

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA
SEPTEMBER 5, 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. Attorney Patrick Wright and Clerk-Treasurer Dana Whatley were also present.

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 AUGUST 21, 2023: Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2023 as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Ms. Bonewit made a motion to accept the claims totaling \$1,288,851.66 as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) MIKE KLEINPETER – OCRA EXTENSION/MODIFICATION: Mr. Kleinpeter addressed the board regarding the change in the scope of work and extension needed for the contract for their services. The city decided at the beginning of the water project to change engineers, which saved the city money but did add more paperwork, a change in the scope of work and caused a need for an extension with OCRA. OCRA did approve the extension until May 30, 2024. Mr. Kleinpeter presented an amended contract for approval by the Board of Works to allow for the cost increase and timeline change. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve the amended contract. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

B.) 1ST READING – RESOLUTION 2023-01 – SALARY ORDINANCE FOR 2024: Mayor Eckstein explained that the objective of this administration was employee retention in all departments and that is the reason we focused so much on employee pay increases. There was some discussion, and all questions were answered to the board's satisfaction. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve the 1st reading of Resolution 2023-01. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve the 1st reading of Resolution 2023-01 was 3-0.

BOARD INPUT:

A.) POLICE CHIEF CODY CROUSE – EMPLOYEE T.C. DOCTOR RELEASE: Chief

Crouse explained that T.C. received a release to return to work for light duty. Chief Crouse stated that the police department doesn't typically have a light duty policy, however he currently has a project in the evidence room that he would be eligible to do. T.C.'s doctor expects a return to full duty on October 11, 2023. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to allow employee T.C. to return to light duty work on September 11, 2023 working on the specified project. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

B.) MAYOR ECKSTEIN: Mayor Eckstein told everyone that the city is planning a 9/11 remembrance ceremony on Monday, September 11, 2023 at Veteran's Park at 10am. He asked that as many city employees who can attend to please do so.

1.) ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Ms. Weiseman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:27pm.

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