

SPICELAND TOWN COUNCIL

September 9, 2025

Vise President Jody French 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, Jody French and Darrin Jacobs. Jack Garner was absent.

Audience present: Hope Stevens, Julie Newhouse, Donnie Murray, Donna Tauber, and Jamie Fitch.

Vise President Jody French asked for approval of the August minutes. Scott Fitch made motion for approval of the minutes as presented, Robert Blake seconded the motion, Motion carried 4-0.

Floor was opened to Jeff Lane Superintendent, Jeff was unable to attend, but did leave 1 thing with Hope, we have a patron from Spiceland, who is wanting to place a couple of native trees in the cemetery. Jeff asked if the Council had any request on what they would like to see. No preference was given. Jeff and Hope will work to get quotes for tree prices and present to the patron. Scott Fitch made a comment that Jeff is currently working on getting crack sealing bids, and hope to present them next month.

Floor was opened up to Clerk/Treasurer Hope Stevens. Hope made mention that a representative from the Friends Church had stopped by and said that the Church is looking to add some trees to the playground area, and asked if they could possibly put some in the lower portion of the park. Council agrees that this would be ok, as long as they work with the Town on placement of said trees, as we do not want to hinder anything, such as the sledding area. Hope also informed the Council that she has currently set the Town up for 2 Opioid Settlements and will let them know where those go, once the settlement takes place. Hope presented the Budget to the Council, Council agreed that all looks good, and that we will set Budget approval for the October 2025 meeting.


Jody French 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.

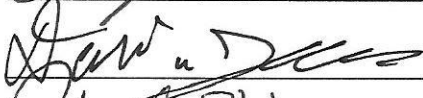
Vise President Jody French opened the floor back up to old business or business from the Council. Nothing at this time.

Floor was opened up to any new business, Scott Fitch mentioned that we should discuss Trick or Treat times. Scott Fitch made motion for the approval on Trick or Treat to be held on October 31, 2025 from the times of 5-8 pm. Darrin seconded the motion, motion was passed 4-0. Darrin Jacobs made notion that Jeff Ray with Community Housing was inquiring to work with the Town of Spiceland on possible donation of land that the Town might own. They are a non-profit, looking for properties to place housing on. Darrin will talk with Jeff Ray about coming to a meeting to talk a little more about what they do and what they are looking for.

The Floor was then opened up to the audience, Jamie Fitch, made mention, that something needs to be done at the corner of Second and Harrison St. That portion of the street has become a drag strip and making the area somewhat dangerous. The Council will review the Ordinance we have on placing Stop Signs and will revisit this at the next meeting. Donna Tauber, presented to the Board the 2026 Fire Dept. Contract, nothing has changed on said contract from years past. Scott Fitch made motion to approve the 2026 Fire Department Contract as submitted, Darrin Jacobs seconded the motion, motion was carried 4-0. Scott Teague Chief of the Fire Department, informed the Council that they will again be doing the Hayride on Halloween night, starting at 8:00. Also, he found that the hot water heater in the fire barn is leaking, Council stated that we would have Superintendent Jeff Lane look in the water heater and see what needs to be done with it. Scott also let the Council know what work is still being done to the new addition of the Fire Barn.

Nothing else was brought forward at this time, Scott Fitch motioned for meeting to be adjourned, Robert Blake seconded the motion, Motion carried 4-0 approval. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.





Robert Blake
