

Board of Sanitation Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2012

Roll Call Board of Works Members Dave Harrison, Sandra Seward, and Mayor Buckley present. Also in attendance were Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley.

Minutes Minutes were read and approved by voice vote.

Reports Director of Public Works Brad Meriwether gave a report. He reported that the city has been negligent for the past 7 or 8 years with conducting preventative sewer maintenance. Preventative maintenance has primarily consisted of cleaning tree roots and responding to pop up problems. No linings. Lack of funds and money being allocated elsewhere were the reasons he stated. He reported the city has 4 trash trucks. He stated outdated machinery will be city's biggest challenge going forward. The newest truck is a 2006 automated truck with an arm, and it was never made fully automated. It is consistently down and in need of repairs, because of all the moving parts and because of how we collect trash. The next newest truck in the fleet is a 2000 semi-automated truck. The life span on that truck is 6 to 8 years. It is currently 12 years old and is the backbone of the fleet. Next is a 1995 truck. It is 17 years old. It is the "back up" truck for the automated truck. It gets used as much if not more than the automated truck. The next truck in the fleet is a 1991. Mayor Buckley thanked the city employees for picking up trash on Monday January 2nd it was a holiday. He also thanked them for salting on the holiday.

Special Presentations Brent Seventhall with Wessler Engineering gave a report. They have had an "on call" contract with the city for approximately 2 decades. He stated up until the early 2000's the City of Beech Grove would have an annual sewer rehab project every year. They would perform linings on the sewers and replace and upgrade manhole covers. He also reported on the FEMA project that removed approximately 109 residents from the flood limits. Mayor Buckley reported it will save those residents over one hundred dollars per month on their Homeowners Insurance. Mayor Buckley stated we are going to begin to maintain our sewers again and take care of our city. Mayor Buckley stated "the past is the past, were moving forward and we're going to fix it."

Unfinished Business None

- **New Business** Mayor Buckley presented the claims and gave a brief description of a few of them. He also stated the claims included a payment to the City of Indianapolis for \$59,599 dollars. This payment is a direct result of an agreement that was reached with Indianapolis for non-payment of sewer bills This is in addition to our regular monthly payment that is between \$32,000- \$40,000. Mayor Buckley also stated that he does not know how many years this agreement is for, because he has been unable to find the agreement. He also gave a revenue report on the city's sewage works business. A motion was made by Dave Harrison to accept the Regular Wastewater claims in the amount of \$24,392.92, the Manual Wastewater Claims in the amount of \$1724.68, and the Regular Corporation Claims for \$182,173.75. Sandra Seward seconded the motion, which was approved by voice vote.

Miscellaneous Business The next Board of Sanitation Meeting is Monday February 6, 2012

Comments from Board None

Adjournment Sandra Seward made a motion to adjourn. Dave Harrison seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan Clerk - Treasurer