

Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting - Wednesday, April 25, 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 April 11, 2012

Motion to approve by: Bonnie Edgell

Seconded by: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

Citizens Comments - None

Unfinished Business

1. Liquid Engineering Contracts

Revised contracts from Liquid Engineering were received and reviewed by City Attorney Steve Hagen. All offending provisions were eliminated. Recommendation is that the five year contract be approved which locks in the annual price, which is paid annually.

Motion to approve the revised five year contract with Liquid Engineering by: Patty Fisel

Seconded by: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

2. Jake Brake Sign Request

City ordinance 619 currently limits jake brake use on Cavin Street, Lincolnway West, and Lincolnway South. It makes no reference to North or Northwood Streets. A revised ordinance would be necessary for inclusion of this area.

Motion to recommend an ordinance revision and new signs, including Northwood and North Streets in the jake brake ordinance by: Tom Janes

Seconded by: Bonnie Edgell

Vote: All Ayes

New Business - None

Department Heads and Members of Administration

Police Chief Bryan Shearer: Code enforcement officer Mike Alexander mailed 75 ordinance violation letters to residents. This list does include vacant homes and the department will provide extra patrol in these areas. Bryan also thanked the park department for taking care of the mowing of the properties and working with Mike.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette: Mike thanks the city departments for the help with the semi-annual citywide clean up last weekend.

City Engineer Rick Pharis: The engineers have visited 97 homes and the information regarding the basements and possible need of pumps in being compiled into a worksheet to determine what costs might be involved. The SRF funds cannot be used to fund pumps for residents according to City Attorney Hagen.

Casey's General Store has submitted most of their paperwork and is waiting on their state permits. They hope to purchase the property by May 1, 2012. The City will issue permits as soon as state approval has been received. A letter to Casey's will be drafted informing them of the same.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle: It was noted that certain signs on North and Northwood may be incorrect and is causing some problems. This will be forwarded to the plan commission for clarification and correction.

Jeff contacted Mr. Jackson regarding bricks from the garment building. The city would like to use them for a couple of sign projects. Mr. Jackson allowed the city to have the bricks at no charge. Jeff thanked the street department for their help in hauling the bricks.

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver: Three quotes were received for a new roof over the truck bays at the fire station. Pricing from all three was comparable. The quote from Pettigrew is a 15 year warranty with full replacement and is not prorated. They will tear down completely and rebuild. City attorney Hagen asked about confirmation of the manufacturer's warranty. Weaver said he would get the information for the next meeting.

Motion to table the roof repair decision until the next BOW meeting by: Patty Fisel

Seconded by: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

Board Member Tom Janes: Tom asked what the city intends to do with the recently received undistributed funds from the state. City Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn informed the board that council intends to transfer the funds to the rainy day fund by ordinance at the next council meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn: Barb informed the board that Robin Galloway was hired to replace Judy Mullet (who is retiring) as the utility billing clerk. Her start date is 5/1/12.

Barb asked about progress on the garment building as her office has received several complaints recently. The Mayor replied that it is owned by Discovery Express, a non-profit organization. Mike Alexander has been in contact, and it will become a legal issue. The City will have an obligation to enforce and take action. The building could be secured as an unsafe building however, the city would then be forced to pay the expenses of the building tear down.

Mayor Patty Fisel: The final floor plans for the new city hall were received from Triad and approved. They are working on the construction plans and bid packet.

The concrete "L" emblem from the old Ligonier High School was donated to the city by Dink Miller's family. Triad is designing a wall to be used at the quilt garden at Pettit Park. The Mayor hopes to acquire funding from one of the community foundations.

The park board is working on a contract and guidelines for the farmer's market and hope to open the market in early June. Thanks for all who are working on the project.

Verbal permission, which will be pursued in a written agreement, for an easement for the River Walk was reached with Mr. Bonilla, new owner of Bonilla's Tacos. He also owns property on the other side of the river.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by: Patty Fisel