

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA
APRIL 5, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME: Mayor Dan Eckstein welcomed everyone and called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Works and Public Safety at 5:00pm.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Ms. Kristi Bonewit, Ms. Pam Weiseman and Mayor Dan Eckstein. City Attorney, Brandon Murphy and Clerk-Treasurer, Dana Whatley were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Weiseman made a motion to accept the agenda. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Bonewit made a motion to accept the minutes of March 15, 2021 as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: There was discussion about a couple of claims submitted. One in particular – APV #7696 appears to have the wrong vendor reflected. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to accept the claims of \$649,557.64 with the exception of APV #7696 being clarified and vendor corrected. Mayor Eckstein seconded the motion. The vote to approve the claims was 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) RECEIVE BIDS FOR PHOSPHORUS TREATMENT PROJECT: The City received four sealed bids for the upcoming Phosphorus Treatment Project. The following bids were opened during this meeting and the total base bids are as follows:

- 1.) James S. Jackson, LLC - \$531,000
- 2.) Ottenweller Contracting - \$624,000
- 3.) Jutte Excavating, Inc. - \$462,900
- 4.) Central Industrial Contractors, Inc. - \$399,705

These bids will be taken under advisement and a decision will be made at the April 19, 2021 meeting.

B.) M. MCKISSACK – HIRE TWO NEW OFFICERS: Following interviews held between the Board of Works and these two candidates, Ms. Weiseman made a motion to offer conditional employment opportunity pending passing PERF to both Mr. Garrett and Mr. Cavanaugh. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

- 1.) C. GARRETT
- 2.) D. CAVANAUGH

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) T. WILLIAMSON – RAW SLUDGE PUMP REBUILD AND/OR REPLACEMENT

QUOTE: Mr. Williamson explained that this pump was initially installed in 1961 and it was rebuilt in the 1970's and again in the 1980's. He presented two quotations from B.L. Anderson. One for the repair of the pump and the other for the replacement of the pump. He explained that B.L. Anderson is the only distributor for the Wemco pump in the tristate area. Mr. Williamson stated that based on the age of the pump he would recommend that the pump be replaced. He also stated that he has the funds in his department to pay for this pump. Mayor Eckstein made a motion that we replace this pump and gave Mr. Williamson direction to move forward to City Council for approval. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to move forward was 3-0.

B.) M. MCKISSACK – SPEND OVER \$5,000 FOR FIREARMS: Mr. McKissack asked to have this topic tabled until the May meeting so he can be on the City Council's agenda. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to table until the May meeting. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to table was 3-0.

C.) J. THOMAS – INDOT SIDEWALK CONTRACT: Mr. Thomas reminded the Board of Works that the City received a Federal Sidewalk Grant 2 ½ years ago. It will effect North Jefferson St. from Kentucky Ave. to Park Avenue and then to the west on Park Ave. to High Street. INDOT has given Mr. Thomas the green light to start this project in September 2021. He is presenting the LPA Consulting Contract for the Board's approval and signatures this evening. Ms. Weiseman made the motion to approve this contract. Mayor Eckstein seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

BOARD INPUT:

A.) MAYOR ECKSTEIN – He stated that the Board of Works will need to schedule an executive session for disciplinary action regarding a city employee. It was decided to schedule this executive session on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 5:00pm and then immediately following this hearing the Board of Works will hold a special session at 6:00pm to make an official decision about this employee. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to hold an executive session of the Board of Works on April 14, 2021 at 5:00pm and then following with a special session at 6:00pm. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

B.) CLERK-TREASURER WHATLEY - Ms. Whatley introduced the Deputy-Clerk Treasurer, Diana Heishman who was in attendance this evening.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Ms. Bonewit made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

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