

Village of Spencer
Council Meeting of January 18, 2023

Council members present: Chris Krystofek Tom Gehring Jim Stangel
Jeff Gauchat Vanessa Walter Jim Kiousis

Others present: Dan DeRossett, Mayor Sheri Ramey, Fiscal Officer Greg Huber, Solicitor (arrived @7:40)

Irene Gehring Mike Wright Bev Zeigler Brandon Herrick Laura Braddock Todd Mosher

Mayor DeRossett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

The minutes from the December 21, 2022 meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2022 meeting made by Stangel, seconded by Kiousis, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

The minutes from the January 11, 2023 organizational meeting were read individually. A motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2023 organizational meeting made by Gehring, seconded by Walter, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

Treasurer’s Report:

The treasurer’s report was reviewed. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report made by Stangel seconded by Walter, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

List of Bills:

The list of bills were reviewed. A motion to approve the list of bills made by Walter, seconded by Stangel, with all present council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

Gov’t agencies etc.:

- **Beautification Committee:** Irene Gehring reported that the breakfast with the Easter Bunny would be March 25th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.
- **Historical Society:** The bicentennial committee and the historical society are planning a banner sale for the event. The banners would be for people that have served in the military and will be placed on the utility poles around the village. People can purchase them and have the person’s picture and info on them honoring their service. They are working on it right now with the company that is making them. They would like to have them up for Memorial Day.
 - Bev Zeigler informed council that there would be a bicentennial meeting at the municipal building on January 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. as well as a community choir meeting on February 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning: Brandon Herrick:

- Herrick reported that the church on Forrest Ave wanted to put in a new sign. He had questions about LED being too close to the street and if the sign was bigger than the existing sign. Mayor DeRossett told him he would work with him on it.
- Herrick also asked some questions about LMRE; as to whether they needed a new permit for the headquarters. DeRossett told him the entire project had to be re-approved since they have changed the architecture on the building.

Mayor’s report: Dan DeRossett:

- Mayor reported that they are still working out details on a police cruiser and looking at the IT work a lot closer.

Finance: Tom Gehring:

- Nothing to report, no meeting in January

Streets, Sidewalks & Sanitation: Jeff Gauchat: ...

- Gauchat reported that they discussed the purchase of a new truck and are working on getting bids. Ramey said to go to Harrison Ford, they are a state purchasing participant and have always worked with the village. A motion to look into state purchasing for a new truck made by Kiousis, seconded by Krystofek with all council members voting “aye”. Motion carried 6-0.

- Mayor asked if there were any updates on signs and Todd said he was working on a list that he could get from the county and a list that would have to be purchased elsewhere.
 - Next meeting is February 2, 2023 @7:00 p.m.

Legislative and Planning: Chris Krystofek:

- Krystofek reported that they discussed records retention and verbiage for the pool ordinance.
 - Next meeting is February 6, 2023 @7:00 p.m.

Parks/Buildings & Lighting: Jim Stangel:

- Stangel reported that they were looking into costs to replace 970 mower and that Triplett came and welded the woods mower.
- Gauchat reported that hot stove was planning on doing some work on the fields, continuing he stated that the dugout wall really needed replaced on field #4.
- Gehring told council there would be no high school tournaments at the park this year.
- Bev Zeigler asked that no games are scheduled during the bicentennial, adding the dates are June 30th through July 4th.

Safety/ Parking, Vehicle & Health: Jim Kiouisis:

- Committee discussed the purchase of the new cruiser again and the IT and server costs in the department.
- Also discussed the evidence room report from the drug task force.
 - Next meeting is February 6, 2023 @7:30 p.m.

Solicitor's report: Greg Huber:

- Huber asked if anyone looked at the pool ordinances and was told that the legislative and planning committee was still fine tuning what they want it to have in it. Krystofek told him they were going to try and finalize it at their February committee meeting.
- Huber and DeRossett discussed the zoning code changes and comprehensive plan update.
 - Huber had four company names to give the mayor to look into helping with it.
 - DeRossett had a resume from one already as well, that he had been conversing with.
 - Huber said to get quotes from a few of them. Also, discussed was only doing it in phases, starting with the more important parts that needed updating.

Old Business:

New Business:

- Planning commission will meet on January 25, 2023 2 7:00 p.m.
- Gehring had village seal samples from the graphics class at the career center. He asked council to look at them and pick one to use for the bicentennial celebration commemoration.
 - Ramey will scan them as well the following day and email them to everyone so they have a chance to really look at them.

Fiscal Officer's Report: Sheri Ramey: Nothing to report, but gave council members the term limit paper so they can see who is up for re-election in November.

Audience:

A motion to adjourn the meeting made by Stangel, seconded by Gehring, with all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 6-0

Mayor DeRossett adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.