



BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

CITY HALL CHAMBERS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015

9:30 A.M

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

Department Heads present: Wendy Frazier, Todd Titus, John Stephens, Fire Chief Robert Mullett, Police Chief Larry Schnepf, Scott Richardson, and Rick Price.

Council members: Doug Konkle, Joan Haag and Bonnie Corn

MINUTES

Greg Metz moved to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting as were presented. Mayor Vanlandingham seconded the motion, motion carried.

CITY CLAIMS-SEWAGE CLAIMS

Dee Byerly moved to approve for payment the City Claims and Sewage Claims as they were presented and signed. Mayor Vanlandingham seconded the motion, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on 458 N. Allen Street-John Stephens

Mr. Phillips called the Mayor and I followed up with a phone call. I explained to him the situation that it was ordered to be demolished. He begged for one more chance to appear before the Board. So, I talked with him last week and said, "it's Wednesday @ 9:30, City Hall." "Same place you were the last time." He's not here so my next step is to get the asbestos prices. I held off because to remove the asbestos siding will be pretty expensive and to give him one more chance. The yard has not been mowed either.

The Mayor had a question for John. He (Mayor) stated we've been tearing a lot of houses down and where do we stand money-wise. Close to running out of money? John stated it's going to be borderline on this one. Attorney Lehman asked if he (John) had any others that we've issued any orders on. John said no orders but there are two that are dangerous and in dire shape. One is on Manchester Avenue and one on Pike Street. And, the Mayor added Brown Trucking.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fire Department-Personnel issue

Attorney Lehman indicated we have a disciplinary issue at the fire department. It involves Jake Hierholzer. Basically, what happened is he failed to call in on time when he was apparently ill. The Chief has had a lot of discussions with him and we just had a personnel meeting with him.

The Chief has a recommendation to the Board of a 28-day forfeiture; that is he would end up working 28 days without pay. Jake has agreed to that and there is a written agreement. Doug advised the Board they have the right to accept that and it will happen or you can deny that. If it's denied, Jake has asked for a hearing before you make any determination as to what type of action you want to take with regard to the disciplinary issue. If you have a hearing, you would have to determine first off, that he violated some rule and, secondly, what would be the appropriate punishment. At this point, what's before you is whether or not to accept the Chief's recommendation and Jake's request that he be given a 28-day forfeiture. A 28-day forfeiture is a substantial amount of money.

Dee Byerly agrees with the Chief's recommendation and that's the way I'd proceed and if you need a motion, I will make it a motion that's the way this Board proceeds in this particular instance. Greg Metz seconded the motion, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

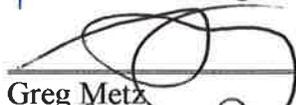
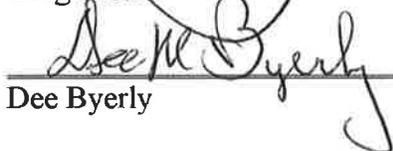
Rick Price, Wastewater Superintendent, indicated that they are dealing with a lot of trash, i.e. paper towels, Swiffer sheets, and blue shop towels. This is the worse it's ever been and not only causing issues at the wastewater treatment plant but causing problems throughout the pump stations. A lift station pump was lost out at the Honeywell Golf course housing addition, and we took the pump apart and it was full of towels. He is reaching out to the public to make them aware that whatever they flush down the toilet or down the drain, make sure it is biodegradable. Read the products before you flush; they may be flushable but not biodegradable. If it continues, it is going to cost us more money to deal with the problem. There was an IDEM inspection and the City of Wabash did get a violation due to something out of our control, the towels, they were everywhere through our treatment plant. This was the only issue and we passed everything else in the inspection. Never since 1984 have I (Rick) seen anything like this. Swiffer's are flushable but not biodegradable. These pumps are not designed to deal with the mass volumes we are seeing.

ADJOURN

Mayor Vanlandingham moved to adjourn. Dee Byerly seconded. So moved.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 3, 2015 @ 9:30 a.m.

 Robert Vanlandingham	_____	Mayor
 Greg Metz	_____	Member
 Dee Byerly	_____	Member

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