



BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

CITY HALL CHAMBERS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015

9:30 A.M

Present: Mayor Vanlandingham, Board member Dee Byerly, Board member Greg Metz and City Attorney Doug Lehman.

Department Heads/Employees present: Todd Titus, Rick Price, Fire Chief Robert Mullett, Police Chief Larry Schnepf, Scott Richardson, and Rick Price.

Council members: Doug Konkle, Bonnie Corn, Joan Haag and Jim Wenrich

MINUTES

Dee Byerly moved to approve the Minutes of the January 21st meeting as were written and distributed. Greg Metz seconded the motion, motion carried.

CITY CLAIMS-SEWAGE CLAIMS

Greg Metz moved to pay the City Claims and Sewage Claims as presented. Dee Byerly seconded the motion, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on 7 Elmwood Drive- John Stephens, Building Commissioner
The ten days ran out Friday (Jan. 30th) and the City was ready to proceed but an injunction was filed. Attorney Lehman indicated that the Judge has not yet filed the injunction because he's not gotten an official notice yet. He's anticipating getting a notice that there's a hearing on their request. As to whether or not the Judge will enter a temporary injunction before we can have a full-scale evidentiary hearing. Attorney Lehman anticipates that the Judge will either grant the temporary or, if it's clear from the record that there's no way they could win, the Judge might deny it and that would probably pretty much end it because if he denies the temporary and we go ahead and demolish, there's no point in having a hearing later.

Brainard has been updated and he's not going to do anything for now. Also, no further information on a local contractor buying the home as they can't agree on a price.

This home has been in an estate for 12 years and has been a blight on the community.

Greg Metz asked Attorney Lehman if attorney fees can be added to a Judgment once the City gets to that point. Greg indicated if the City incurs costs because of this (the hearing), he'd like to have them recovered. Doug stated he would look into it (the statute).

Rick Price reminded the Board that his department extracted the water from the basement.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department-Light duty request-Fire Chief Mullett indicated it's a light duty extension for a firefighter that got hurt on the job. We're working through Workman's comp so my recommendation is to give him until the first Board of Works in March (4th) but an update at the next meeting (Feb. 18).

Greg Metz moved to extend the light duty to the first board meeting in March, with an update at the next board meeting as well. Dee Byerly seconded the motion, motion carried.

2. Wastewater Utility Billing Write-off list-Angie Schlemmer explained that the tenants are deceased. After the property becomes 90 days past due and we're not available to disconnect, a letter is sent out notifying they have 20 days to pay it. After the 20 days are up, we send another letter giving an additional 10 days to pay it. When we actually go to file it (the lien) and find out the tenant is actually deceased, we cannot file it in Small Claims so that's why we are requesting to write these off. The total amount requested to be written off is \$811.36 for 2014.

Greg Metz moved to approve the write-offs as presented. Mayor Vanlandingham seconded the motion, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

None

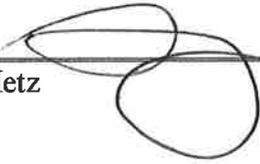
ADJOURN

Mayor Vanlandingham moved to adjourn. Greg Metz seconded. So moved.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 18, 2015, @ 9: 30 a.m.


Robert Vanlandingham Mayor


Greg Metz Member

Dee Byerly Member

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