

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT  
MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA  
JANUARY 2, 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 5:00pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Eckstein, Ms. Pam Weiseman, and Ms. Kristi Bonewit were present. Attorney Brandon Murphy and Clerk-Treasurer, Dana Whatley, were 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 DECEMBER 18, 2023:** Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the minutes of December 18, 2023 as submitted. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

**A.) DOCKET #1 – 2023 BUDGET:** Ms. Bonewit made a motion to accept docket #1 for 2023 budget in the amount of \$838,504.62 as presented. Ms. Weiseman seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**B.) DOCKET #2 – 2024 BUDGET:** Ms. Weiseman made a motion to accept docket #2 for 2024 budget in the amount of \$18,958.27 as presented. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A.) ANIMAL SHELTER CONTRACT:** Mayor Eckstein stated that the verbiage is being changed on the contract. He stated that the total number of animals does not change nor does the \$45,000 budgeted amount change. He stated that once he has the updated contract from Attorney Murphy, he will forward it to the Animal Shelter. He will sign the contract once the Animal Shelter agrees to the terms. There was no other action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A.) JEFF THOMAS – CCMG ENGINEERING FEES:** Mr. Thomas explained that he is going to apply for a CCMG grant this month for a \$1.1 million dollar paving project for 2024. He explained that the city's match for this grant is 25% in the amount of \$279,000. He presented 3 bids from consulting companies to help with this application process. He shared these 3 bids:

- 1.) United Consulting - \$30,400
- 2.) AME Consulting - \$29,600
- 3.) USI Consultants, Inc. - \$15,000

Mr. Thomas gave his recommendation to go with USI Consultants, Inc. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to move forward with USI Consultants, Inc. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**B.) HCFD – EMPLOYEE JADEN REUM PASSED EMT TRAINING:** Assistant Fire Chief, Ron Kreischer explained to the board that Jaden passed his EMT training and is due to receive the \$700 annual pay for holding this certification. He asked for this to be effective immediately. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the certification pay. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

**A.) MAYOR ECKSTEIN:** Mayor Eckstein brought up that we had a citizen fall on a sidewalk downtown. The man was injured and was taken to the hospital for treatment. We reached out to our insurance company to make sure they were aware of the incident. The insurance company asked to see the ordinance that states the city sidewalks are the city's responsibility. After searching, it was decided that we do not currently have one that spells this out. Mayor Eckstein stated that we may need to have the City Council address this and draft an ordinance defines this. The gentleman is currently pursuing payment through Medicare.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With there being no further business, Ms. Bonewit made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:22pm.

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