



August 21, 2023
Board of Works

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Bob Haywood, Board of Works
Mark Cline, Common Council
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Jimmie Eck, Fire Chief
Mark Heffelfinger, Police Chief
Cedric Hollabaugh, City Attorney
Scott Lanning, Wastewater Superintendent

Absent:

Eric Johnson, Board of Works
Vivian Likes, City Planner

Mayor Hartman opened the regular session of the Board of Works at 6:30 pm at 215 South Broadway.

The minutes from the August 7th meeting were presented. Mr. Haywood made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Payments and Vouchers

Pay Period 7/31 to 8/13 in the amount of \$36,961.77

Vouchers for the period 8/5 to 8/13 in the amount of \$1,035,693.51

Mr. Cline made a motion to approve the claims and vouchers as presented and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Utility Billing Adjustment Requests:

Wastewater Superintendent Scott Lanning reported that he has gathered more information concerning the large leak that occurred next to Tiremaxx. There were several things that the City could have done differently, but it was a perfect storm of multiple items that let the leak go undetected for a while. He recommends that the City not invoice any of the water to the contractor, Fritch Excavating. Mr. Haywood made a motion to void Adjustment Request 2023-44 and Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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Police Department

Police Chief Mark Heffelfinger presented a Special Event Request for the Harvest Festival, to be held on October 14th, which includes a request to close South Broadway from 3 to 7. A road closure request does not need to be submitted to INDOT because the street won't be closed more than 4 hours. Mr. Cline made a motion to approve the Special Event Request and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Chief Heffelfinger made a request to increase the pay of all of his officers to the top number in their pay range. Once this is done, the department will perform evaluations and use the evaluation to determine pay increases for 2024. He would like to have the pay increase take effect in September. The Board made no comment.

Chief Heffelfinger reported that he has not received any applications for the open position. One person did inquire about the pay rate.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Jimmie Eck reported that most of the trees have been cut down at their new training center and should be done by the end of the week. They are also going to take down the old tornado siren behind the PD for them.

Streets / Parks

Mayor Hartman reported that the playground at South Side Park will be renovated from October 16th thru the 20th. There is a meeting with the design group on August 31st.

Water

Wastewater Superintendent Scott Lanning reported that the filter media inspection of the water plant was performed last week by Peerless. The visual inspection looked positive, but they are still waiting on the lab analysis.

Mr. Lanning also reported that both well pumps are stating to degrade due to the location of the chlorine inlet. They will be moving the inlet downstream so that the pumps are no damaged further once they are rebuilt.

IDEM also did a Drinking Water Inspection last Thursday. Everything was good, except he is missing three documents. The report should be good and only contain a few clerical follow-ups.

City Attorney

City Attorney Cedric Hollabaugh reported that he filed a petition for a tax deed on 101 North Pearl last week. He expects the City to gain ownership of the property within the next 30 to 60 days.

Clerk-Treasurer

Clerk-Treasurer Angela Eck presented the following Special Disbursement Request Forms



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Broadway Stormwater Project

Engineering Resources	\$2,307.18
Bowen Engineering	<u>\$92,821.25</u>
	\$95,128.43

North Broadway Project

Sewer Portion DRF 17	Engineering Resources	\$6,831
Sewer Portion DRF 18	Wessler Engineering	<u>\$1,192</u>
	Total	\$8,023

Water Portion DRF 17	Engineering Resources	\$10,246
Water Portion DRF 18	Wessler Engineering	<u>\$1,192</u>
	Total	\$11,438

Mr. Haywood made a motion to approve all of the special disbursement requests and Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that the Garbage Committee met and agreed that the City's best option is to renew the existing contracts for garbage and recycling with one possible change. They would like to look at reducing large item pickup to just quarterly. There was discussion. Clerk-Treasurer Eck will request the price difference with the possible change. Discussion was tabled until that price is known.

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Mr. Cline stated that there was glass in the alley next to the former Butler Efficiencies. A walk around should have been performed before they were given their new occupancy permit.

Mayor

Mayor Mike Hartman presented estimates for tuck pointing City Hall. One company didn't want to do the south wall and another one never returned his calls. Atlas Building Services quoted a price of \$48,773 to do the east and south walls. There was discussion. Mr. Haywood made a motion to award the work to Atlas and Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hartman presented Special Event Request forms for a Disc Golf Tournament to be held on September 9th at Maxton Park and the Christmas Bazaar to be held on November 11 and 12 at the City Barns. Mr. Cline made a motion to approve both events and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Audience

Laura Helbert of 202 West Oak stated problems and frustrations with stray cats in her neighborhood. The City Ordinance pertaining to animals hasn't been updated since 1993. She



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requested that the ordinance be updated and a provision added to stop residents from feeding strays. She would like to be part of the process.

Mr. Cline made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 pm and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



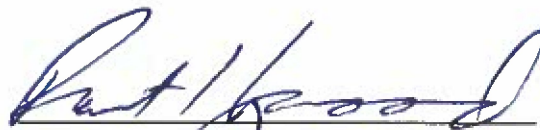
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