



BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

CITY HALL CHAMBERS

THURSDAY, April 4, 2019

4:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Scott Long; City Attorney Randi Zimmerman, and Board Member Todd Titus and Jim Reynolds

Department Heads present: Fire Chief, Barry Stroup; Police Chief Matt Bruss; Waste Water Superintendent, Bob Gray; Street Superintendent, Scott Richardson; Park Superintendent, Adam Hall; Building Commissioner, Jim Straws; Code Enforcement Officer, Kipp Cantrell

City Council Members Present: Doug Adams, Bob Greene

MINUTES

Todd Titus made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 7, 2019 meeting. Mayor Long 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. Fraley Property, 319 Euclid Street. Jim Straws was sworn in as Building Commissioner. Commissioner Straws produced pictures showing the property is an eye sore. He noted progress has been made but the property is not cleared and the house is still standing. There is a camper with owners plate and a lot of debris on the property.

Fraley's spoke on their behalf saying that they have been working on the property. They are concerned that the property has run off from the neighbors. Mrs. Fraley said she has up to date plates on the RV but does not want to park it in the driveway because she has COPD. She would like to park the RV on the street.

Mayor Long stated he did not want the property to become an eyesore. Board Member Titus said the Board has messed to long with this and requested the Board move forward with clean up. He suggested the Fraley's have 30 days to finish cleaning up the property. Board Member Reynolds ask if the Street Department could clean up the property. Mayor said the Street Department could clean up the property but the City would keep track of the man hours used and bill accordingly.

Commissioner Straws submitted a demolition/clean up order to the Board.

Board member Reynolds made a motion for demolition and 30 days to clean up and move the remaining shed. Todd Titus second the motion. Motion carried.

2. Update – City Hall Fire Alarm System

Building Commissioner Jim Straws has two quotes. Fairchild will get a quote to Straws before the next Board of Works meeting. Straws will update the Board at the next meeting.

3. Update on demolition of 131 E Maple St.

Building Commissioner Jim Straws informed the Board that he is trying to finish up the projects that were on the docket when Commissioner Stephens retired. The daughter of the owner, 131 E Maple St, informed Straws that she still had personal property in the home. Straws gave the daughter 30 days to remove any personal property she wanted. As of May 1, the house will be demolished.

4. Update on 978 Mill Street

Building Commissioner Straws informed the board that the structure has been demolished and the property cleared. Straws needs guidance on the status of the leans on the property.

5. Update on 610 High Street

Building Commissioner Straws informed the board that the structure has been demolished and the property cleared. Straws needs guidance on the status of the leans on the property.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Building Commissioner Straws reported that the roof of City Hall is leaking. Grow Wabash County has been complaining weekly about the problem. Commissioner Straws would like to fix the problem rather than throw money at it.

Mayor Long made a motion to declare the roof an emergency and proceed to have it replaced immediately. Jim Reynolds 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Todd Titus made a motion to adjourn.

