

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd, 2015**

Mayor Dennis Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Sewer Appeal- *presented by Mr. & Mrs. Brown*

Mr. & Mrs. Brown came before the Board to appeal the decision by the Board not to cover the damage to their home from the excessive rain of June 25, 2015. They expressed their disappointed that the City has not paid them for the damages they sustained from what they contend is city stormwater lines. They stated they had done what they were told to do by “you guys”. They expressed that they felt like they had been misled and ill-advised on how to handle the situation. Board Member Ed, Bell asked who they were referring to when speaking of “you guys”. They stated that Brad Meriwether, DPW Director, Mayor Buckley, and Craig Wiley, City Attorney had advised them that they needed to hire professionals to complete the work and the City would be responsible for the expenses. They further said, had they not been told that the City would cover the expenses, they would have gotten friends and family to assist and not spent the money hiring professionals. Mayor Buckley commented that after investigation it was revealed that the incident occurred in a private lateral line. Clerk-Treasurer McMillan read into the record a letter from the insurance company that the Brown’s had received and the City of Beech Grove had received denying that the City had any culpability in the claim. After reading the letter Clerk Treasurer McMillan commented the Browns were the only people to receive any monetary settlement from the City. Mr. Brown, replied that the City has cost their family more than \$3,000.00 because they were told they had to use professionals and the City would cover it. Ed Bell stated that he would like to further review the claims and Mayor Buckley stated they will take it under advisement and reply in writing.

Citizen Complaint- *presented by Susie McKenna*

She issued a complaint against Officer Bruner, BGPD, regarding what she describes as improper reporting of an accident her mother was involved in on June 4th, 2015, that was a hit & run. Susie stated that the police report is incomplete, and she or the insurance company were unable to get a response from the Officer Bruner regarding the accident until she contacted Mayor Buckley. She said, her mother is out the \$500.00 deductible and still today she has not been able to obtain complete information from the accident. The report she was given is only two of the four-page report. Witnesses have insisted that they supplied the officer with a partial plate number,

but the plate number has not been supplied to the insurance company or to Susie. Mayor Buckley stated that Chief Swartz will review it and report back to the Board and the Board will answer her complaint.

Surplus Equipment-*presented by Clerk Treasurer McMillan*

Clerk Treasurer McMillan read into the record a letter from Carla McKee requesting to surplus the pool table in the Senior Center. The pool table was originally given to the Senior Center. Sandy Seward moved to approve the request. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Review of Hartford Insurance- Medicare Supplement- *presented by Christian Duncan*

Christian reviewed the options for insurance coverage for retiree's over the age of 65.

The City will pay 46% of the retiree's coverage, but will not cover any of the dependents coverage; which the city has never covered.

Sandy Seward moved to approve Hartford and the increase. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

The Board discussed a retiree whom the City that has always covered the entire costs of the insurance policy and now is turning 65; which will need to be moved from the Insurance Trust to Hartford.

The Board agrees that if the Medicare policy eventually becomes non available in the market, to the city, at that point the city will not be responsible for insuring the retired employees, including those with a disability or whom the City is currently paying 100% of their premium, however, if approved this evening, the City will pay 100% of the insurance Medicare supplement premium for the retiree that is disabled from the City.

Ed Bell moved to approve to continue to pay in full the retiree in question Medicare supplement premium. Ed Bell seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Corporate Claims-claims in the amount of \$300.00 were presented to the Board.

Clerk Treasurer McMillan explained this is a refund for a sewer permit that was obtained in error through the City of Beech Grove and should have been obtained through Indianapolis.

Ed Bell moved to approve the claim. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion; which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS: Ed Bell wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT: Ed Bell moved to adjourn. Sandy Seward seconded the Motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm. The next meeting will be Monday, November 23rd, 2015 at 6:00pm in City Hall Council Chambers.

Dennis Buckley, Mayor

Dan McMillan, Clerk Treasurer

Prepared by: Dan McMillan