



BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

COUNCIL CHAMBER

THURSDAY, ~~April 21~~ May 5, 2022

4:00 P.M.

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

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

MINUTES

Jim Reynolds made a motion to accept the minutes for the April 21, 2022 meeting. Mayor Long 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

CITY CLAIMS-SEWAGE CLAIMS

~~Mayor Long~~ Todd Titus 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~~

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~~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.~~

1. Bids for the Reed Drying Bed Cleaning Project at the Wastewater plant were accepted as follows:

Eads & Son Bulldozing \$110,500

Earth Works \$123,000

Brainard Excavating \$86,700

Mayor Long made a motion to accept the Brainard Excavating bid of \$86,700. Jim Reynolds 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

2. Wabash Crossfit submitted a Special Events Application to close Miami Street on Monday, May 30, 2022 so they could use the Wabash Firetrucks with flags on Miami Street. This is for the memorial day workout they do each year to honor fallen heroes. No Activities will be held on Miami Street. All activities will take place at their business on Canal Street. The Firetrucks are just to hold the flags as a tribute to the fallen heroes. Mayor Long made a motion to approve the application. Jim Reynolds 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

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OTHER BUSINESS

None

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Roxie McCoy, 81 Grant Street shared-returned to share 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. She informed the Board that in August, 2021, the Building Department was informed about the situation of the building. They said that work could continue as long as the owners were showing progress. Her concern is that the building has plywood doors, no windows and the wrap insulation is still blowing off the house. Commissioner Straws told the Board he had spoken with the owners and their next step is to side the house. Attorney Lehman questioned Commissioner Straws as to the status of the work permit. He said they have an extension and can continue as long as progress is being made. Attorney Lehman

questioned Commissioner Straws as to the condition of the house. It was decided that the structure is not unsafe. Attorney Lehman told Commissioner Straws to contact the owners and have them appear before the Board at the Board of Works meeting on May 19, 2022. At that time, they are to show the Board of Works their timeline to have the structure finished, benchmarking along the way the following:

Timeline for floors being installed

Timeline for Doors

Timeline for Windows

Timeline for Siding

Etc.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Park Superintendent, Adam Hall, asked for extra patrols in the City Park to caution children playing around the big pavilion. The Southside of the hill across the pathway is eroding.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Works meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Scott Long ____Mayor

Todd Titus Member

Jim Reynolds Member