

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

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

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA

Steve Dodge made a motion, seconded by Mayor Estok, to add an amendment to the agenda. "Territorial Engineering – Henry Drive Extension Project". Motion passed with Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES REGULAR MEETING 3/27/24

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: TERRITORIAL ENGINEERING – HENRY DRIVE EXTENTION PROJECT

Bob Alois with Territorial Engineering informed the Board about the Henry Drive Extension Project and the bid process. The bids received will be opened at the May 22nd meeting. A short discussion was held.

RE: RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL – ORDINANCE 2024-OR3 – FEES AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO INSTALLATION OF TAP CONNECTIONS

Steve Dodge made a motion to approve the recommendation to Council for Ordinance 2024-OR3. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays.

RE: 328 W SPRUCE DRIVE – PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Estok opened the Public Hearing. The owner Brandon Davidson was present. Director Lonnie Boley informed the Board the property is under enforcement as unsafe. The owner informed the Board it is vacant now and he is working on repairs. Director Boley recommended no fees needed. Mayor Estok closed the public hearing.

RE: 304 E POTTER

Director Boley informed the Board that the property owner had the squatter removed and everything is now cleaned up. Director Boley recommended that no action is needed at this time.

RE: MELVIN ZEITERS PROPERTIES UPDATE

The owner Melvin Zeiters informed the Board that he has his contractors working with Director Boley to get his rentals up to code. Director Boley informed the Board that all of his rentals are registered now and all of them will be reinspected by May 17th.

RE: 18 S MAIN STREET – PUBLIC HEARING – DOWNTOWN DEPOT LOT 6

Mayor Estok opened the Public Hearing. Mr. Neuberg has requested a continuance on March 8th for the Public Hearing at the Board of Works Meeting on March 27th. The Public Hearing was rescheduled for the next Board of Public Works Meeting today. April 24, 2024, Mr. Neuberg was not present. A short discussion was held. The Board's findings were that the owner was in willful compliance on the following:

- The order to repair or demolish from February 9th, 2024.
- Providing proof of insurance
- Submitting an Indiana State Licensed Structural Engineer Report
- Failure to attend Public Hearing

Steve Dodge made a motion approving the penalty of \$5,000.00 for willful noncompliance. The motion was seconded by Mayor Estok and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays. Mayor Estok closed the Public Hearing.

RE: 401 E LAKE STREET

Mayor Estok opened the Public Hearing. The owner Mathew Zink was not present. Director Boley recommended the fee of \$2,500.00 for noncompliance. Mayor Estok made a motion approving the penalty of \$2,500.00 for willful noncompliance. The motion was seconded by Steve Dodge and passed by a vote of Two (2) ayes and No (0) nays. Mayor Estok closed the Public Hearing.

RE: SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Building and Code Compliance Director Lonnie Boley informed the Board about 109 S McGill. The property is owned by Mary Kwilin. Director Boley had to issue an emergency unsafe order and the police had to be involved. Director Boley had to have 2 camper trailers towed off the property.

Street Superintendent Jeff Borg informed the board that his Street Department guys have been mulching, stoning alleys, and picking up brush.

Water Superintendent Tim Lindewald informed the Board that his Water Department guys have completed the spring hydrant flush. They have also completed 250 locates, several work orders, read meters, changed 6 meters, and helped with splash pad repairs.

Chief of Police Chad Dulin informed the Board that he passed the Chief School and Officer Pittman passed the Academy.

Sewer Superintendent Jason Clemons informed the board that the sewer guys have cleaned the hydro cell unit and marked tons of locates. The Cummin's Service Tech serviced the wastewater generator. The ELZA Report to IDEM has been completed and inspected a temp sewer hookup with Lonnie. A citizen called in with an issue of their private sewer pump station, a subcontractor with Surf Internet cut both underground wires for power and alarm system.

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