



BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBER

THURSDAY, February 15, 2024

4:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Mayor Long, City Attorney Doug Lehman, Todd Titus

Department Heads Present: Park Superintendent Adam Hall; Police Chief Matt Bruss, Fire Chief Andy Oswalt; Street Department Superintendent Scott Richardson; Building Commissioner Jeff Knee; Wastewater Superintendent Bob Gray

MINUTES

Todd Titus motioned to approve the minutes. Mayor Long seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITY CLAIMS-SEWAGE CLAIMS

Mayor Long motioned to approve the City Claims-Sewage Claims. Titus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Paul Hayden of Indiana Landmarks updated the Board on the Wilkinson Lumber situation. The owner of the buildings is very anxious for an agreement with Indiana Landmarks, but the Norfolk-Southern railroad owns the land the buildings sit on, and they have not responded to a purchase offer sent by Indiana Landmarks three weeks ago. Mr. Hayden requested an additional month from the City to allow him time to pursue this a bit further. He stated that after this additional month, Indiana Landmarks will no longer be putting their resources toward the attempt to buy the Wilkinson Lumber property. Titus motioned to approve extending the timeframe an additional 30 days; Mayor Long seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Hayden also brought up the concern of the wall by the sidewalk being in very poor condition. He asked Kevin Gidley of Happy Homes to quote a retaining wall and a bid was offered of \$3000 for a wall that would last one year. If the wall is constructed of treated lumber, it will last longer than a year and the price for that is \$3,500.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Bids for Wabash Northeast Business Complex Sanitary Sewer Extension Project that were taken under advisement at the last meeting. Keith Bryant of United Consulting Services presented a quote tabulation of the four accepted bids and stated that the company offering the lowest bid had the resources and experience required for successful completion of the project. Mayor Long motioned to approve awarding the contract to Fox Contractors Corp of Fort Wayne for their bid of \$78,404. Titus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

