

BOARD OF WORKS

REGULAR SESSION

Minutes of January 20, 2016

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in Regular Session Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 10:00 AM in the City Chambers, 3rd floor, City Building, Logansport, Indiana.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kitchell at 10:07 am.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE recited in unison.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Dave Kitchell

Present: Mercedes Brugh, Carl McPherson and Mayor Kitchell.

OTHERS PRESENT:

CITY ATTORNEY: Yamir Gonzales

MEDIA PRESENT: Mitchell Kirk/Pharos Tribune

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the January 13, 2016 Meeting Mercedes Brugh made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Carl McPherson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: \$289,186.75 Claims

Mercedes Brugh made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Carl McPherson seconded the motion. Discussion: Carl McPherson: Why do we have multiple phone carriers instead of one? Mayor Kitchell responded with that they may not be able to serve all the needs with multiple locations and cell phones. Mayor Kitchell is having a consultant look into this for the city in hopes to combine forces where feasible and reduce overall costs.

Mercedes Brugh: I see police and fire pensions on the first page and we have not discussed that yet. Robin Rozzi replied that it is budgeted. The amounts in question are to pay the police and fire pension secretaries which is done twice per year in June and December. Are the expenses paid to LMU for street lights? The other LMU amounts are listed in the fire department for the various stations throughout the city. Motion carried 3-0.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: One change added to recognize Chris Gaumer's return from a training seminar.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

VISITOR COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Situation was brought up regarding the Elpers' property at 730 Race Street that is being purchased on contract. The tenant has vacated and the owner is making arrangements to contact the purchasers to regarding the property clean-up. Mayor Kitchell proposed we continue this pursuit regarding this property until March 1, 2016. Mercedes Brugh made a motion to approve the request. Carl McPherson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Memorial Home current condition was evaluated this past Sunday. The electricity and the heat were off. The utilities will be turned back on soon. The boiler needs to be tested. Wilkinson's have been trusted to handle this issue. The major water damage was around the stage area. First concern is to stop the continued deterioration. The existing lawsuit is being addressed by possibly a joint operation with the County. The grants writer will be searching for opportunities to help with the rehabilitation of this facility. There have been several organizations interested in using the facility. The soonest event requesting is the CCAA in hopes they can hold Artrageous there on April 15th.

REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS by Brad Rozzi

Both the monthly and annual reports were presented. Mercedes Brugh made a motion to approve the reports as submitted. Carl McPherson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT by Johnny Quinones

Code officer Quinones submitted his report for approval. There were no questions. Mercedes Brugh made a motion to approve the request. Carl McPherson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Notice to Appear:

Tyler and Tiffany Pearson

1617 E. Market St.

No one present.

Officer Quinones recommended a property cleanup. Someone is home but they will not come to the door. Mercedes Brugh made a motion to approve the request. Carl McPherson seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER REPORT by Tom Harp

The building commissioner's report was submitted pertaining to the inspection of the Launch Box building at 1701 Dividend Drive. The intended use was discussed. The main concern is that the code requires 2 egresses from the basement. The recommendation is to add a second egress with the consultation of a design engineer.

Mayor Kitchell asked if Tom has had a chance to inspect the property at 2nd and Melbourne. The property owner is aware that the clean-up following the demolition is their responsibility and Tom will continue to follow-up with this property.

POLICE CHIEF: Brad Rozzi, present.

FIRE CHIEF: Bernie Mittica

BUILDING COMMISSIONER: Tom Harp, present

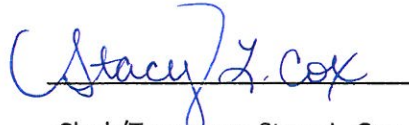
BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND/OR MATTERS NOT ALREADY CONSIDERED:

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Mercedes Brugh and seconded by Carl McPherson the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 AM.



Mayor David D. Kitchell



Clerk/Treasurer, Stacy L. Cox

Audio and Video

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