

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT  
MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA  
FEBRUARY 6, 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:** Ms. Pam Weiseman, Ms. Kristi Bonewit and Mayor Dan Eckstein were present. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Dana Whatley. Attorney Brandon Murphy was absent.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2023:** Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2023 as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Ms. Weiseman made a motion to accept the claims totaling \$963,622.16 as submitted. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A.) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT:** Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve the Economic Development Agreement as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**B.) LATERAL TRANSFER PROCESS FOR THE HCPD:** After some discussion, Mayor Eckstein made a motion to approve the Lateral Transfer process. He noted that the Board prefers that the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of vacation would be available after the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of employment. He also stated that the Board of Works will support whatever City Council ultimately decides. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**C.) WATER PROJECT:** Mayor Eckstein stated that we are still waiting on OCRA to give us the green light to proceed. Therefore, no action was taken on this topic tonight.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.) BILL BACON – SPEND OVER \$10,000 FOR NEW WELL MOTOR:** Mr. Bacon explained that he had a well motor that burned up. He paid \$14,000 for the new motor and labor to install. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to move forward to Council. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to move forward was 3-0.

**B.) TRAVIS WILLIAMSON - QUOTES FOR NEW GENERATOR:** Mr. Williamson explained that this generator is part of the CSO Phase III upgrades. He presented 3 quotes for the generator

equipment only. The installation costs will be quoted later. After reviewing the quotes it was his recommendation to go with Evapar as they had the lowest bid and they have worked with the City before. He also stated that this expenditure will be paid out of the 2022 Sewer CSO bond proceeds. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to move this forward to the Council. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to move forward was 3-0.

**C.) AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE NEW CITY MECHANIC'S**

**SALARY:** Clerk-Treasurer Whatley explained that she has updated the salary resolution to reflect the new wage for the City Mechanic. It is split 50/50 between the Sanitation Department and MVH. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve the amended salary resolution. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve the amended salary resolution was 3-0.

**BOARD INPUT:**

**A.) LIGHT FARMS FARM RENTAL AGREEMENT:** Mayor Eckstein explained that it's time to renew the annual farm lease agreement. He stated that Light Farms has been farming this property for years. He presented an agreement that they will pay \$285 per acre for a total sum of \$35,625.00. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve this agreement. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**B.) KB EXTENDED SICK LEAVE:** Clerk-Treasurer Whatley presented a doctor's note for employee K.B. dated from 1/25/23 – 1/31/23. This employee is asking to take extended sick leave through 2/3/23. This employee has an upcoming doctor's appointment and can obtain another doctor's note with the dates through 2/3/23. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to approve the extended leave pending receipt of an updated doctor's note with the appropriate dates. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**C.) STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS:** Mayor Eckstein reminded everyone that the State of the City will be held on February 8, 2023 at noon at City Hall.

**D.) PARKS DEPARTMENT – NEW SIGNAGE:** Dale Martin explained that he is requesting permission from the City Council to spend over \$10,000 for 6 new signs to be placed in each park. The total amount for the signs is \$15,044.46. The Parks Department has obtained a grant from the Blackford Community Foundation to pay for this.

**E.) TRAVIS WILLIAMSON:** Mr. Williamson explained that Cobalt is starting to move in equipment for the CSO project. They will be starting work in the Oaks first in a couple of weeks.

**F.) BILL BACON:** Mr. Bacon stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the Water Department will be held on May 12, 2023. Last year's event was very well received and drew a lot of attention from groups outside of Hartford City. They will be hosting this event to a couple of other groups as well as all the 4<sup>th</sup> graders from BIS.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With there being no further business, Ms. Weiseman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:41pm

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