

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT  
MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA  
February 1, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:** Mayor Dan Eckstein welcomed everyone and called to order the meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety at 5:00pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Mayor Dan Eckstein, Ms. Pam Weiseman and Ms. Kristi Bonewit. Also present were City Attorney, Brandon Murphy and Clerk-Treasurer, Dana Whatley

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Weiseman noticed a typographical error on the January 19<sup>th</sup> minutes. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to amend the minutes correcting the error. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The motion to amend carried 3-0. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve the amended minutes was 3-0.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.) APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT FOR UNITED CONSULTING FEE CHANGE FOR N.**

**STATE ROAD 3 SEWER & WATER PROJECT:** Mayor Eckstein stated that Mr. Gillman has signed the paperwork and the Gillman project is officially a go. Mr. Keith Bryant with United Consulting said, with the addition of the high school and some changes made for Mr. Gillman, there is some additional work added, to the design. He is presenting tonight a supplemental agreement with the added scope of work of additional survey, design and permitting that the original agreement didn't include. Mr. Bryant shared they will be adding 3,600 additional feet, to pick up the high school. United Consulting wants to get started as soon as possible after this agreement is approved. Mayor Eckstein stated that Greg Martz can't go forward, with the scope of financing, without the design. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to approve the supplemental agreement No. 1. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**B.) WWTP – PHOSPHOROUS TREATMENT PROJECT FINALIZATION AND REQUEST TO SOLICIT CONSTRUCTION BIDS:**

Mr. Williamson reminded the Board of Works that they had already approved this project back in March 2020. Mr. Keith Bryant stated that this project is required to meet the new phosphorous permit limits, at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, determined by IDEM. Mr. Bryant shared that the design is 95% finished and was submitted to IDEM. They now have the construction permits. They have evaluated and determined the best

time to put this out for bids. They are suggesting advertising for bids by February 22, 2021 and receiving bids, at the Board of Works meeting on April 5, 2021. Mr. Bryant states he believes we will receive our best bid numbers by doing it that way. He stated that IDEM has a construction start date of 8/1/21 and a finish date of 9/1/22. The plan is to finish the construction by the end of 2021 and that will give the Wastewater Treatment Plant 9 months to determine if there are any variables that need to be tweaked (i.e. adjusting chemical dosing, etc.) Mayor Eckstein made a motion to allow them to advertise for bids by February 22, 2021 and then entertain bids at the Board of Works meeting on April 5, 2021. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to proceed was 3-0.

**C.) T. WILLIAMSON – PERMISSION TO SPEND OVER \$5,000 PUMP REPAIR:** Mr. Williamson stated that on 1/21/21 the Wastewater Treatment Plant had a pump failure on one of their filter feed pumps. They have sent the pump into the company to troubleshoot the problem. It appears there has been wear that happened, on a large electrical cable that allowed water to get into the pump and ruin some of the bearings. This pump was installed new in 2016 and Mr. Williamson stated he would not recommend replacing it if it is repairable. He received a quote from B.L. Anderson of \$6,200 to repair. The cost to replace would be over \$19,000. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to move forward to City Council with his request to spend over \$5,000. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**D.) COVID-19 SICK PAY PROTOCOL:** Clerk Treasurer, Whatley informed the Board of Works that the government mandate for paid leave entitlements for COVID-19 expired on December 31, 2020. Not realizing that this mandate had lapsed, the city has followed these directions in January 2021. Ms. Whatley is asking that the Board of Works and City Council review this policy monthly going forward for now since the COVID-19 pandemic is still a very fluid situation. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to allow a consecutive period of time not to exceed 14 days, for any employee, who tests positive for COVID-19 or is instructed by the Health Department to quarantine. If additional time is needed outside of these 14 days the employee must provide the appropriate documentation to the Board of Works. This topic will be re-evaluated at the March 1, 2021 meeting. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

**E.) B. BACON – PERMISSION TO SPEND OVER \$5,000 FOR SEIZED UP WELL:** Mr. Bacon stated that Peerless Midwest did their annual inspection of the pumps & wells. During the inspection, they found a well tube that was seized up. Peerless will need to pull the well and take it back to their facility and go through it and see what the cause is and then re-install the well after it is fixed. The quote he received was a very rough estimate of approximately \$18,835.00. Ms. Bonewit made a motion for Mr. Bacon to move forward to City Council on spending more than \$5,000. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to move forward was approved 3-0.

**F.) B. BACON – PERMISSION TO SPEND OVER \$5,000 FOR A STREET SAW:** Mr. Bacon provided the Board of Works with an estimate to purchase a new street saw to replace the 23 year old one they currently have as it is worn out. Mr. Bacon stated that the Water Department and the Wastewater Treatment Plant plan on splitting the cost and sharing this piece of equipment. Ms.

Weiseman made a motion for Mr. Bacon to move forward to City Council for approval to spend more than \$5,000. Mayor Eckstein seconded the motion. The vote to proceed was 3-0.

**BOARD INPUT:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** With there being no further business, Ms. Bonewit made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

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