

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY,  
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT  
MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF HARTFORD CITY, INDIANA  
JULY 6, 2020**

**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 5:30pm. Meeting was available to the public via Zoom Meeting. www.zoom.us Meeting ID: 832 2915 2549 PASSWORD: 814422

**ROLL CALL:** Members present were Kristi Bonewit, Pam Weiseman and Mayor Dan Eckstein. 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. Seconded by Ms. Weiseman. Vote to approve was 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Weiseman made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. Approved 3-0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:** Ms. Weiseman had a question regarding Colby Gray – APV 4816. She wanted clarification as to what the \$5,000 expenditure was for. Ms. Weiseman also had a question regarding the Needler project and subsequent bill from Ramseyer Excavating. She wanted clarification that we have all the final billing for that project. Ms. Weiseman had a suggestion that she would like to see any department heads that are utilizing local businesses (i.e. – local photography businesses) she would appreciate that they would get at least 2 bids for a job. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to approve the claims docket. Ms. Bonewit seconded the motion. The vote carried 3-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A.) CROWE - AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF THE CSO PROJECT.** Attorney Murphy stated that he agrees with the verbiage in the Crowe Agreement for the next step of the project. He recommend with the board's approval that we move forward. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to move ahead. Ms. Bonewit seconded. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**B.) ESTEBAN BRIZ – OOMA OFFICE – UPDATED PROPOSAL ON PHONE SYSTEM**  
Mr. Briz gave an update after visiting each individual department. He found a few red-flags about how the networks are handled and gave us some insight of how OOMA can help us. Attorney Murphy stated that Mainstream has a very strong termination clause in their contract. He stated that if we want out of the contract, we are obligated to make all remaining payments due which is excess of \$92,000. We currently have 19 months left on this contract with Mainstream. If we wish to terminate we must give written notice 12 months in advance but no sooner than 24 months. Mr. Murphy said that we are in that timeframe now and should seriously consider giving Mainstream notice of the City's wish to terminate our contract. He suggests that we do this sometime before February 2021. Attorney Murphy stated that he can't recommend terminating the contract early due to the liability we are presented with, in this contract. Ms. Weiseman & Ms. Bonewit want to take

the time we have now to look at options and do some investigating to what each department truly needs. No action was taken.

- C.) PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS** - Ms. Weiseman stated that after taking significant time reviewing applications and interviewing the Part-Time Police Officer Candidates, she would like to make a motion to extend a conditional offer of employment as a Part-Time Police Officer to Tyler Ingram. Seconded by Ms. Bonewit. The motion carried 3-0. The board stated that they will re-visit this topic as needed with any future part-time candidates.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.) BILL BACON – J. MCCAMMON EXTENDED TIME OFF** - Mr. Bacon is asking for permission for Mr. McCammon to be able to use 9 of his extended sick leave days due to birth of his baby. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to accept this. Ms. Bonewit seconded. The vote to approve was 3-0.
- B.) TRAVIS WILLIAMSON – J. MASSEY WAGE INCREASE** – Mr. Williamson is requesting a .28 cent an hour wage increase for Mr. Massey after completing his 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the apprenticeship program effective Monday, July 13, 2020. Ms. Bonewit made a motion to approve the pay increase effective July 13, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Weiseman. The vote carried 3-0.
- C.) MITCH HANSEL WITH FLEIS & VANDERBRINK – CCMG (COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCHING GRANT) FUNDING & APPLICATION** – Mr. Hansel explained about this CCMG grant and expanding the city's scope for the corridors that need street paving, sidewalks and drainage improvements. Mr. Hansel stated that for \$200,000 of paving work we can get \$600,000 of sidewalks corridors, road and drainage improvements. With COVID-19, the application process has been pushed back to September. Ms. Weiseman asked Jeff Thomas about the status of the roads as far as percentage left to pave. She also inquired if the remainder that needs to be paved will come from these funds. Mr. Thomas said that the cost would definitely come from these funds. Mr. Hansel and Mr. Thomas will meet in the next couple of months to assess things and apply for this grant. Mayor Eckstein made a motion to move forward with this process, seconded by Ms. Weiseman. The vote to approve was 3-0.
- D.) PHP ENROLLMENT RENEWAL** – This was presented to approve with no fee increase for 2021. There was discussion and strong recommendation that the City look into obtaining quotes from other insurance companies next year for the 2022 enrollment. Ms. Weiseman made a motion to approve the PHP renewal for 2021. Seconded by Ms. Bonewit. The vote to approve was 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Eckstein adjourned the meeting at 6:00pm