Village of Spencer

Council Meeting of January 15, 2020

Council members present: Jim Stangel Josh Kelling Tom Gehring Vanessa Walter Jeff Gauchat

Others present: Mayor DeRossett Sheri Ramey, Fiscal Officer Greg Huber, Solicitor

John Hardin Rob Lenhart Chief Mike Wright

Irene Gehring Marybeth Gunther Gayle Foster

Laura Braddock Gordi Smith Chuck Yahnke

Mayor DeRossett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance following.

**Minutes**

The minutes from the December 18, 2019 meeting were read individually and a motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2019, meeting made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**Treasurer is Report:**

The treasurer’s report was reviewed. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report made by Stangel, seconded by Gehring, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**List of Bills**:

The list of bills were reviewed. A motion to approve the list of bills made by Stangel, seconded by Kelling, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

**Gov’t entities discussion**

* Irene Gehring, representing the beautification committee, informed council that the Breakfast with the Eater Bunny will be March 28, 2020 from 8:00am until 10:30 am. She is asking for donations from council and citizens for the event. She also said that the historical society is in need of new members.

**Mayor’s report: Dan DeRossett:**

* Reported that the trust board had their annual meeting, saying that the 2019 had not turned out to be a very good year for the trust. They are still trying to recoup the monies lost in 2018.
* Also, he attended the Sheriff’s communication advisory committee meeting and reported that the fire department received a grant to upgrade their radios.
* DeRossett also is planning to go to the elected official’s impact meeting with the Medina County Economic Development Agency the following day at 3:00 p.m.
* Spoke with the 620 Construction, who is the main contractor for LMRE on their building. They want to go over the site plan in a work session that is planned for January 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Solicitor’s report: Greg Huber:**

* Nothing to report

**Finance: Crystal Johnson :**

* Gehring reported that they did not have a meeting and that the February meeting was to be determined.

**Streets, Sidewalks &Sanitation: Jim Stangel:**

* Stangel reported that he received complaints from Forrest Avenue residents that the catch basin that was recently installed was too low. He has Cunningham and Associates coming to look at it. He said the contractor agreed it did not look right and may need a riser. No meeting in February.

**Legislative and Planning: Josh Kelling:**

Nothing to report except two fence permits.

P**arks/Buildings & Lighting: Jeff Gauchat:**

* Nothing to report. Gehring said that he and Ramey turned in the grant for the park walking paths and have not heard anything yet. Kelling is trying to coordinate with Dave Stuart to get the timers fixed on the basketball courts.

**Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Tom Gehring**

* Coleman reported that the department is now compliant with the evidence room except for the camera which they are working on. He said that Officer DeHart has left the department.
  + Coleman said the 2014 police cruiser had some transmission issues and the spotlight was also broken, stating that both have been repaired.
* The next meeting will be February 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**Fiscal Officer’s Report: Sheri Ramey:**

* Nothing to report

**Audience:**

* Gordi Smith had some more questions about the property on N. Main that is now zoned commercial since it had been vacant over two years and reverted to the new zoning. He said that the realtors are listing it as residential and he had questions on the process since there are many people interested in it. Chuck Yahnke had some questions also as he is interested in purchasing it. Coleman told him the current owner would have to apply for any variance for non-conforming use.
* Tim Mennell was present and wanted to update council on their progress for the 4th of July. He said that everything will now be on July 3rd,  unless things change. He explained they are just now in the beginning stages of asking for donations and that there are cans out in the community for donations as well.

**Old Business:**

Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

* Mayor DeRossett read a letter from Josh Kelling stating he is resigning effective immediately, stating his home life had changed with the passing of his wife, and he cannot dedicate the time needed to be on council. All of council expressed their appreciation of his knowledge, and for the time that he had been able to give the council and village; and wished him well in the future.
  + A motion to reluctantly accept the resignation of Josh Kelling was made by Stangel, seconded by Walter, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
  + Mayor DeRossett informed council that they would have thirty days to fill the vacancy left by Kelling and if they did not, then he would appoint someone. Ramey said it would make sense to have a special meeting before the next monthly meeting to meet and interview any new applicants.
  + Ramey will put it on the Spencer Area News Facebook page to get the word out, with a deadline to file an application on February 5, 2020.
  + Council agreed to meet on February 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to interview any new applicants and then hopefully vote for a new council member to take a seat on February 19, 2020.

A motion to adjourn made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

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Village of Spencer

Special Council Meeting of February 12, 2020

Council members present: Jim Stangel Tom Gehring Crystal Johnson Vanessa Walter Jeff Gauchat

Others present: Mayor DeRossett Sheri Ramey, Fiscal Officer

Jordan Ternes Andy Yoder Chuck Yahnke Jim Coleman Steve Ensign

The purpose of the meeting was to appoint a person to the vacancy on council left by the resignation of Joh Kelling.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor DeRossett at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to follow.

* When the meeting commenced, council interviewed Ternes, Yoder and Yahnke as they were new and council was not familiar with them or their ideals and ideas for council.
* After the interviews were complete, a motion to go into executive session to discuss all the candidates was made by Stangel, seconded by Johnson, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
  + **COUncil resigned into executive session at 7:40 p.m.**
  + **COUNCIL RESUMED REGULAR SESSION AT 7:52 p.m.**
* A secret tally was taken and the results were as follows:
  + Ternes =2
  + Ensign =2
  + Coleman =1
* Mayor DeRossett informed council that since there was a tie for first, they would either have to come back for another meeting before Friday February 14, 2020, or go back into executive session and try again. He informed council that if they could not reach a decision, then after Friday he would appoint whomever he felt would do best at the job.
* A motion to go back into executive session to discuss candidates further made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.
  + **COUncil resigned into executive session at 7:58 p.m**
  + **COUNCIL RESUMED REGULAR SESSION AT 8:06 p.m.**
* A secret tally was taken and the results were as follows:
  + Ternes =4
  + Ensign =1
  + Coleman =0

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Gehring, seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.