

Board of Public Works and Safety Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 2nd, 2012

Mayor Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.

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

Meeting Minutes: Dave Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Mayor Buckley seconded the motion. Mayor Buckley noted that the City has not entered into an agreement yet with United Consulting until he meets with our financial consultant to make sure we have the funds to pay for the project. Motion to approve the minutes was approved by voice vote.

Reports:

Fire Department: Chief Rob Cheshire updated the Board members and citizens that the insurance reimbursement check has been sent out for the new ambulance. The new ambulance has been ordered and will arrive within 120-140 days. The LifePaks have been ordered and will arrive in about two weeks. There were 164 EMS runs for the month of March. The fire department assisted IMPD S.W.A.T with medical services to a victim they had on scene and transported them. Also, the ambulance on scene was hit with the door of the MECA van accidentally; there was a little damage, but it was repaired free of charge by Collision Solutions. The fire department has focused on the apartment inspections for the month of March for life and safety hazards.

Police Department: Chief Mark Swartz updated the Board members and citizens on the repairs that are going on at the police department. They are remodeling the locker room and shower due to mold and deterioration. The police department is scheduled to pick up four of the new SUV's next week and will then be taken to different locations to be fully equipped and have striping and decals affixed. The activity for the officers has been steady and there has been an increase in theft due to Spring Break. Mayor Buckley noted that there will be a swearing in ceremony for the new officer on April 9th. The City and the school are still working on policies to implement the school officer and more decisions will be made after spring break.

Public Works: Director Brad Meriwether updated the Board and citizens on things happening with the street department. The 2012 street sweeping schedule has started today. There will be trash pickup this Friday, even though it is a holiday. JE Brown Electric has installed lights on the public works garage for security reasons and they are still going to be putting up more. Brad stated that one of their trash trucks is out of service and they are operating with only three trucks. The repairs to fix it would be too costly.

Approval of Claims: Mayor Buckley gave a brief description of the claims.

Manual Claims in the amount of \$471,392.09 Dave Harrison made a motion to approve the claims, Mayor Buckley seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Regular Claims in the amount of \$25,739.54 Dave Harrison made the motion to approve the claims, Mayor Buckley seconded, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Conflict of Interest Statements: Mayor Buckley read into the record a Conflict of Interest Statement for Margaret Fitzgerald, whose husband is the Building Commissioner for the City of Beech Grove. Mayor Buckley also read into the record a Conflict of Interest Statement for Heather Brown, whose father-in-law does electrical work for the City. Mayor Buckley stated that these have been approved by the Council, now need to be approved by the Board of Works, and then will be sent on to the State of Indiana. Dave Harrison made a motion to approve both statements, Mayor Buckley seconded, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Permission for Little League Parade: Mayor Buckley read a letter from the Little League requesting permission to stage the Opening Day Parade on Saturday April 28, 2012. Dave Harrison made a motion to approve the parade, Mayor Buckley seconded, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Lateral Transfer within the Police Department: Chief Swartz recommended that Jeff Bruner be transferred to the position of Canine Officer. Chief Swartz stated that there would be no increase in pay. If approved, Officer Bruner would start his new position on April 3, 2012. Dave Harrison made a motion to approve the transfer of position for Jeff Bruner to Canine Officer, Mayor Buckley seconded, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Promotion within the Public Works: Director of Public Works Brad Meriwether made a recommendation to promote John Biggs to the position of Street Superintendent. If approved, there would be an increase of \$293.70 per pay. Director Meriwether stated that there is money in the MVH budget to fund this position. Dave Harrison made a motion to approve the promotion of John Biggs, Mayor Buckley seconded, and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Comments from the Board: None

Miscellaneous: The next Board of Works meeting will be Monday, April 16th, 2012.

Adjournment: Dave Harrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Buckley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer