

Spencer Village Council Organizational meeting January 10, 2024

Present: Mayor Jim Kiousis, Jim Stangel, Jeff Gauchat, Chris Krystofek , Tom Gehring and Steve Ensign.

Others present: Former Mayor DeRossett, Zeb Flegel, Erica Bloom, PJ Howard and Laura Braddock.
Heather Davis taking minutes due to Sheri Wards absence.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Kiousis welcomes everyone and swears in Jeff Gauchat and Steve Ensign.

Mayor Kiousis addresses Council for nominations for Council President.

Jim Stangel nominates Chris Krystofek for Council President, Steve Ensign seconds, and Chris Krystofek accepts. With all council members voting "aye". Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor informs council that 1 council seat is open and village zoning. The Mayor will invite applicants to next council meeting.

Mayor delegates his committee assignments as follows:

Legislative and Planning

Chris Krystofek (Chair)

Tom Gehring

Steve Ensign

Safety

Tom Gehring (Chair)

Chris Krystofek

Steve Ensign

Parks and Buildings

Jeff Gauchat (Chair)

Jim Stangel

Open

Streets, Sidewalks and Sanitation

Jim Stangel (Chair)

Jeff Gauchat

Open

Finance

Tom Gehring (Chair)

Jim Stangel

Open

Planning Commission

Tom Gehring

Laura Braddock

Eric Metzger

Rob Lenhart

Dan DeRossett

Changes in the Planning Committee may change as Former Mayor DeRossett maybe an alternate and Rob Lenhart has applied for the Village zoning job.

Records Retention Development Committee (Special)

Mayor Kiouisis

Jim Stangel (Chair)

Chris Krystofek

Chief Wright

Fire Board

Mayor Kiouisis

Steve Ensign

Tom Gehring (Alternate)

2023 Mayors report:

Mayor Jim Kiouisis reports many 2023 projects will be carried over in 2024.

The Mayor shared his appreciation to village employees, council and residents that help assist in the cleanup from the tornado that hit the village.

Following through with finishing the Legion so it can be eventually rented.

Mayor and Council are waiting on notification for the street grant.

The Village will be preparing to take bids for sustainable logging at the Firestone Park. The Mayor feels this will be very beneficial for our parks and help keep the forest healthy and possibly we will be able to extend our walk trails

Former Mayor DeRossett reminds council that Russell Hendricks gave the village permission to use his property to enter and exit for timber project. Former Mayor DeRossett suggests to council to check on village liability of Mr. Hendricks property if damage should occur.

The Mayor would like to invest more in the parks, ideas such as batting cages, pickle ball, and or fisbee golf.

Other 2024 goals include :

Working on a new email system so personal emails will no longer be used.

Organize and clean up stairs.

All committees must work on a strategic plan.

All committees will be responsible to look into grants for their assigned committees.

The Mayor invites all council members to tour the WWTP and see the progress that has been made.

Look into Todd Mosher's equipment for streets and parks for upgrades.

Motion to adjourn Jim Stangel second Jeff Gauchat.

Mayor Kiouisis adjourned meeting at 7:45pm with all council members voting "aye" Motion carried 5-0.