

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA
NOVEMBER 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: 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. 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 OCTOBER 16, 2023: Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2023 as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 2-0-1. Mayor Eckstein abstained because he was not present for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Ms. Weiseman made a motion to accept the claims totaling \$824,684.97 as submitted. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) RECEIVE SEALED BIDS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT: Mr. Travis Williamson with the Wastewater Plant explained the detail of this project. Mr. Troy Casey with United Consulting opened and read the sealed bids. The bids opened are as follows:

- 1.) **R.E. CROSBY, INC. – FT. WAYNE, IN** – BASE BID \$705,507.00 with NO voluntary alternate.
- 2.) **JAMES S. JACKSON CO., LLC – BLUFFTON, IN** -BASE BID \$774,000.00 with NO voluntary alternate.
- 3.) **JUTTE EXCAVATING, INC. – FT. RECOVERY, OH** – BASE BID \$682,500.00 with NO voluntary alternate.
- 4.) **R.G. ZACHRICH CONSTRUCTION, INC. – DEFIANCE, OH** – BASE BID \$701,500.00 with NO voluntary alternate.

Mayor Eckstein explained that the Board of Works would take these bids under advisement and let Mr. Williamson and United Consulting review all bids presented.

B.) HIRING OF NEW WATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE: Mr. Bill Bacon explained that he and the Board of Works conducted interviews of the eligible candidates for this position. It was his recommendation to hire Mr. Dennis Maddox and begin his employment on November 13, 2023. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to offer this position to Mr. Maddox. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

C.) CHIEF CROUSE:

- 1.) **AXON ENTERPRISES CONTRACT:** Chief Crouse explained that they have received a renewal of the contract that supports the Police Department's body cameras. He asked for permission to enter into this contract providing that the council approves the funding. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the contract providing the council approves the funding. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

- 2.) **MAJOR MEDICAL DAYS APPROVAL FOR EMPLOYEE D.J.:** Chief Crouse explained that employee D.J. requested to use 4 major medical days and provided a doctor's note for those days. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve employee D.J. major medical days. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

BOARD COMMENTS: Mayor Eckstein reminded everyone that the City will be closed for business on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 for election day and Friday, November 10, 2023 for Veteran's Day. He thanked the Board of Works for their service over the past term and he thanked the department superintendents for their hard work as well.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Ms. Bonewit made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:14pm.

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