



Vision Statement: "The Good Neighbor City" where quality of Life is available to all!

<u>Mission Statement:</u> To promote the existing peaceful atmosphere while providing quality services to our community through public awareness, public safety, communication and beautification, utilizing economic development as a means to enhance a positive future.

City Hall Will Be Closed Sept 7th in Observance of Labor Day

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, September 3, 2020 6:00 pm

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, September 17th 7:00 pm

PAY BILL ONLINE www.ok.gov/cityofspencer

2020 Bulky Waste Schedule 11/30/2020

### LIFE CHANGES & WELLNESS CENTER, INC.

Located at 8515 NE 25<sup>TH</sup> Spencer, Oklahoma 73084 will for the 1st year be a part of the Child Nutrition – Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) to feed children ages 6-19. For more information you may contact Mrs. Gail Dial – Director @ 405-796-7045 or 405-204-6761.

# **City of Spencer**..."TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE THE EXTRAORDINARY!"

City Managers Corner Huey P. Long

## VISION 2020 Capital Improvement Projects...

The Spencer City Council in regular session Thursday, August 26, 2020, authorized the city manager to proceed with documentation for the ACOG REAP GRANT PROGRAM for equipping the Spencer Police Department (\$25,000.00) and the replacement of the water line on NE 50<sup>th</sup> from Baker Street to Shadynook (\$114,000.00). Additionally, the council authorized the city engineer to proceed with demolition specifications to remove arena, pavilion, bleachers, and restrooms at Kringlen Park. Mayor and Council authorized the city manager to begin negotiations with Governmental Capital for lease purchase agreement to install SMART METER SYSTEM for residential/commercial accounts in the amount (\$550,000.00). The Spencer City Council approved the city engineer to proceed with expansion of Spencer Public Works Building not to exceed (\$60,000.00).

Council authorized the city manager to prepare bids for patrol vehicles for Spencer Police Department. In addition, the Spencer City Council authorized the city manager to prepare "Request for Proposal" for Spencer Solid Waste Collection and Disposal.

VISION 23 is entering its final stages of development with the City of Midwest City and Spencer in the overall visioning of NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Street regarding needed enhancements, aesthetic value, and beautification of our primary corridor. This project is being funded by Midwest City, Spencer, and Oklahoma Municipal League as a result of grant participation from the University of Oklahoma "Institute of Quality Communities' (IQC Grant).

# Code Enforcement...

The City of Spencer nuisance, condemnation, and court activity increasing as a result of the Spencer Code Enforcement ramping up activity in the community. Council approved Declaration of Public Nuisance of three (3) properties owned by MICHAEL WAYNE WYSKUP at 8401 NE 34<sup>th</sup>, 4816 Spencer Road, and 4900 Palmer Avenue and a condemnation of the property located at 4800 Sunset Terrace, Spencer, Oklahoma. BE AWARE...Code Enforcement is operating under the flag of "RESULTS NOT EXCUSES" in the beautification of the City of Spencer and this includes city properties!!! Regarding public nuisance complaints, property owners will be give ten (10) days to clean-up the property or the city will contract with our agent, cleanup the property, give owner opportunity to reimburse city or file a lien on the property in question! However, be patient with code enforcement due to the extreme number of properties violating our minimum housing standards and code governing trash, grass, and weeds! This issue has been ignored for years, and it will not be resolved overnight!!! To date...Code Enforcement has inspected thirty-two (32) Spencer Housing Inspection Program (SHIP) to rent, lease or own properties in the community. According to our records, seven (7) failed the inspection process due to safety and other housing issues and approximately twenty-six (26) nuisance violations have entered the Spencer Court System. Other properties on code enforcements agenda for declaration of public nuisance or condemnation include but not limited to: 5409 Sunset, 5609 Post, and Antwine Mobile Home Park.

## **Public Announcements...**

- \*\*\*The Spencer City Council approved "5K BACK TO MY ROOTS WALK" to be held Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Jennifer Armstrong is the sponsor and 5K Coordinator and can be reached at 405-639-0424
- \*\*\*Community volunteers will sponsor a "Spencer Voter Registration Campaign" Saturday, September 12, 2020, to be held in the Spencer City Hall parking lot. Registration from 10 AM until 2 PM. Volunteers are required to wear PPE and practice social distancing.
- \*\*\*Credit Card Fees...The City of Spencer will no longer absorb credit fees for various payments. Last year, our costs for absorbing customer fees exceeded twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00). Therefore, if the customer uses his/her credit card a charge in the amount of \$2.00 plus 2.25% will be charged to the customer's credit card. New credit card charges will be effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- \*\*\*Spencer website to go live Friday, September 4th, 2020, the URL for the site is, http://cityofspencerok.gov/

#### Citizens to be Heard...

Several have inquired regarding proper procedures to be heard at the regular city council meetings. According to our policy the following guidelines apply...Resolution #35-07-05

- \*Citizens must fill out the Public Participation Form
- \*Public Participation Form available at the Office of the City Clerk
- \*Public Participation Form must be filled out and turned in Wednesday prior to City Council Meeting held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.
- \*Citizens will be given three (3) minutes under "Citizens Desiring to be Heard" to speak on any agenda item under public discussion by the City Council after receiving recognition from the chair.
- \*All remarks will be directed to City Council as a body rather than individual members, staff, or audience.
- \*Personal disruptive attacks upon city council, or administration will be grounds for immediate withdrawal of the privilege of the floor.