

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA
OCTOBER 3, 2022**

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. Attorney Brandon Murphy and Clerk-Treasurer Dana Whatley were also present.

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: Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the minutes of September 19, 2022 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 \$341,442.19 as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) TRAVIS WILLIAMSON – HARTFORD IRON & METAL IDEM PERMIT STATUS:** Mr. Williamson said there has been no update on this matter. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to table this topic until the November 7, 2022 meeting. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to table was 3-0.
- B.) JEFF THOMAS – CITY MECHANIC POSITION:** Mr. Thomas explained that he had no applications submitted for the mechanic’s position that was advertised. After brainstorming with the mayor and others they decided to combine efforts between some of the departments to create a City-Wide Mechanic’s position that hopefully will find a qualified diesel mechanic who would want to make a career working for the city. He stated that all departments apart from the Wastewater Department will be participating in this new position. The Wastewater Department currently employs their own mechanic, which will remain the same. With the combination of departments contributing to this position’s wage, it will become a much more competitive wage with other positions in the private sector.

The salary breakdown will be as follows:

Department of Public Works:	\$49,500
HCPD	8,000
HCFD	5,000
Water Department	5,000
Parks Department	3,000
TOTAL WAGE	\$70,500

Ms. Weiseman made a motion to move forward with advertising for this new position with an annual salary of \$70,500. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

- C.) **2ND READING OF RESOLUTION 2022-01:** Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-01. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve Resolution 2022-01 was 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) **CODY CROUSE – LOAN PROPOSALS FOR NEW VEHICLES:** Chief Crouse presented a list of three quotes from local financial institutions for the purchase of 2 to 4 new police cars. Chief Crouse explained that he will be asking the City Council for approval to spend over \$5,000 to purchase these cars. It is his wish to purchase four cars if possible. With the three quotes from First Financial Bank, VIA Credit Union and Citizens State Bank, Citizens came back with the best interest rate of 4.03% for 4 years for the total of \$195,000 for four cars.

Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve using Citizens State Bank's financing pending approval from the City Council to spend over \$5,000. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

- B.) **EARLY PAYOFF OF WATERWORKS 2013 BOND WITH 1ST FINANCIAL BANK:** Mayor Eckstein explained that the Water Department will be paying off the 2013 bond about 1 year early. They will be paying it off out of the Debt Service fund. He asked the Board of Works to approve letting himself and/or the Clerk-Treasurer be signatories to this document. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to let the mayor be the signatory of this document. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

BOARD INPUT:

- A.) **BILL BACON – J.M. MAJOR MEDICAL DAYS:** Mr. Bacon asked the Board of Works to please consider granting employee J.M. 10 days' major medical leave for the birth of his daughter. Mr. Bacon stated that he will provide the doctor's note as soon as he receives it. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the ten major medical days pending receipt of the doctor's note. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.
- B.) **EMPLOYEE M.M. –** This employee came to tonight's meeting to make sure everyone knew that he would be released from Workman's Comp on 10/5/22 and wanted to know how to proceed with his forthcoming suspension. He wanted clarification as to how many actual days the suspension would be and what the scheduling would look like upon his return. It was clarified by the Board that the suspension was 35 days and Chief Crouse stated that he would be in contact with him to discuss the scheduling.

C.) NO QUORUM FOR OCTOBER 17, 2022 MEETING: Mayor Eckstein stated they will not have a quorum of Board of Works for the October 17, 2022 meeting. The plan will be to meet again on November 7, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Ms. Bonewit made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:28pm

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