August 5, 2024
Board of Works

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Gale Ryan, Board of Works
Bob Haywood, Board of Works
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Mark Cline, Street Superintendent
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney
Matt Traster, Police Chief

Absent:

Scott Lanning, Utility Superintendent
Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief

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

The minutes from the July 15th meeting were presented. Mr. Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Hartman asked for comments or questions from audience pertaining to the agenda items. None

Payments and Vouchers
Pay Period 7/1 to 7/14 in the amount of $32,837.65
July Elected Pay in the amount of $5,371.54
Vouchers for the period 7/6 to 7/30 in the amount of $917,752.55
Mr. Haywood made a motion to approve the claims and vouchers as presented and Mr. Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Fire Department
Mayor Hartman handed out copies of a proposal from Fire Chief Ron Mausteller to add a 7th tornado siren to the City to Mr. Ryan and Mr. Haywood. He is not asking for approval this evening, he just wanted the Board to be aware of the costs.

Streets / Parks
Street Superintendent Mark Cline presented a quote from Sherwin Williams for a new line and curb paint sprayer. The current one stopped working and they are unable to repair it. The cost for a new one is $5,999. There was discussion on why additional quotes were not obtained. Both Mr. Cline and Mayor Hartman did some checking with various other supplies and the costs were all higher than Sherwin Williams. There was then discussion on how much painting remained for the

year, it appears to be a considerable amount. Mr. Ryan made a motion to approve the purchase of the paint sprayer and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Cline presented a quote from Deere & Company to replace two zero turn mowers. They only quoted from John Deere because no other company has a mulch on demand mower deck, and that option is used almost always by the mowing crews. It helps to keep the cemetery headstones clean and doesn't blow grass onto sidewalks. The purchase price for two replacement mowers is $10,456.16, this includes a trade-in of $17,500 for the two current mowers. Mr. Haywood made a motion to approve the purchase of two replacement mowers at a cost not to exceed $10,456.16 and Mr. Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer
Clerk-Treasurer Angela Eck presented the following Special Payment Requests:

LTCP Project DRF 68 to Donohue	$1,958
LTCP Project DRF 69 to Bowen	$201,013, includes last interest and bond revenue funds. $12,456.05 from city checking account
WW Asset Mgt Plan Grant, payment 12	$230
Stormwater Project to Donohue	$475
N. Broadway Water DRF 50 to Wessler	$4,250
N. Broadway Water DRF 51 to Bowen	$138,987

Mr. Ryan made a motion to approve the special payment requests as presented and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented proposed Resolution 24-658 that would increase the special purchasing threshold to $5,000. Mayor Hartman presented a letter from Scott Lanning stating that he saw no reason to increase the threshold. The purchasing threshold will remain at $3,000.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented a Special Event Request from Inspiration Ministries for their Serve Our City Day on September 14th. They would also like to close down the alley beside the Refuge Church for the event. Mr. Haywood made a motion to approve the special event request and Mr. Ryan seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that the 1999 Pierce Firetruck had been sold and requested permission for Mayor Hartman to sign the Bill of Sale and title for the truck. Mr. Ryan made a motion authorizing Mayor Hartman to sign the documents and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that she has noticed that the bubble on the front of the old Dime Store Building appears to be getting larger. She asked that it be inspected before the bricks fell down and injured someone. There was discussion. Mayor Hartman will call around and have someone come look at it.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck asked City Attorney Don Stuckey if he had closing dates set for the city lots that were being sold. Mr. Stuckey stated that he has run into an issue with the title company. They are requiring a Quiet Title, which will add about another 45 days to the process.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck reported that a live bat was found inside City Hall. She has a bat eviction company coming to look at the building later in the week.

Board of Works Members
Mr. Ryan asked Mayor Hartman if the demolition on the R&R Building and Engineered Materials Building is now complete. Mayor Hartman stated that there is just a little bit of cleanup left to do. Mr. Ryan then asked if the building has been deemed stable since the entire north end is now open. Mayor Hartman stated that the building is stable and that he and Mr. Cline have had discussions on how to close the building up to keep vandals out.

Audience
Daniel Fuller of 417 North Ash asked if the City was going to patch the potholes on West Main Street. Mr. Cline stated that is a state highway and that INDOT is responsible for it. Mr. Cline will reach out to INDOT tomorrow and find out when they plan on filling potholes. Mr. Fuller then asked about Ash Street, Mr. Cline replied that it will be milled and resurfaced within the next couple of weeks.

Mayor
Mayor Hartman reported that Reese Excavating ran into an issue with the demolition of the Engineered Materials building. There was a void under the cement slab and he could not safely put his equipment on it to clear out debris. This then created a timing issue with the abatement company that was taking care of the hazardous materials. Mayor Hartman gave Reese permission to haul in additional sand and dirt so that he could get his equipment where it needed to be and continue with the demolition project. This increased the price of the demolition by about another $5,000. Clerk-Treasurer Eck stated that she may need to do an additional appropriation to cover that additional cost.

Mayor Hartman reported that he terminated the contract with Wessler Engineering that pertained to construction inspection. He and Street Superintendent Mark Cline have not been happy with the way the paving project for this year has gone. Wessler missed two blocks of curbing on Walnut Street and all of the driveway approaches. Mayor Hartman called INDOT to discuss the issues with them and how it involves the Community Crossings Grant. It was determined that Wessler overpriced certain aspects of the project and left several others out.

Mr. Ryan stated that Mayor Hartman should not have terminated the contract without approval from the Board of Works. There was discussion. Mayor Hartman stated that was the reason why he was bringing it up now. He would like the Board to go ahead and make a motion to terminate the contract after the fact.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to terminate the contract with Wessler Engineering in the amount of $6,200. Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mike Hartman
Mayor

Board of Works

Angela M. Eck
Clerk-Treasurer

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