



September 18, 2023
Board of Works

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Eric Johnson, Board of Works
Bob Haywood, Board of Works
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Jimmie Eck, Fire Chief
Mark Heffelfinger, Police Chief
Cedric Hollabaugh, City Attorney
Scott Lanning, Wastewater Superintendent
Vivian Likes, City Planner

Absent:

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

The minutes from the September 5th meeting were presented. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Payments and Vouchers

Pay Period 8/28 to 9/10 in the amount of \$35,684.20

Vouchers for the period 9/6 to 9/18 in the amount of \$226,909.14

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

Utility Billing Adjustment Requests:

2023-47 for various write-offs for the total amount of \$3,003.99

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the adjustment and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Board also considered a special adjustment request from the residents at 501 North Beech Street. They requested that the summer sprinkling credit be extended because they have recently seeded a portion of their yard. There was discussion. Mr. Haywood made a motion to deny the request because it sets a bad precedence and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Planning & Community Development

City Planner Vivian Likes reported that the Economic Development Commission would be meeting to consider a tax abatement request from Multimatic for the purchase of new equipment. They will be installing over \$12 million dollars' worth of new equipment.



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City Attorney Cedric Hollabaugh presented a Site Access Agreement from Indiana Brownfields for 101 North Pearl (former Engineered Materials Building). This agreement will allow Indiana Brownfields to conduct necessary testing on the property before any cleanup occurs. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the access agreement and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Hollabaugh reported that the Consumer Price Index for Garbage and Recycling was 5.9% in August. He and Clerk-Treasurer Eck suggest that it is in the City's best interest to renew the existing contracts instead of bidding garbage and recycling out. The current providers would need to agree to the price increase according to the Consumer Price Index. There was discussion. Mr. Johnson made a motion to renew the existing Garbage and Recycling Collection contracts, pending agreement from the providers. Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Hollabaugh reported that there is a federal law in place to prevent identity theft from utility customers. This requires the Clerk-Treasurer's Office to periodically review the procedures in place and update them as necessary. Her office has reviewed the procedures and have requested that several minor changes be made. The Board of Works needs to approve the changes before an Ordinance can be presented to Council for them. There was discussion. Mr. Haywood made a motion to approve the changes and present the Ordinance to Council this evening and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer

Clerk-Treasurer Angela Eck presented a quote from Allstar Communications to install all new cabling at the water tower for the IT infrastructure. The cables will all be inside the new conduit that was installed on the water tower when it was upgraded. The project will also include creating a full diagram of the equipment and organizing the IT Shed. The total estimated cost would be \$12,257.44. Scott Lanning will be the one at the top of the tower doing the work up there. There was discussion. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the quote from Allstar and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented the following Special Disbursement Request Forms

Broadway Stormwater Project

Engineering Resources \$5,979.45

North Broadway Project

Sewer Portion DRF 19 Engineering Resources \$5,417

Water Portion DRF 19 Engineering Resources \$8,126

Mr. Haywood made a motion to approve the Disbursement requests and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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Bill Haselmire, the General Manager from GFL presented information about their company and how they could bundle together garbage and recycling. He stated that they would be able to beat the cost from Waste Management.

Mr. Haywood made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 pm and Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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