

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA
AUGUST 21, 2023**

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: Mayor Eckstein, Ms. Pam Weiseman, and Ms. Kristi Bonewit were present. Clerk-Treasurer Dana Whatley was also present. Attorney Brandon Murphy was absent.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2023: Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the minutes of August 7, 2023 as submitted. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Ms. Bonewit made a motion to accept the claims totaling \$542,229.31 as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) PASTOR TROY KAUFMAN – CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM: Mayor Eckstein explained that Pastor Kaufman was unable to attend the meeting tonight. He will be reaching out to all department heads to talk with them.

B.) JEFF THOMAS - B.C. EXTENDED MEDICAL LEAVE: Mr. Thomas explained that employee B.C. will be returning to work on 9/7/23 per doctor's note. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the medical leave until 9/7/23. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

C.) DANA WHATLEY – K.B. EXTENDED MEDICAL LEAVE: Ms. Whatley explained that employee K.B. will be having a medical procedure and will be off work until 9/13/23. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to approve the medical leave for K.B. until 9/13/23. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

BOARD INPUT:

A.) PAM WEISEMAN – Ms. Weiseman mentioned a Facebook post she read where a Sheriff's deputy gifted his award that he earned for Top DUI arrests to Caitlin Strait and her family. Ms. Strait mentioned the Blackford County Sheriff's Department and the Hartford City Police Department for their efforts in keeping impaired drivers off the road. Ms. Weiseman gave kudos to those departments.

B.) CHIEF NICK PARROTT – JADEN REUM 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY – Chief Parrott explained that Mr. Reum has completed his 1-year probationary period effective today 8/21/23. He asked permission to raise Mr. Reum’s salary to the 1st class firefighter status. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to raise Mr. Reum’s salary effective 8/21/23. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

C.) MAYOR ECKSTEIN - Mayor Eckstein reminded everyone of how hot it is supposed to be over the next few days. He asked the utility department superintendents to make sure that all employees are safe and if possible, during the hottest part of the day maybe they could find projects that could be done indoors.

1.) ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Ms. Bonewit made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:09pm.

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