

that are being awarded to Freedom First Excavating LLC for demolition and greening. Stacy Cox stated that they along with the LMBC looked closely at both of the bids before choosing one and this one was significantly less money.

Motion: to approve awarding the bid to Freedom First Excavating, LLC, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.

Motion passed unanimously.

- **Contracts/Agreements**

- **Hazvet, LLC – BEP hazardous waste removal** Ross Anderson
This is a contract to go into the two Blight Elimination properties, 413 North Cicott and 522 Fitch Street, and remove everything that cannot be taken to the dump. They have been used in all previous BEP houses they have had.

Motion: to approve contract with Hazvet, LLC, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.

Motion passed unanimously.

- **GRW – Zoning Ordinance – Phase 3** Arin Shaver
This is a supplement to finish the needed changes. This request is for an additional \$2,000. Arin stated that this is already under contract and the changes deal with State changes and Case Law that have to happen with signage. They are also reformatting to make it easier for citizens and developers to read the Ordinance.

Motion: to approve the supplement to an agreement with GRW for zoning ordinance changes, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carl McPherson, **Seconded by** Mercedes Brugh.

Motion passed unanimously.

- **BCA Environmental Consultants – Memorial Center** Mercedes Brugh
This is for sampling and testing for asbestos at the Memorial Center. This will add 60 points to the CDBG grant application. The contract is not to exceed \$3,500. Mercedes stated that the County is going to pay half of this Contract.

Motion: to approve the contract with BCA, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carl McPherson, **Seconded by** Mayor Kitchell.

Motion passed unanimously.

- **Street Department**

Tony Shanks

- **Dumpster Request**

- Tom Wickersham – 1501 Smead St.

Motion: to approve the dumpster request, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carl McPherson, **Seconded by** Mercedes Brugh.

Motion passed unanimously.

- **Curb/Street Cut Requests**

- Mary Jane Lockhart – 316 23rd St.
- NIPSCO – 619 W. Miami Ave.

Motion: to approve both curb cuts as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carl McPherson, **Seconded by** Mayor Kitchell.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Building Department

Deb O'Connor

- Condemnation Hearing – 2109 High St. or Melissa Titus

This is an abandoned property and never condemned. Deb would like to see it condemned so we can move forward on the property.

Motion: to accept the condemnation of the house at 2109 High Street, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Carl McPherson, **Seconded by** Mayor Kitchell.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Progress Reports

- 1128 E. Broadway

Deb O'Connor stated that she received an email on June 30th from the National Veteran's Assistance Project. The email stated that the property had been given to them and they would like to fix it up. It also stated that they would be here within one week to 10 days. Nothing has been done as of today. Deb sent an email to the person who emailed her from the National Veteran's Assistance Project to let them know that the property was going before the BOW today and they did not respond. The property has not been changed on the property deed currently. The woman who is listed as the property owner has not responded to Deb at any point. The only thing saying that this property has been given to them is the email from them stating that. Yamir Gonzalez-Velez stated that they must attempt to give notice to the owner on record. If they cannot make contact, the city must proceed with the owner on record. This property was condemned in April. There are taxes and liens due on this property. Mayor Kitchell suggested demolishing the property. Stacy Cox suggested forgiving the City Liens on the property and seeing if she would be willing to put the property into the BEP. Stacy would like a little time to research the options.

Motion: to continue this property hearing for two weeks, **Action:** Table, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

- Fire Department – Monthly report

Bernie Mittica

Bernie could not be here due to an overturned semi accident.

Motion: to approve the report as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.

Motion passed unanimously.

- Cemetery – Monthly report Bob Bernhardt
Motion: to approve the report as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.
 Motion passed unanimously.
- Code Enforcement Johnny Quinones

 - Old Business – 1916 George St. or Conn L. Berkshire
 Conn Berkshire is present to represent the property. It has been too hot to work much with COPD. He would like to continue to work on cleaning the property. He asked about using shower doors to make a privacy fence. Mayor Kitchell advised him to contact the building commissioner. Johnny reported that Mr. Berkshire is still in violation of multiple city codes. Johnny says that the tempered glass is not acceptable. Mayor Kitchell asked for Johnny's recommendation. The letters date back to April and we have seen very little progress. He does not believe 1 more week will be enough. Mayor says the best thing for Mr. Berkshire and the city is to order a property clean-up.
Motion: to order a property clean-up and bill the property owner, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Mercedes Brugh.
 Motion passed unanimously.
 - Standard Weekly Report
Motion: to approve the weekly report as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.
 Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Kitchell – appreciates all the efforts at AIM high park for the Sue Jones invitational

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND ANY MATTERS NOT ALREADY CONSIDERED INCLUDING ADA SECTION 504 COMPLIANCE OR CONCERNS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Mayor Kitchell, **Seconded by** Carl McPherson.

Motion passed unanimously.



Mayor Dave Kitchell



Clerk-Treasurer Stacy L Cox