

Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting - Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 2012 - 1:30 p.m. – Audio Available

Call to order by: Mayor Fisel

Roll Call

Present: Board Members Bonnie Edgell, Tom Janes, and Mayor Patty Fisel, City Attorney Steve Hagen and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of

Motion to approve by: Seconded by: Vote:

Citizens Comments - None

Unfinished Business

1. Garage Door Openers for Fire Department

Chief Weaver was available to confirm that the pricing for the three quotes were comparable models and even have a lifetime warranty. The price included wall buttons and one opener for each truck.

Motion to approve the purchase of garage door openers from Lifetime Door and Operator in the amount of \$2590 by: Bonnie Edgell Seconded by: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes

New Business

1. Liquid Engineering Contracts

City Attorney Steve Hagen reviewed the contracts for cleaning of the retention tank at the water department. He expressed concerns and recommended tabling at this time.

***Motion to table the Liquid Engineering Contracts until the next BOW meeting by: Tom Janes
Seconded by: Bonnie Edgell Vote: All Ayes***

2. Jake Brake Sign Request

A letter received from a resident at 209 Northwood Street asked for a jake brake sign to be relocated. Prohibition of jake brake is by ordinance. Police Chief Bryan Shearer will look into the request and get back to the board.

***Motion to table the jake brake sign relocation request until the next BOW meeting by: Patty Fisel
Seconded by: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes***

3. Employee Pay Increase

A review was made of employee salaries. Water department employee Tim Buchanan currently holds both water licenses. In addition to his duties at the water department, he does maintenance projects citywide. He was hired in 2005 is currently at \$14.88 per hour. After discussion, recommendation was to raise Tim's pay by \$2.00 per hour to \$16.88 per hour.

***Motion to raise Tim Buchanan's pay from \$14.88/hour to \$16.88/hour effective 4-15-12 by: Patty Fisel
Seconded by: Tom Janes Vote: All Ayes***

Department Heads and Members of Administration

Police Chief Bryan Shearer: Mike Houser will graduate from the academy on April 13. Shearer and other members of the department will attend.

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver: Jeremy provided his yearend report to BOW members. Jeremy also informed the board that one of the tornado sirens is not working. He requested three quotes to replace the controller. To date, the only response has been from ERS in the amount of \$3000. Capital and Outdoor Warning Systems were the other two companies contacted.

Motion to accept the quote from ERS in the amount of \$3000 to repair the tornado siren by: Tom Janes
Seconded by: Patty Fisel ***Vote: All Ayes***

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle: Hydrant flushing will begin on Thursday, April 12, 2012 for the next 16 weeks. This may result in rusty water for residents. Jeff also thanked the city departments for their cooperation.

City Engineer Rick Pharis: Rick and his associate Jordan are visiting homes in the northeast side of the city to check basements to help determine how many homes might need pumps when the separation project is completed. To date they have visited 27 homes. Tentative closing on the SRF loan is May 7, 2012.

WWTP Superintendent Mark Schultz: Mark informed the board that Richard Moser returned from his FMLA on April 9. The department began land application of sludge this week. The street department personnel are hauling the sludge to the property. We will be able to apply twice as much as previously thought. Land application should result in a big savings. Normal sludge removal through Merrill Brothers costs average \$24,000 to \$26,000.

Mayor Patty Fisel: Mayor Fisel thanked the fire department and complimented Chief Weaver on the handling of the recent train derailment outside the city. Everything was handled very professionally. She commented that the IDEM rep also complimented Jeremy and the teamwork between all units involved. The Mayor also thanked the police department and all departments for their assistance.

The final layout plans for the new city hall were signed and approved. Triad is now working on the construction plans which they hope to have ready in about four to six weeks.

Citywide garage sales are this weekend. The week after is the citywide clean up at the street department. The Mayor was contacted by members of Dink Miller's family asking if they could use the clean up as a means of discarding an over abundance of material. It was determined they should not be allowed to use the citywide clean up, and recommendation is to have them contact the solid waste district or have their own dumpsters brought in. The matter of a future minimal charge for the citywide clean up was discussed. It was determined it should be discussed in a department head meeting then brought back to BOW.

Motion to table charging for the citywide cleanup to a later meeting by: Patty Fisel
Seconded by: Bonnie Edgell ***Vote: All Ayes***

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by: Tom Janes Seconded by: Bonnie Edgell