

BOARD OF WORKS
JANUARY 20, 2014
1:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser opened the meeting for business. Board members Carolyn Pearson and Dick Traeger were present for the meeting.

Minutes from the January 13, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Strasser introduced Mr. Roth from Delphi Youth Baseball. On April 26, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. the opening day parade will be held. They will be using the route used every year and that will begin at the City Building. Mr. Roth had consulted with Chief Chapman for assistance with the parade. There will be no rain date. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the parade date, time and route. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

Claims were presented in the amount of \$320,608.58. Dick Traeger made the motion to approve the claims for payment. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (3-0)

Corey Whitesell, stellar consultant, explained the memorandum of agreement for downtown streetscapes. The mitigation covers the refurbishing of the Murphy fountain and the landscaping and stairs on Washington Street hill. Dick Traeger made the motion to approve the memorandum of agreement for streetscapes. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (3-0)

Corey reported on the four INDOT agreements for downtown streetscapes and trails. There are two contracts for the trails and two contracts for streetscapes. The grants total 6 million dollars of projects with the city share of 1.2 million dollars. It had been determined that streets will not be fully reconstructed and that allows money to go further with the downtown streetscapes. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the two agreements for streetscapes and the two agreements for gateway trail. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carries. (3-0)

Corey also reported on the notice of award from OCRA. There are no changes in the project and Corey wanted the BOW to approve this today and then move forward. In February contracts with architects and construction managers would lead to bidding in March. Dick Traeger made the motion to execute the contract with OCRA. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (3-0)

Mayor Strasser noted the Opera House project in one year behind schedule.

Corey reminded the BOW the public meeting will be at 5:45 at the city building on the approval of the downtown façade project. Corey also noted a work session on streetscapes will be at 6:00 P.M. for the council members.

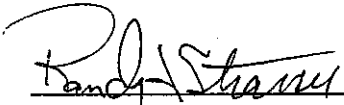
Mayor Strasser reported on the study for a hotel. The next part of the process will be to look for an investment group. The preliminary plans calls for 38 rooms, conference/meeting room and a pool. Cobbleston is a newer group that works primarily in the Midwest in communities of 5,000 or less. We will work with them in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:


Policy Manual: The policy manual had been to the common council and Mayor Strasser has brought the policy manual to the board of works for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the policy manual for city employees. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

Mayor Strasser noted the presence of Aaron Lyons, Dick VanSickle, Craig Myers and Chief John Chapman and asked if they had comments or questions for the BOW. None of these employees had any comments.


Meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.



Mayor Randy Strasser



Carolyn Pearson



Dick Traeger



Leanne Aldrich, Clerk Treasurer