

BOARD OF WORKS  
NOVEMBER 2, 2015  
1:00 P.M.

Mayor Strasser opened the meeting for business. Carolyn Pearson and Richard Traeger were present for the meeting. Minutes from the October 19, 2015, meeting were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson noted she asked for more details on the car proposal to be included in the last paragraph. She also noted that was completed; therefore, Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

Claims were presented in the amount of \$792,011.48. Dick wanted to know if some of it was paid out of the bond money. Mayor Strasser noted \$416,000 plus was bond and \$181,000 was water exchange projects. Carolyn said there were two claims on the previous Board of Works that they had asked to be held and she wanted additional information. One was a claim to Wyatt for the telephone service. Mayor Strasser explained he was having Wyatt redo wiring to allow our phone systems to work correctly. No longer would there be busy signals or they couldn't reach the parties they were wanting to talk to. It was switching completely to Frontier with single phone lines verses one cable with PRI. Right now Frontier is our carrier with a middleman being eliminated. TNCI is the middleman. We will go back to just using Frontier. Carolyn asked if we were now using Bingham Doll as our attorneys because she noted in the last meeting there was a claim for the city which included e-mails with Laura Walls to Bingham Doll and something about a donation to the City. Randy thought that was concerning P&R and the Beacon overlay didn't match up, and EDC and Redevelopment was involved in this project. Carolyn and Richard both agreed both checks that were being held could be released. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the claims in the amount of \$792,011.48. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Opera House - There were no change orders.
2. Facades - There were no change orders.
3. Streetscapes - Melissa noted the water fountain proposed by the gazebo and based on a conversation with Randy, it was determined to remove the water fountain from the contract. So that will be a -\$8,500. The doors on basement entrance had been damaged by the building owned by Whiteman's. Melissa had bids concerning doors for replacement and the metal doors are in the sidewalk. The tenant feels these are necessary because the equipment is too large to move through the front door and the only way it can come out of the building has to be through this entrance. The two bids, one totaling \$8,111.35 and that bid would be able to drive heavy equipment over it and be safe. The other bid is \$7,186.89 and not heavy duty. Milestone recommended the \$8,111.35 doors. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve Milestone's recommended door. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

East Main Street Water - F & K Construction is bouncing a change order and it is a negative amount. It is \$7,635.50 less than the original contract. Richard Traeger made the motion to approve the credit of \$7,635.50. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Dick wanted to know if this was final on this project and Melissa said it was. Motion carried. (3-0)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Strasser introduced Reece Creekmore who is the new Airport Manager. He attends the School of Aviation at Purdue. He would not be available for the Council meeting tonight so; therefore, Randy brought him to the Board of Works. Reece has done a fuel inventory and looked at the runway lights that are inoperable now and is looking to order parts. He is also working with other airports. He will be working to make sure all of our hangars are rented, and he will be sending notices to the pilots and to other airports. Carolyn wanted to know if he would be in charge of snow removal. Mayor Strasser said we have a contract for mowing and snow removal. Carolyn wanted to know what board members were now involved serving on the Airport Board and Mayor Strasser couldn't think of everyone's name and said he would get a copy of the Airport Board and send it to Carolyn. Reese has been hired at \$12 an hour and will work approximately 15 hours a week. Carolyn thought this was a slow time of the year to put someone on, but Mayor Strasser felt like it was a busy time to keep the airport going strong and they have always been busy in the past in the winter.

Mike Turchi from BF&S was at the meeting to discuss Well #6. There had only been one bid and it was high. The options would be to award or to reject the bid and re-advertise. The bond project has funds, but if it was re-advertised there is a possibility of more interest and better bids. Mike talked to several contractors, and they have said they would submit bids. Mike Turchi recommended the Board reject the one bid received and re-advertise, and hopefully come in with lower numbers. There is a possibility the building costs could be reduced and some other issues. There will not be a fence around the building. Craig said he has not experienced issues with vandals in the past with the other well fields. Carolyn wanted to know why there would be more bidders now and they weren't before. Mike explained sometimes it's just the timing, it's the end of the year. There could be lots of issues that could have made the difference. Richard Traeger made the motion to reject the one bid and to advertise the bid. Second by Mayor Strasser. Motion carried. (3-0)

Mike explained they would re-advertise and a public meeting would be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of November at 1:00. He should be able to be back to the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to award the bid. Hopefully they will be closer in numbers. Mike feels by the end of December or January the Notice to Proceed could happen, and by mid-March or April will be operational. Some of the requirements for the general contractor will be reduced and one would be the City will be in charge of inspection. The frame building would work and that would save 30%. Carolyn made the motion to move ahead for advertisement for bids. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

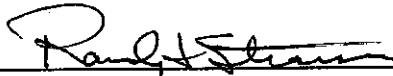
Tonight at the Council meeting, there will be a presentation for the floodgate project.

Ed Sholty from the Lions Club was present and requested permission to have the annual Christmas parade on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December. He brought with him a copy of their insurance certificate as well as the parade route which will be the same as in previous years. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the request for the Lions Club Christmas parade. Second by Richard Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)


Aaron Lyons reported the storm line on Franklin Street was done. The septic tank at the park is in and just needs to be wired. He also stated on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November the railroad would be closing several crossings to work on ties. The only crossings that will be open will be Wilson, Indiana and Union. Carolyn Pearson questioned Aaron about the building repairs, and Aaron noted all repairs had been completed. All outside work is done to the building and the bathroom project is done. The leaf machine broke down two times, but they are working on leaves.


Steve Mullin, Chief of Police, was present for the meeting and asked the Board of Works if they had reached a decision on his request for a SUV. Carolyn feels it will cost double what it would cost to operate a regular car, and feels that we live in the City and we don't need an all-terrain vehicle. The County no longer is ordering the all-terrains. Carolyn is not in favor of an SUV. Richard Traeger noted he had had a few negative feedback calls on the idea of an SUV, and he thinks it is too much money. At this time, the Board of Works does not agree to allow Steve to purchase this vehicle. Steve thanked them for their time.

Mayor Strasser noted with no further business, the meeting would be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 P.M.

  
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