

SPICELAND TOWN COUNCIL

February 10, 2026

President Jack Garner called the regular session of the Spiceland Town Council to order at 6:00 pm. at the Spiceland Town Hall located at 130 E. Main Street.

Council present: Robert Blake, Scott Fitch, Darrin Jacobs, and Jack Garner,

Audience present: Hope Stevens, Jeff Lane, Donnie Murray, Julie Newhouse, Donna Tauber, Scott Teague, Katie Clontz Courier Times, Myra Clements and Steve Ruble.

President Jack Garner asked for approval of the January minutes. Darrin Jacobs made motion for approval of the minutes as presented, Scott Fitch seconded the motion, Motion carried 4-0.

Floor was opened to Jeff Lane Superintendent, Jeff wanted to let the Council know that we could possibly still have a water leak, he is watching it very closely. The water leak down on Lendon was fixed.

Floor was opened up to Clerk/Treasurer Hope Stevens, Hope presented to the council, that Paul Jones with American Legal Publishing had reached out to her about updates to the Code of Ordinance book. Hope sent all the information on Ordinances since 2018. Paul got back with Hope and stated that the updates that were needed from 2018 to current would run anywhere between \$2,000.00 and \$2900.00. Scott Fitch made a motion for approval of up to \$3000.00 to update the Code of Ordinance Book, Robert Blake seconded the motion, motion was carried 4-0. Hope also let the Council know, that she had a zoom meeting with TextMyGov, they are a company that we could use to send out mass text messages about what is currently happening in the Town, for instance, electrical issues, water issues and so forth. The cost would be roughly \$2000.00 for the year. After discussion the council will table the matter at this time, and possibly see about getting a few more quotes, and then decide if this is something that the Town wants to do.

President Jack Garner then opened up the floor to Steve Ruble. Steve is with Strand Associates, and helps communities with the Community Crossing Grant. He let the Council know that there have been many changes to the Community Crossing Grant, those changes included, change in being a Certified Pacer, Asset Plan must be in place by December 1, 2026, and application would not open up till July 1, 2027, with notification if grant was awarded being in December 2027. Council had approved the funds to go ahead and start the process back in November 2025. Scott asked Steve if there would be any difference in price and such, Steve said there could possibly be. Council asked that Strand and Associates go ahead and work up a contract so that we could go ahead and start getting things rolling for the next call out. Steve will put together information and will get back to Hope and discussion will continue in March.

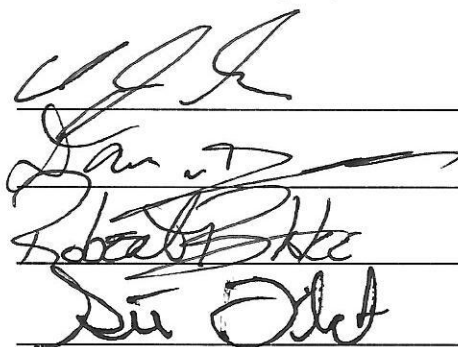
Jack Garner opened up for discussion of claims for approval. Scott Fitch made motion for approval of the claim as submitted, Robert Blake seconded the motion, motion was carried 4-0.

President Jack Garner open the floor to Old Business, Julie with Newhouse & Newhouse let the council know that the title search for the property located at 218 S Pearl St. was back, and that if the Council wanted to continue with filing the foreclosure on the property that everything was in place to do this. The council members let Julie know to please proceed with the filing of all the paperwork. Discussion was also brought up about the approval of the new DNR Flood ordinance, we will hold a special meeting on February 23, to cover this ordinance.

Floor was opened up to any new business, Scott fitch wanted to left Jeff Lane know, that the Town roads looked really good with the amount of snow that we had gotten. Scott also made note about the IU Football Team. Scott Fitch made motion to congratulate the IU Football team on an outstanding season, Robert seconded the motion, motion was passed 3-0 with Jack Garner abstaining.

The Floor was then opened up to the audience, Donna Tauber Township Trustee, brought forward a bill that was sent to her for the Publishing of a legal notice, it should have been sent to the Town. Also, she presented pictures on a blessing box. The Township will be purchasing the box, but asked if it was possible to set it at the Town office. Council agreed that this was a good thing and placement would be fine. Myra Clements also spoke and asked if someone could possibly check on the abandoned camper located at the property next to hers, 310 E Broad, it is currently housing wild animals and cats. Council let her know that we will discuss with Matt Pierce and have him check on it.

Nothing else was brought forward at this time, Darrin Jacobs made motion for meeting to be adjourned Scott Fitch seconded the motion, Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

  
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