

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
REGULAR MEETING
January 24, 2024

The Board of Public Works and Safety met for a regular session at City Hall on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. CST with the following members present: Mayor Dennis Estok; Clerk-Treasurer Cyndi Kidder; Board Member Steve Dodge. Board Member Jim Collins, and City Attorney Autumn Ferch where absent.

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Steve Dodge made a motion to remove #4 Approval of New Hire – Police Department from the Agenda. Mayor Estok seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING (12/27/23)

Minutes of the previous regular meeting were mailed to the Board Members prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Steve Dodge to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: AWARD: 2024 STREET PAVING

Mayor Estok opened the Three (3) sealed bids that were received.

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| 1. Rieth-Riley | \$341,905.00 |
| 2. E & B Paving | \$369,470.00 |
| 3. Milestone Contractors North | \$421,410.00 |

Mayor Estok made a motion awarding the bid to Rieth-Riley with the lowest bid of \$341,905.00, upon Street Superintendent Jef Borg and City Attorney Autumn Ferch's review and approval. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and NO (0) nays.

RE: PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Ken Pfof presented quotes for New Extraction Equipment from Holmatro Mastering Power. Chief Pfof spoke to the Board about the need for this new equipment and he asked for permission to spend \$74,640.19 on it. Mayor Estok made a motion approving the purchase of the new extraction equipment, pending a review by the City Attorney Autumn Ferch. Steve Dodge seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of Two (2) Ayes and No (0) Nays.

RE: 253 E WASHINGTON – UPDATE

The property owner was present at the meeting and Director Boley updated the Board as to where the progress lays. A discussion was held about what must be

done to the property and the house. Steve Dodge made a motion giving until the May Board meeting for all repairs to be completed. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: MELVIN ZEITERS PROPERTY UPDATES

Director Boley updated the Board on the 10 rental units owned by Melvin Zeiters. 5 of the 10 units are not inspected due to the owner not allowing Director Boley entrance into the units. Mayor Estok made a motion for Director Boley to continue with the fines and penalties for non-compliance and to apply for the inspection warrants. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: NORTH OF 18 S MAIN STREET – BURNDT BUILDING

Director Boley received a return correspondence from the owner, he is denying the violation of Ordinance #1096 and the unsafe building law. The paperwork will be given to the City Attorney for further action.

RE: 18 S MAIN STREET – UPDATE (DOWNTOWN DEPOT)

A short discussion was held regarding 18 S Main Street. Mayor Estok made a motion to put the property under enforcement as unsafe and requested the owner to get an engineering report. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley informed the Board that the Resource Center on Lake Street will have a dumpster on their property for a few weeks. They are cleaning up after a fire.

Street Superintendent Jef Borg updated the Board on the data collection required to be reported to IDEM. Last year 253 dump truck loads of brush were picked up, 76 dump truck loads of leaves picked up and 238 tons of leaves picked up by the vacuum truck. The street crew are finally using up the salt supply and doing lots of plowing. Ron in the Park Department has been helping plow and salt the streets.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the Board his crew has been working on the jetter trailer, we assisted the Water Department, shoveling snow and plowing snow at the plant. Jamie Dowd installed a new manhole cover on John Street. Arco calibrated all the gas sensors in the headworks building. We responded to Two after hour calls for plugged sewer lines. The City sewer lines were flowing fine, advised customers to have their lines routed out. At 307 S Fisher we dealt with sewer on the ground, the customer had a broken cap and her sewer lines were backing up.

Police Chief Chad Dulin informed the Board that the Charger Police Cruiser is in the shop. They also had 2 big car accidents recently.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald was absent, but Mayor Estok read his report. The Water Crew has repaired 2 laterals that Surf broke on Lambert Street. The leak at Jack and Diane's was a corroded bolts on a hydrant. The water crew responded to 7 frozen water lines. One was our issue frozen meter. The Clearwell refurbishment has been completed and numerous locates have been done. A fire hydrant in Parkview was hit by a car, waiting on parts. This caused Parkview to under a boil water advisory. Superintendent Lindewald is asking permission to purchase an enclosed trailer for the department to use on job sites. Mayor Estok made a motion approving the purchase up to \$8,000.00 for the enclosed trailer. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the meeting upon motion was duly adjourned.

Dennis Estok, Mayor

Attest: _____
Cyndi Kidder, Clerk-Treasurer