in the agreement were final, or whether the Town would be able to make changes. Since the Board did not have time to review, this will be tabled until the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Cynthia Hyde presented an invoice from SDG for the Downtown Planning Grant
A motion to approve Invoice number 292, in the amount of \$24,000.00, from Strategic Development Group for the first phase, was made. It was seconded and passed.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the Town phones were still being hacked, and she was still working on a resolution.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented two invoices from GRW for the SRTS project.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve invoice 42319 in the amount of \$1,100.00 for Utility, and invoice 42318 in the amount of \$3,690.00 for design. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Cynthia Hyde said that she was asked by Mark Rogers to be on the Sidewalk Committee for the My Path Project. Dean Bruce made the appointment.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 8:09 p.m.

Dean Bruce, President

Jon Stantz, Vice-President

Cynthia Hyde, Board Member

Attest: _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer