

May 5, 2020

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Tuesday May 5, 2020 at 9am.

Present: Mayor Dermody, Jessica Romine and Mark Kosior

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Bert Cook, Executive Director of L.E.A.P., led the Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

As each Member received an advance copy of the minutes from the April 21, 2020 meeting, Mayor Dermody noted they would dispense with the reading of the same and asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Motion/Vote – Approve Minutes

Ms. Romine moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

Clerk-Treasurer

Claims Approval

Clerk-Treasurer Courtney Parthun presented Payroll for May 1, 2020 in the amount of \$384,767.38.

Motion/Vote – Approve Payroll 5-1-20

Mr. Kosior moved to approve Payroll for May 1, 2020 in the amount of \$384,767.38; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

The Clerk- Treasurer presented Civil City Claims in the amount of \$740,147.74. She noted these include the May 2020 Health Insurance and the 1st Quarter match for Transit.

Motion/Vote – Approve Civil City Claims

Mr. Kosior moved to approve Civil City Claims in the amount of \$740,147.74; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented Water Claims in the amount of \$98,259.10. She noted these included the May 2020 Health Insurance.

Motion/Vote – Approve Water Claims

Ms. Romine moved to approve the Water Claims in the amount of \$98,259.10; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented Sewage Claims in the amount of \$205,024.53. She noted these include the May 2020 Health Insurance.

Motion/Vote – Approve Sewage Claims

Ms. Romine moved to approve the Sewage Claims in the amount of \$205,024.53; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer asked the Boards permission to transfer \$100,000 to the Police Pension as a temporary loan until we receive our June settlement from PERF.

Motion/Vote – Approve Temporary Loan to Police Pension

Mr. Kosior moved to approve the transfer of \$100,000 to the Police Pension as a temporary loan until we receive our June settlement from PERF; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

New Business

Request for Use: Go Aerial Fitness

Downtown Coordinator Angela Rose asked on behalf of Go Aerial Fitness along with Urban Fitness to use Plaza 618 to host fitness classes. They are asking to use the space on Monday through Saturday from 10:30am to 11:30am and Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm for Zumba. The classes are limited to paying members only and everyone will be signing a liability waiver. Go Fitness Aerial does have Insurance. Ms. Rose mentioned that any businesses that would like to utilize the Plaza can contact her.

Motion/Vote – Approve Request for Use: Go Aerial Fitness

Ms. Romine moved to approve the Request for Go Aerial Fitness and Urban Fitness to utilize Plaza 618 as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

Request for Trash Removal Service

The Clerk-Treasurer presented a Trash Removal Service Request from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. They have their own Trash Service Provider and would like the \$10.41 removed from their water utility bill.

Motion/Vote- Approve Request for Trash Removal Service

Ms. Romine moved to approve the Request for Trash Removal Service for the BMV as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

NIPSCO Easement

City Attorney Nick Otis presented two easements slightly modifying easements that were already in place. This is for two poles that are in the Washington Street area close to the L.E.A.P. offices. NIPSCO was upgrading the poles and that means bigger poles and the easements need to be extended. We are charging them \$10.

Motion/Vote – Approve NIPSCO Easement

Mr. Kosior moved to Approve the NIPSCO Easement as presented; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

Ivy Tech Memorandum of Understanding

Mayor Dermody stated this Memorandum of Understanding had been in place for 5 years and the renegotiations came up and the Mayor did not feel comfortable extending for another 5 years. Mayor Dermody and Bert Cook have negotiated with Ivy Tech a one-year Memorandum of Understanding which will include metrics that can be measured and analyzed to show supporting data of success between Ivy Tech and employers within the City of La Porte. The City of La Porte will commit \$25,000 and the UEA will commit \$25,000 toward this one-year Memorandum of Understanding. Discussion was held on the reevaluation process they will upon renewal.

Motion/Vote – Approve Ivy Tech Memorandum of Understanding

Ms. Romine moved to approve the Ivy Tech Memorandum of Understanding as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

Policy: Interdepartmental Transfers

Human Resource Jen Noll presented a policy for interdepartmental Transfers for City Employees. This is an effort to keep our employees working and not laid off due to COVID-19. For example, we have someone in our Code Department that will be helping at Beechwood Golf Course.

Motion/Vote – Approve Police for Interdepartmental Transfers

Mr. Kosior moved to approve the Police for Interdepartmental Transfer as presented; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

Recommendations to Award Contract for Pre-Demo: Tibma Bakery

Community Development Program Manager Mary Ann Richards stated they solicited quotes for pre-demo at the former Tibma Bakery property located at 404 McCollum. The pre-demo is to inspect for asbestos and lead hazards. If hazardous material is found, it

would need to be removed before demolition commences. The most responsive bid was from Jacob and Heffner in the amount of \$2,700.00. Once the pre-demo inspection is finished, they will solicit quotes for demolition.

Motion/Vote- Award Contract for Pre-Demo Inspection: Tibma Bakery

Mr. Kosior moved to award the Contract for Pre-Demo Inspection for the Tibma Bakery to Jacob and Heffner in the amount of \$2700.00; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

Change Orders for Program Year 18

Ms. Richards presented a Change Order for plumbing repairs with SLR Plumbing at 406 Allen St. in the amount of \$522.00 to fix a leak on the claw foot tub and remove lead. She also presented a Change Order for plumbing repairs with SLR Plumbing at 418 Allen St. in the amount of \$400 to fix a leaky laundry tub.

Motion/Vote – Approve Change Orders for PY18

Mr. Kosior moved to approve Change Orders for PY18 as presented; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

Fire Station Pay Application #5

City Engineer Nick Minich presented Fire Station Pay Application #5 in the amount of \$327,097.56.

Motion/Vote – Approve Fire Station Pay Application #5

Mr. Kosior moved to approve Fire Station Pay Application #5 in the amount of \$327,097.56; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

Accept Bids for Stone Lake Lakeshore Drive Trail

Mr. Minich stated they held the City’s first virtual bid opening and were presented with the following bids:

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| Gariup | \$986,500 |
| Walsh and Kelly | \$1,067,121.24 |
| Reith Riley | \$1,112,093.91 |

Mr. Minich asked the Board to accept the Bids even though they came in higher than the Engineer’s estimate and the Healthcare Foundation of La Porte grant of \$887,000. He would like to work with the Park Department and conduct value engineering to go over the scope of the project to find cost savings without impacting the integrity or quality of the

project. After a thorough analysis, Mr. Minich would come to a future Board of Works meeting and ask approval of the formal recommendation for the project.

Mayor Dermody does not want the integrity or the quality of the project to suffer because the bids came in higher.

Mr. Minich stated they could accept the Bids now and at the next meeting if they were not happy with the new design scope, they could rebid the project at that time.

Motion/Vote – Accept Bids for Stone Lake Lakeshore Drive Trail

Ms. Romine moved to accept the Bids for Stone Lake Lakeshore Drive Trail as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business

Downtown Parking Request

Bert Cook and Angela Rose presented to the Board the concept of downtown businesses utilizing parking spaces for curbside pickup for their business. The concept involves an application process and a fee for the creation of a sign reserving the parking space for this purpose. The spaces could still be used outside of business hours.

City Attorney Otis advised this would need to come before Traffic Commission and then to City Council for approval.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Ms. Romine moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

Approve: _____
Thomas P. Dermody, Mayor

Attest: _____
Courtney Parthun, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: May 19,2020

