

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

August 15, 2019

9:00 A.M.

MAYOR'S OFFICE – 201 S. UNION STREET, DELPHI, INDIANA 46923  
WORK SESSION

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Members Dick Bradshaw, Shane Evans, and Karyl Traeger were in attendance.

Mayor Evans informed the Board the City of Delphi was not awarded the OCRA Wastewater and Drinking Water Grant. Mayor Evans is in discussions with Umbaugh and K-IRPC regarding the timing of the next funding rounds and the closing of Phase II of the water bond. Mayor Evans also informed the Board that the City of Delphi was not selected as a recipient of the Rural Opportunity Zone Initiative in which a prospectus is developed for the municipality.

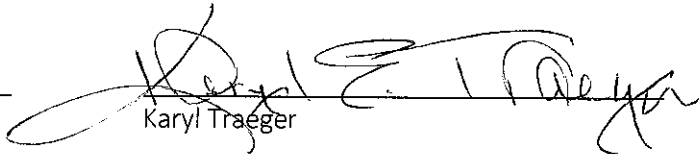
Mayor Evans asked for the Board's thoughts on policies for an exterior residential grant for 2020 as proposed by Councilwoman Pearson at the budget workshop. The Board discussed having the grant apply to owner-occupied housing, not requiring income thresholds, possibly looking specifically at corridors of the city first, soliciting all owner-occupied residences for participation, trying to announce grant announcement awards within one month of close of application period, how to deal with asbestos and structural issues, including gutters and paint to siding, porches, windows, and similar exterior rehabilitation, limiting the match to \$2,500 per residence. The Board discussed how grading and awarding may work: trying to figure out which projects will have the biggest impact and which project is needed the most, having a reviewing committee consisting of one member of the Council, one of the Board of Public Works and Safety, and the Community Development Director, possibly having an ex officio member who is versed in the technical language of building construction and rehabilitation. The Board discussed the Mayor or technical advisor would have initial review of the applications for completeness – that individual would reach out to applicants if there are documents missing from the application. The technical advisory could provide inspection services to the project to ensure the City of Delphi and home owner are getting what is contracted for.

The Board also reviewed logistics for Bacon Fest – what time it is starting, where the gates are located, and first responder plans.

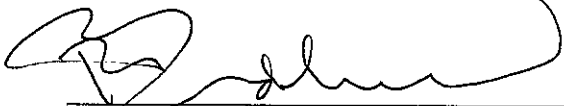
The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.



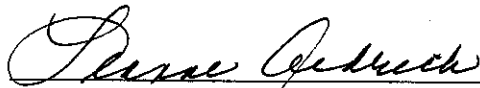
Mayor Shane Evans



Karyl Traeger



Dick Bradshaw



Leanne Aldrich, Attest