



January 20, 2025
Board of Works

Present:

Mike Hartman, Mayor
Bob Haywood, Board of Works
Justin Smith, Board of Works
Angela Eck, Clerk-Treasurer
Gavyn Aden, Wastewater Superintendent
Mark Cline, Street Superintendent
Andrew Provines, City Planner
Cory Rowe, Assistant Police Chief
Donald Stuckey, City Attorney

Absent:

Ron Mausteller, Fire Chief
Braxton Minkey, IT Specialist
Matt Traster, Police Chief

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

The minutes from the January 6th meeting were presented. Mr. Haywood made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Smith 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

Anton King from the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership reported that he had sent Mayor Hartman the information that was requested at the January 6th meeting. Mayor Hartman then forwarded it to the Board of Works members. The information that was sent included budget information, a list of projects, a review of CEDIT taxes received over the past ten years and compared everything to the DCEDP fees. By going back to 2017, the DCEDP had a total of 17 projects in Butler which resulted in 407 new jobs and the retainage of 1900 jobs.

Mr. Haywood asked Mr. King what he does to assist existing businesses and to bring in new business. Mr. King stated that he helps them to find various incentives, gets them connected to the State of Indiana, works with Workforce Development. He also assists with various annual compliance forms and marketing.



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Mr. Smith asked Mr. King if he could give more information on what could be coming for late 2025 and 2026. Mr. King stated that he is working on the Gateway Development Project (former Bohn Aluminum site), filling the vacant buildings, housing opportunities and commercial opportunities in Butler.

There was more discussion on "wins" and what happens to obtain those wins.

Mr. Smith stated that he is struggling to find the return on investment of the City's \$20,000 fee for services. He needs reassurance that the services Mr. King provides are worth the \$20,000 expense.

Mr. King stated that he meets with the Mayor monthly to go over potential leads and what Butler is looking for. Mr. King stated that not all areas of the county have great development every year, there are good years and bad years. He is working to attract development that is a good fit for what Butler is looking for.

There was discussion on how social assistance and healthcare are defined in the information that Mr. King provided. Mr. Smith made a motion to table a decision on the fee for the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership until Mr. King can provide more information on what is included in "social assistance". Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Payments and Vouchers

Pay Period 12/30 to 1/12 in the amount of \$45,787.21

Vouchers for the period 1/6 to 1/14 in the amount of \$405,970.75

Mr. Smith 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:

2025-06, 212 East Main. Resident requested an adjustment for the water usage as well. Credit water \$55.52

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

Fire Department

Mayor Hartman reported that Fire Chief Mausteller received an estimate of \$5,291 for fire hose testing from National Hose Testing Specialties. This is cheaper than paying points to the volunteers for the testing. Mr. Haywood made a motion to accept the estimate of \$5,291 and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



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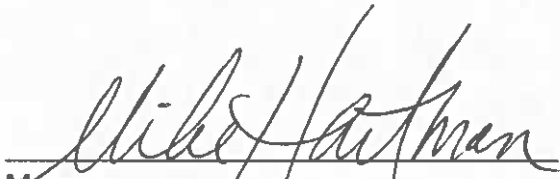
Attorney

City Attorney Don Stuckey reported that he was notified that the Old Dime store Building on South Broadway was sold at tax sale. The purchaser is from Hamilton.

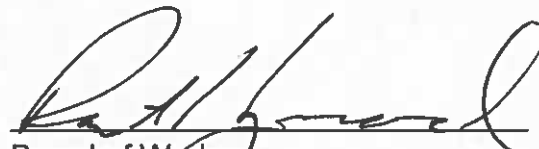
Clerk-Treasurer

Clerk-Treasurer Eck presented the final Special Payment Disbursement Request for the 2021 Long-Term Control Plan. DRF Interest Payment 3 going to Donohue in the amount of \$9.55. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the special payment request with Mr. Haywood seconding. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Haywood made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.



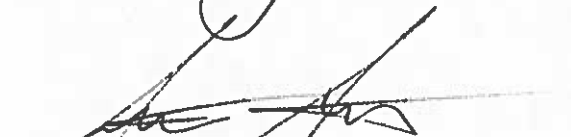
Mayor



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