



## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES**

### **COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**THURSDAY, October 6, 2022**

**4:00 P.M.**

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

**Department Heads Present:** Building Commissioner, Jim Straws; Jeff Knee, Code Enforcement Officer; Police Chief, Matt Bruss; Fire Chief, Barry Stroup; Park Superintendent, Adam Hall; Wastewater Superintendent, Bob Gray; Street Superintendent, Scott Richardson,

### **MINUTES**

Todd Titus made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022. Mayor Long 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

### **CITY CLAIMS-SEWAGE CLAIMS**

Mayor Long made a motion to approve the City Claims-Sewage Claims. Todd Titus 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Update on Unsafe building at 363 E Mian Street, Owner Nikki Andrews. The neighbor complained that she was afraid the structure would fall on her house. Code Enforcement Officer Knee and a contractor did a walk through and around the house. As it stands right now, the building is not fit for human occupation, but it can be re-furnished and the owner is more than eager to start the project. The majority of the work is interior work. There are some cracked windows but the foundation is secure minus a crack and the yard is being mowed and maintained. Ms. Andrews has contacted Mike Vandermark and he has agreed to work on the house. The contractor is ready to start once the Board of Works gives the go ahead. The plan is to tear the interior down to the studs and rebuild it. The owner hasn't decided whether to rent the home or move in.

Mayor Long made a motion to approve the remodeling of the building as long as it is secure, no one can get in and the appearance isn't dilapidated. The owner is also to repair the foundation crack in a timely manor. Todd Titus 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Special Events Application: Systems Care Walk: Friday, October 7. Todd Titus made a motion to approve the application. Mayor Long 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

2. Special Events Application: YMCA Dash in the Bash – October 29. Mayor Long made a motion to approve the application. Todd Titus 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.
3. Resolution 11.2022 – Establishing a Voluntary Sick Leave Bank for City Employees  
Mayor Long explained that we would like to start a voluntary sick leave bank for catastrophic illnesses. We want to be able offer this for people to use under these circumstances. Employees can donate up to 5 days per calendar year. The City will donate 10 days the first year to begin the bank. Employees can donate from 1-5 days a year after that. Employees will be allowed to take up to two months of sick days.  
Fire Chief Barry Stroup made a suggestion to allow employees to donate unlimited amount of sick days in 2022 to get the bank started.  
There was one stipulation to the Resolution. Employees cannot donate sick days to the bank within 30 days of retirement.  
Mayor Long made a motion to approve the Resolution as amended by Attorney Doug Lehman. Todd Titus 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.
4. Bids for Pickup Truck for Wabash Fire Department:  
Fire Chief Barry Stroup presented two bids to the Board as follows:  
Wabash Valley Chrysler \$42,965  
Dorais Chevrolet \$41,938.  
Todd Titus made a motion to accept the Dorais Chevrolet bid. Mayor Long 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

**QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

None

**REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Board of Works meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

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Mayor Scott A. Long Member

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Todd Titus Member

