

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA
MARCH 18, 2024**

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 12:00PM.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Eckstein, Ms. Weiseman, and Ms. Bonewit were present. Clerk-Treasurer Dana Whatley, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Morgan Massey were present. Attorney Brandon Murphy was absent.

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 MARCH 4, 2024: Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2024 as submitted. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve the claims totaling \$1,507,179.64 as submitted. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve the claims was 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.) **AMENDED EXTENDED MEDICAL LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEE J.T.:** This employee was off work from 2/13/24 through 2/19/24. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to amend this medical leave to 5 extended sick days. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.
- B.) **RESIGNATION OF EMPLOYEE M.M.:** Ms. Weiseman made a motion to accept the resignation of this employee effective 3/14/2024. Mayor Eckstein seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 2-0-1. Ms. Bonewit abstained from this vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) **PURDUE EXTENSION CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT:** Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve this agreement. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve this contract was 3-0.
- B.) **CODY CROUSE – FLOCK CAMERA CONTRACT:** Chief Crouse stated that these cameras are license plate reading cameras. He explained the benefits of having these cameras mounted in the city limits and how they work with the county and throughout the state and entire country. He explained that we would have 8 cameras, 4 coming into the city and 4 going out. He advised them of the cost at the beginning and the amount due each year under the contract. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve the contract and move forward with approaching the City Council for funding approval. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve the contract and move forward was 3-0.

C.) CODY CROUSE – EMPLOYEE T.C. TWO WEEKS OF PARENTAL LEAVE: Chief Crouse explained that T.C.'s wife is due to deliver a baby within the next week. He is requesting two weeks parental leave during this time. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve this leave pending birthdate of baby and receipt of a doctor's note. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve pending birthdate of baby and receipt of a doctor's note was 3-0.

D.) CODY CROUSE – CERTIFIED EMT: Chief Crouse explained that the Police Department obtained a grant from the Blackford County Community Foundation for EMT training. He explained that Captain Joel Allred has completed his certification. He expects to soon have a second officer that will complete the program, as well.

BOARD COMMENTS:

A.) MAYOR ECKSTEIN:

1.) WWTP APPLYING FOR OCRA GRANT: Mayor Eckstein explained that the Wastewater Treatment Plant is applying for an OCRA grant for an upcoming project. We are working with Kleinpeter Consulting, and they need to start the Income Survey and Environmental Study piece of the application process. Mayor Eckstein asked for approval to enter this contract with Kleinpeter. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve for Mayor Eckstein to sign this contract and begin the application process. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

2.) STORMS THAT WENT THROUGH SELMA AND WINCHESTER, INDIANA: Mayor Eckstein explained that Winchester has reached out to him for help with the storm cleanup in their city. His assistant reached out to them, and they stated that they have enough equipment and are waiting to hear if they need people to come over to help. He stated that several city employees have volunteered to go and help if needed.

A.) ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Ms. Bonewit made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:26pm.

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