



BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBER

THURSDAY, April 21, 2022

4:00 P.M.

Board Members Present: Mayor Long, Jim Reynolds, City Attorney Doug Lehman

Department Heads present: Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Knee; Street Superintendent, Scott Richardson; Police Chief Matt Bruss

MINUTES

Jim Reynolds made a motion to accept the minutes for the April 7, 2022 meeting. Mayor Long 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

CITY CLAIMS-SEWAGE CLAIMS

Mayor Long made a motion to approve the claims. Jim Reynolds 2nd the motion. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 5.2022, Accepting Denton Real Estate from the Wabash County Business Alliance Foundation, which purchased the property and will Deed it to the City. This will short circuit avoid the process of declaring the buildings unsafe and having a hearing. The property will go from Wabash Street Huntington Street and from Fulton Street to the Riverwalk at the eastern end. There are Environmental issues but the City has contacted IDEM and they feel good about the prospect to clean it up like the Sposeep Property; Brown Trucking property; and the Shell Gas Station.

The Foundation Grow Wabash County is acting as the pass through with the City agreeing to indemnify and an indemnity to hold the Foundation harmless for the cost of beheld liable for Environmental Cleanup.

Since City Attorney, Doug Lehman, has represented both the Foundation Grow Wabash County and the City of Wabash in the past, he would like a full disclosure and Waiver of conflict in his representation of both. to not hold him

| ~~responsible.~~ Jim Reynolds made a motion to approve Resolution 5.2022. Mayor Long 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

2. Resolution 6.2022, Indemnity Agreement as presented by Doug Lehman. Jim Reynolds approved Mayor Long 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
3. Resolution 7.2022 Regarding new Wabash City Employees for Wastewater and Street Department training for CDL License. The cost to the City is \$5,000 to properly train employees to get the license. Resolution 7.2022 states that “An employee hired for the position of Laborer/Driver shall, as a condition of employment, sign a consent form acknowledging the employee’s understanding and agreement to reimburse the City of Wabash, Indiana for costs related to the training and qualifying the employee for a CDL if the employee should voluntarily leave employment within 60 months from the employee’s date of hire.” Mayor Long made a motion to approve the resolution. Jim Reynolds 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Roxie McCoy, 81 Grant Street shared with the Board her concerns about 85 Grant Street. Insulation is blowing around the yard and there is broken glass as well. Facia Board is warping and no one has been to the house to work on it since last fall. Roxie said her property value has gone down from \$32,000 to \$19,500. Mayor Long asked Building Commissioner Jim Straws to look at the property and report back.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Works meeting will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Scott Long Mayor

Jim Reynolds Member

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