



BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

ZOOM AND COUNCIL CHAMBER

THURSDAY, May 6, 2021

4:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Mayor Long and Board Members Todd Titus, Jim Reynolds and City Attorney, Doug Lehman.

Department Heads present: Adam Hall, Park Superintendent; Bob Gray, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent; Jim Straws, Building Commissioner, Barry Stroup, Fire Chief; Matt Bruss, Police Chief

City Council: David Monore

Guests: Jody Lundquist

MINUTES

Todd Titus made a motion to accept the minutes as amended of the April 1, 2021. Jim Reynolds 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

CITY CLAIMS-SEWAGE CLAIMS

Jim Reynolds made a motion to approve the claims. Todd Titus 2nd the motion. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Holly Stein, 49 W Canal St, Update: Mayor Long and Doug Lehman, City Attorney met with Holly earlier in the day. She hasn't heard from her accountant as to what the property is worth. She has had 4 showings but no offers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Wabash Marketplace Special Events Application to close Veteran's Plaza, Tremont lot for the 40st anniversary celebration of Wabash Market place. The original application asked for a closing date of Thursday – Saturday. The Special Events Application also called for Miami Street to be closed for additional vendors. After discussion it was decided to close the parking lot from Friday morning to Saturday noon. No alleys will be closed in case of emergencies. Also Mayor warned Andrea Zwiebel (Marketplace Executive Director) that all complaints will be referred to her. Todd Titus made a motion to approve the application. Mayor Long 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
2. Wabash Marketplace Special Events Application to close Miami Street for June – October First Fridays, with the understanding that they will pay a \$100 maintenance

fee for each First Friday. Jim Reynolds made a motion to approve the application. Todd Titus second the motion. Motion carried.

3. Crossfit Special Event Application to close Miami Street on September 25, 202. They have paid the \$100 maintenance fee. Jim Reynolds made a motion to approve the application. Todd Titus 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
4. Resolution to sell equipment to the Town of LaFontaine. Mayor Long explained that the Street Sweeper had been in the storage barn for years because it wasn't worth anything on a trade in. LaFontaine inquired about it and decided to make the purchase. They passed a resolution to pay \$2,000. Mayor Long made a motion to accept the offer. Jim Reynolds 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

City Attorney Doug Lehman shared that there is a possibility of ZOOM meetings for Government entities ending on May 31, 2021. A law was passed regarding Government ZOOM meetings. If you pass a ZOOM resolution, a certain number of members must still be present in person for the meeting. An elected or appointed official can only miss a certain number of meetings. If the meeting is held by ZOOM, a roll call vote must be taken for every decision made. Attorney Lehman will write a resolution for this.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jody Lundquist, Cloverleaf Drive, was present for the meeting. She addressed the Board of Works with concerns regarding the sewer situation in the Cloverleaf Addition advising the Board that several homes are illegally hooked into the City of Wabash sewer system. Mayor Long advised Ms. Lundquist that the City is aware of the problem. It is a County problem that needs to be addressed. The County needs to install a sewer system, as the neighborhood has not been annexed into the City. They don't want to be annexed because they will have to pay for water and sewage.

David Monroe, City Councilman for District 2, addressed the Board with two concerns. Mr. Monroe said a citizen had contacted him about painting the curb yellow at the intersection Market and Thorne Streets, Market Street 100 feet before you get to Thorne Street. Mayor Long informed Mr. Monroe that before any action can be taken the problem needs to be addressed with the Traffic Commission and Street Superintendent Scott Richardson.

Mr. Monroe also informed the Board that a house on Hwy 15 South has a garage that has collapsed. Building Commissioner Jim Straws informed Mr. Monroe that the garage belongs to Bob Kuhn and Bob will be coming before the Board of Works on May 20.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

None

