

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2013**

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

ROLL CALL: Board of Works Members, Sandra Seward and Mayor Dennis Buckley present. Also in attendance, were Clerk Treasurer Dan McMillan and City Attorney Craig Wiley. Absent Ed Bell

MEETING MINUTES: The meeting minutes from the February 19th, 2013 were presented to the Board. Sandra asked to correct page 6, Article V, Section 13, Staffing Levels to read, Officer Mark Parker, instead of Officer David Parker. Sandra Seward moved to accept the minutes, with the correction noted. Mayor Buckley seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Mayor Buckley gave a brief description of these claims.

- **Corporate Manual Claims** – claims that do not require Board approval before payment is made.

Manual claims in the amount of **\$359,656.53** were presented to the board for approval. Sandra Seward moved to accept the claims as presented. Mayor Buckley seconded the Motion, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

- **Corporate Regular Claims** - claims that require Board approval before payment is made.

Regular claims in the amount of **\$98,877.59** were presented to the Board for approval. Sandra Seward moved to accept the claims as presented. Mayor Buckley seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Sandra asked if all the 12 line items listed under Fire are budgeted. Clerk McMillan said, yes.

Sandra also asked if the Network Solutions bill in the amount of \$1,320.00 is for ongoing repairs from the lightning strike.

Clerk McMillan explained that digital city has 2 antennas down by the BGMS; which were not being used. Lynn Rekeweg, IT support, for the City of Beech Grove, came to Clerk McMillan and explained that if they would use those antennas it would increase the internet speed by 50 times and provide better service for telephones. The Senior Center has been experiencing problems with their telephones and internet. Mayor Buckley and Clerk McMillan discussed this and decided that while they hate to spend the money, it would be a good investment for the city. A radio antenna is supposed to be put installed by the police station and the other one is to be installed by city hall. Neither one has been installed yet, but they will be once this bill is paid.

Sandra asked about the Cargill bill. Clerk McMillan explained that it is for deicing solution to treat the streets.

Sandra asked about Lehigh Hansen; which is for gravel for the allies.

Mayor Buckley asked to go back to page one, at the bottom of the page, “2012 Bond” Lick Creek Erosion Project, in the amount of \$14,961.00. He explained that this check is for engineering and permit fees. The DNR has issued a permit that is on file in the park office.

Down in the front lobby there is a “Notice of Permit Application” for IDEM. The public can comment on the project up to March 21st. It takes approx.6 months to get a permit through IDEM, so that has delayed the city in being able to move forward with construction on this project. D2 is the company that will be overseeing the project and receiving bids for the project. The anticipated starting date for that is late March to mid-April. There have been many hurdles to get through with this project and another hurdle the city will face is applying for a permit through DNR, due to the time of the year that the construction is scheduled. Apparently, there is a special permit that must be obtained, when completing projects during the months of April, May and June, because of the wildlife in the creek.

Mayor Buckley also commented that on page 3 you will see a line item for\$ 26,435.00 to Kustom Signals. This is money received from a grant awarded to the Beech Grove Police Department to install cameras in their cars .It is a significant improvement and it is a nice grant for the police department.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Request for Handicap Parking Permit: Martha Corley 235 North 19th has requested a handicap parking permit. All pertinent information has been included. Sandra moved to approve the request Mayor Buckley seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Buckley asked Police Chief Mark Swartz and Fire Chief Rob Cheshire to come forward.

Mayor Buckley asked Chief Swartz how everything went with the arrival and dismissal of the school children at Central Elementary, since the Main Street project has begun and the streets are tore up. Mayor Buckley went down there this morning and it didn't look too bad. Chief Swartz stated that he had no problems reported to him. Officers have been assigned to watch the area. Police Swartz went through the area himself this morning and did not see any problems. There is an officer assigned to the school crossing guards and he has issued some reassignments to better serve the area. The officer also will remain in close communication with the crossing guards to insure everyone's safety.

Mayor Buckley asked Chief Cheshire to report on the new engine and the partnership agreement with St. Francis. Chief Cheshire reported that the new engine is in Indianapolis at Global. It should have been completed this afternoon and delivery is anticipated tomorrow. That will allow the crew time to place equipment on the vehicle. All three shifts will complete training on the vehicle for three days before it is put into use. The radio equipment should be installed some time toward the end of next week and then an introductory ceremony will take place at Fire Station No.102 the first day that vehicle is put into us. It has been a long process, but they want to make sure everything is installed properly and correctly.

It was a tough weekend with equipment for the fire department:

Engine No. 101- Is now at Global. The entire front end came loose.

Engine No. 102 - Was a no start. The batteries were good, but it would not start. We had to call Global to come down over the weekend, and they had to replace the starter.

IFD- ran out of reserve engines this past weekend.

St. Francis & Medic 101 Program- Went into effect on Friday. We are already seeing the benefits. It is a great program for the community. They are averaging approximately five runs per shift and anticipate good things to come from this program, for the citizens of Beech Grove. Mayor Buckley asked Chief Cheshire if he knew how many of those runs were for Beech Grove residents. The chief did not know, but said he will check into that and send him an email.

Mayor Buckley asked Dept. of Public Works Director Brad Meriwether how things were going. Mayor Buckley commented that we are expecting an ice storm tomorrow. Mayor Buckley also commented that the DPW did a nice job of clearing the streets and pre salting during the last storm. He said he received many nice comments about the great job performance of DPW on clearing the streets during that storm. Brad commented that every truck and every man will be out tomorrow clearing the streets.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Sandra moved to adjourn. Mayor Buckley seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Next Board of Public Works & Safety meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 18th, 2013 at 6:00pm.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer

Prepared by: Dan McMillan