

Minutes for Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting 01/15/24

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The meeting began at 5:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Hileman, Superintendent Walls as well as Board of Works Member Hoepfner. Board of Works Member Heckley was not present.

Chief's Report: Not Present.

Superintendent's Report: There was a broken water main on Front Street and RD 101 that would be fixed around 1/18/24 as the weather was near zero degrees for the days following the meeting. Christmas lights will be taken down the week of 01/29/24. The lift station project is still moving forward with possible completion being in one month. Superintendent Walls presented bids for new trucks with plow packages. He stated that there was usually a 7 year turn around on new vehicles the city has purchased. Superintendent walls stated Diesel trucks typically showed no advantage in power compared to gas trucks and that we should opt for gas powered trucks.

After presentation, Mayor Kelsey moved to purchase the Chevy truck for \$46,770.00 and the plow for \$11,000 +/- 10%, second by Board of Works Member Hoepfner, All present in favor.

Superintendent Walls presented the board a flyer for an upcoming Superintendent's meeting that he and the city may benefit from. He will let us know at a later date if he is going to attend.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Kelsey stated he sent in a letter to Allen County in support of North American Cold storage's property being rezoned. He also sent a letter to Allen County in support of Gerber's Electric's property to be rezoned as well. He stated both parties are agreeable to annexation. This would make 2 annexations, including Paul Smuckers property. Mayor stated the county is making it more difficult to annex. Mayor stated he has signed the agreement with the county for their portion of the lift station project. Mayor stated he reached out to Tom Harris to see about more ARPA funding. Discussions of Paul Sucker's duplexes that are supposed to be built by Hickory and Woodburn Road.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: The meeting minutes were presented from the January 2nd meeting. After discussion, Mayor Kelsey moved to accept the minutes from the January 2nd meeting as presented, second by Board of Works Member Hoepfner, all present in favor. Clerk-Treasurer asked Superintendent Walls to run a water meter report for a resident so we could see if a leak had been fixed.

Councilmen's Report: Board of Works member Hoepner stated he would like to use a local dealer for the plow packages as the dealer in town is local and the city has in good standing with them. Board of Works member Hoepner questioned if anyone has visited the home being built on Woodburn Road. Superintendent Walls stated he has been out there to meet and inspect the grinder station. Superintendent Walls stated the owner has not asked about tapping into Water or Sewer.

Audience: Nothing to report, none present.

Board of Works Member Hoepner moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mayor Kelsey, all present in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

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