

**Board of Public Works & Safety
and Park Authority Meeting**
Wednesday, February 23, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.
Ligonier City Hall • 301 S. Cavin St. • Ligonier, IN 46767

Call to order: Mayor Fisel

Roll Call

Present: Board Members Earle Franklin, Tom Janes, and Mayor Patty Fisel
City Attorney Jack Birch and Clerk-Treasurer Barb Hawn

Minutes from previous meeting of February 9, 2022

Motion to approve: Tom Janes

Second: Earle Franklin

Vote: All Ayes

New Business

Community Crossings Program – Bid Award

Two bids for the Community Crossing Program were received, Niblock and API Construction. Niblock was the low bid at \$517,080 for the streets project. In addition, the alley portion which is not part of the Community Crossings funds came in at \$33,219.50 and fire hydrant relocations came in at \$6,000.00. API's bid was higher than Niblock and they requested a project extension date to November 30, 2022 which was not acceptable. Triad recommended awarding the bid to Niblock.

Motion to award the project to Niblock for a total of \$556,299.50: Patty Fisel

Second: Earle Franklin

Vote: All Ayes

Motion to authorize Patty Fisel or Barb Hawn to sign the documents as appropriate to bind the city to the contract: Tom Janes

Second: Earle Franklin

Vote: All Ayes

IT Dept. – Go Keyless Door Locks Quote

IT Director Gary Cox provided a quote for the Go Keyless locks which are in the approved capital budget. The quote covers the locks and a three-year extended protection plan at a cost of \$10,385.62.

Motion to approve: Tom Janes

Second: Earle Franklin

Vote: All Ayes

IT Dept. – ERS Recorder Quote

IT Director Gary Cox provided a quote for the radio traffic and phone recording system which is in the approved capital budget. The plan includes five years of essential support service at a cost of \$37,158.68.

Motion to approve: Earle Franklin

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

Fire Dept. – Flame Trainer Quote

Fire Chief Weaver presented a quote for the Flame Trainer Virtual Training System which is in the approved capital budget at a cost of \$53,500.00

Motion to approve: Earle Franklin

Second: Tom Janes

Vote: All Ayes

WWTP – Truck Quote

Superintendent Kenny Sprague presented quotes for a new department truck. The Demo 2020 Ram 5500 cost is \$64,250 compared to a 2022 Ram 5500 at a cost of \$71,812.68, which would not be ready until March 2023. Kenny recommended going with the 2020 Demo Truck.

Motion to approve: Earle Franklin

Second: Patty Fisel

Vote: All Ayes

Department Heads and Members of Administration

Fire Chief Jeremy Weaver

- New station – The contractor is working on flooring in the living area. The building sign is up. Still need to hook up the electronic sign. The slide has been installed. The department appreciation dinner was held in the truck bay last weekend.

Street Superintendent Mike Burdette

- Dump truck is still in the shop – should have soon.
- Thanks to the other departments for help with the last snow
- We have another salt source here in town. We purchased a couple loads and we are trying with the next snow. It is a finer grade of ice melt and is much less expensive than the state salt bid. We will try it without mixing with sand to see how it works.

Park Director Travis Brimhall

- Indoor market at the Rec Center was Saturday. Had 24 vendors. Foot traffic was down.
- Sign up for soccer starts on March 7.
- Finalizing sign up for spring disc golf league. Through U-Disc app, our course had third highest amount of usage in northern Indiana.

Water Superintendent Jeff Boyle

- The bond issue we did last year covers three main projects, south tower painting, north tower painting, and a water line project. At the next meeting will have information on the south tower painting. Dixon will have a quote for them to be the coordinator of the project – putting the information together for the bidding and inspections. The north tower next year as well as the water line project will be bid next year.

City Engineer Rick Pharis

- The booster station on 33 – John Coussen has offered to donate property to us for expansion of the booster station on US 33 south of Lake City Bank. We will have to pay for the survey from Weber to have the property divided.

Building Inspector/Board Member Earle Franklin

- We received five new home applications in Park Meadow this week

Mayor Fisel's Comments

- Randy Mead from Ligonier Telephone contacted us regarding the addition of their new building. They will need to make some changes to the front of the existing building to tie the two together. The two poles that hold the banners we use for the city will need to be removed. They are willing to take the poles down. They will be installing a new digital sign and will be happy to help promote city events instead of using the banner.
- State of the City Address will be held on Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 pm

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Patty Fisel Second: Tom Janes


Barbara Hawn, Clerk Treasurer

Patricia Fisel
Patricia Fisel, Mayor