

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
May 20, 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.

Also Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Attorney Richard Lorenz, Street Superintendent Tony Floyd.

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

Brad Arthur presented an Event Request for the Brotherhood Car and Tractor Show to take place on August 3 with a rain date of August 10 at Cooper Commons. He requested barricades from the Street Dept. The time of the event is 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

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

Next, Richard Lorenz presented Aspirational Resolution No. 2019-13 indicating that the Town of Spencer is willing to enter into further negotiations and exchange of information necessary to evaluate the feasibility and cost structure of a merger of wastewater treatment facilities with McCormick's Creek State Park. The document already has the approval of the Department of Natural Resources.

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

Next on the agenda, Julie Coffin, representing the Owen County Garden Club, shared with the Council their desire to replace the existing flower urns in the Downtown area, with new larger urns. She said that would enable them to water fewer times, and they would also have a greater impact in the area. She laid out a plan on where these new pots would be placed. They would not impede foot traffic, nor parked cars. She looked at several different vendors, with different materials. She is still looking at each product to determine what would work best. She would like to have some assistance from the Street Department for placing them once they are delivered. She said that with the Town's approval, she would move forward and choose a product that will work, get the funding, and notify them when they will be delivered. She anticipates that to be later in the summer.

Skateboarding in Spencer was the next item on the agenda. The Clerk-Treasurer informed the Council there is a group who is interested in having a location in town where they can regularly meet and use for this activity. The group is working on a proposal, and may plan on coming to the next meeting to bring before the Board. There was some discussion about what areas or facilities were available in town for this type of activity.

There was a suggestion from Don VanDerMoere that a turn light be added at Main & Morgan, possibly to relieve traffic during busy times for westbound traffic turning south. Don Bingham said he would get in touch with INDOT to set up a meeting time to discuss this. Don also asked again, about making the corner of Market & Washington a 4-Way. Mike Spinks said that we would maintain the status quo, but keep an eye on the situation.

IN THE MATTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Don Bingham presented a letter to the Board to request a previous commitment from the Town to help fund the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategic Plan. The plan should be completed by the end of December. The Clerk-Treasurer confirmed that this was in the budget, and whenever he sends an invoice, she will cut a check.

IN THE MATTER OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mike Spinks reported that they met and reviewed the TIF district property values. There were a couple of properties that they will work with the assessor either to be corrected or to provide an adequate explanation.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch was absent

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING/ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Jenny Osborne sent new job descriptions for review by the Board. Richard Lorenz said he reviewed these, and they are fine. His office will add the revision and approval date.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the revised Building Inspector job description. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Tony Floyd reported that the road paving would begin tomorrow.

In the matter of the fence damage from the tree, Richard Lorenz suggested that she just contact our insurance company to let them decide what should be done.

In the matter of the sidewalk issue at 652 W Hillside. Tony Floyd said he worked with the homeowner to rectify her water drainage problem she said caused by the new sidewalk. He said when he completed the work this afternoon; she was satisfied with the correction.

Tony next brought up the question regarding Wellness for Life Clinic. His department has all signed up, and the only remaining question is, who would pay. The cost per employee is \$55 per month, and if the Town would pay, it would cost less than \$1,000 per month and would probably reduce their out of pocket costs.

Mike Spinks made a motion to approve the payment to Wellness for Life for the employees. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PARKS DEPT

Millie Ranard reported on the Parks & Rec Department. She requested to increase the budget for next year up to \$6,000.00. The Clerk-Treasurer also reminded the Parks Board that if they want to spend more money on a project in a year, they could use the fund balance of \$9,700, by requesting additional appropriations. All they need to do is have a plan for the use of those appropriations.

Carol Reynolds turned over two checks for a total of \$2,050 to the Clerk-Treasurer to be added to their fund. The money came from donations and flower sales a few years back.

Millie asked questions about other Town properties that could be utilized by the Parks Dept. The Clerk-Treasurer said she would provide a map, showing where all these properties are.

Millie reported that she spoke to Sheriff Hobbs about using inmates to do mulching in the park. He said he could do that, but asked for a donation to the Sheriff's Dept. for \$120. She said she would call him tomorrow to schedule, and the Clerk-Treasurer told her to have him send an invoice for payment.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

A security system is being installed at the firehouse.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz presented CF1 and SB1 reports on the Tax Abatements for both Cook, Inc., and Boston Scientific for 2018 assessments paid in 2019. He reported that not only did both companies, meet their requirements for the abatements, but they far exceeded them.

Dean Bruce made two motions to accept the CF1's and SB1's for both corporations. The motions were seconded and passed.

An executive session was set for 5:00 P.M., May 23 at the Attorney's office to discuss litigation or litigation that is pending. A work session will be set at a later date to discuss insurance issues.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval and were approved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

/s/ Mike Spinks
Mike Spinks, President

Absent
Jon Stantz, Vice-President

/s/ Dean Bruce
Dean Bruce, Member

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