

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting  
June 4th, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.  
Municipal Building  
90 N. West Street  
Spencer, IN 47460

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

Also Present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Chief Richard Foutch, Deputy Marshal Austin Combs, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish. Sewer Superintendent John Hodge was absent.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the previous minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed.**

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES**

Ryan White approached the Board about parking in front of Spencer Elementary on the north side of Hillside, primarily. He is proposing that the north side be designated "Bus Parking Only" in part of the area, and no parking at all for the remainder because of limited visibility. He also suggested the signs with school times be changed to reflect the correct school opening times. He also requested that electronic signs for school zones be installed. Mike said they would study the recommendation for new electronic signs and make a decision.

Chad Briggs spoke to the Board on behalf of SOCS about their efforts to get a grant for "Ready Schools". This grant will allow the schools, along with business and community leaders, to create a plan or model that will enable them to better prepare Owen County students for future employment.

Traffic continues to be an issue, especially on the east end of town. Trucks have been traveling too far south along Franklin and/or are unable to cross the railroad tracks to get back to the highway. Chief Foutch stated that these problems are usually because of inexperienced drivers. The police continue to deal with these drivers and make sure they follow the correct route. Larry Parrish said he would look to see if additional signage is needed.

There was further discussion about moving the speed sign to the west side of Hillside. Larry suggested that be done after they are through with the sidewalk project is finished.

The Clerk-Treasurer made a request for additional appropriations from the EDIT fund for \$600,000. The additional funds are requested for the Downtown Streetscape, local portion, the Zuercher project, and additional capital outlays. Nothing was appropriated for these expenses in the original budget. Additionally there will be a notice in Thursday's Evening World for a public hearing to be held on Monday, June 18 at 6:45p.m. Mike Spinks read the proposed resolution for the additional appropriations.

**IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Nothing to report.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Next meeting will be June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Austin Combs gave an update on the Zuercher project. He reported they are in the final stages of completing the project. Chief Foutch requested that 18 firearms be declared surplus. He plans to sell them to the police officers afterwards. He has a resale price from Bob's Guns. **Dean Bruce made a motion to declare the list of firearms surplus. The motion was seconded and passed.**

Chief Foutch next asked about getting a generator for the Municipal Building. Larry Parrish mentioned that he got quotes about 3 years ago, but will be happy to update those and get one from the person Foutch was in contact with. He will also get a quote on the street department.

Chief Foutch also asked for clarification on the MyPath shelter. The Clerk-Treasurer confirmed that it is part of the park.

Chief Foutch provided a year to date meter report showing what was collected compared to 2017.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Nothing to report.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT**

Larry Parrish reported on department matters.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT**

John Hodge reported on the plants and collections maintenance.

**IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY**

Mr. Lorenz presented ORDINANCE NO. 2018-05 TO AMEND TITLE III: ADMINISTRATION, CHAPTER 33, PURCHASING PROCEDURES

**Mike Spinks made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.**

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS**

**IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS**

**IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS**

Claims were presented and approved.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

/S/ MIKE SPINKS

Mike Spinks, President

/S/ DEAN BRUCE

Dean Bruce, Vice-President

ABSENT

Jon Stantz, Member

Attest /S/ CHERYL MOKE

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer