

September 22, 2020

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Tuesday September 22, 2020 at 9am.

Present: Mayor Dermody, Jessica Romine and Mark Kosior

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Board member Jessica Romine led the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Dermody asked for a moment of silence for the passing of the Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Approval of Minutes

Each member received an advance copy of the minutes from the September 9, 2020 meeting. Mayor Dermody asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Motion/Vote – Approval of Minutes

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

Public Comment

None

Clerk-Treasurer

Claims Approval

Clerk-Treasurer Courtney Parthun presented Payroll for September 18th in the amount of \$423,075.11.

Motion/Vote – Approval of Payroll 9-18-20

Mr. Kosior moved to approve the Payroll for September 18th as presented; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented Civil Claims in the amount of \$807,040.68.

Motion/Vote – Approval of Civil City Claims

Mr. Kosior moved to approve Civil City Claims as presented; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented Sewer Claims in the amount of \$229,567.66.

Motion/Vote – Approval of Sewage Claims

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

The Clerk-Treasurer presented Water Claims in the amount of \$89,485.32.

Motion/Vote – Approval of Water Claims

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

Department Reports

HR: Human Resource Director Jen Noll said she was happy to be back at work.

Water: Water Director Time Werner stated they have flushed 419 hydrants out of the 1115 hydrants, they are replacing drivers that were hit by lightning over Labor Day Weekend roughly \$27,000 worth, and new Scada wires for the Kankakee Well are in.

Police: Police Chief Paul Brettin reported that Sergeant Blake was promoted to Captain and Corporal Favia was promoted to Sergeant, body cams and Lexis Nexis will be activated next week.

Street: Street Director Mike Frazee stated they are working on total patch, cutting trees and street sweeping.

Code: Code Director Jeff Batchelor state they have written 3300 violations

Transit: Transporte Manager Beth West submitted annual ADA audit to NIRPC, hired new dispatcher to replace one who is retiring and started the 3rd Quarter report.

Sewage: Sewage Director Jerry Jackson stated they are working with Baker Tilly for the funding for the 2nd and 3rd Phases of Lakeside fund and will have recommendation at the next meeting, working on Truesdell Lift Station by the Flaherty and Collins Project to connect it to the City's Fiber System, 604 Roberts sidewalks and curbs are sinking and they will do an exploratory dig to see what is happening, and he also noted there were several accolades regarding the Stone Lake Lakeshore Bike Path at Bike Club.

Fire: Fire Chief Andy Snyder stated they are having a dedication of the new fire station on Thursday September 24th at 3:30pm and 4 of the Firemen will be completing their EMT Certification and will be back on shift by October 2nd.

City Planner: City Planner Tom Casey stated they are working on a redline amendment to the sign ordinance and they are working with the Plan Commission on expanding the Downtown Historic District ,meeting with Engineer to align projects and funding to create a priority list and working with the Main Street Association on having a mural application that sets standards.

Park: Park Director Mark Schreiber urged residents to use caution on Lake Shore Drive, Tennis Court Renovations will be wrapping up in October and they are hosting a Volunteer Day at Fort La Porte on Saturday September 28th for annual maintenance.

Engineering: Director of Engineering Nick Minich reported that paving is ongoing, Clear Lake Natural Area Restoration Contract was signed with Cardno and they had some additional contract terms which were reviewed and signed.

Request to Bid: Police Vehicles

Nick Minich asked the Boards permission to Bid for Police Vehicles.

Motion/Vote – Approve Request to Bid: Police Vehicles

Ms. Romine moved to approve the request to bid for Police vehicles; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

New Business

Notice of a Gathering: La Porte Catholic Church

La Porte Catholic Church will host a walk on October 4, 2020 which starts at St. Joe Catholic Church.

Motion/Vote – Approve Notice a Gathering: La Porte Catholic Church

Ms. Romine moved to approve the Notice of Gathering for the La Porte Catholic Church as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

Constitution Week Proclamation

Mayor Dermody read a Proclamation proclaiming September 17-23 to be Constitution Week.

Trick or Treat Date and Time

Mayor Dermody reported that Trick or Treat will be held on October 31st from 5pm to 7pm. There will be standards and safety features to keep everyone safe.

Conflict of Interest Forms

The Clerk-Treasurer stated it is required by the State to present any Conflict of Interest Forms to the Board of Public Works and Safety.

Motion/ Vote – Approve Conflict of Interest Forms

Mr. Kosior moved to approve the Conflict of Interest Forms as presented; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

FOP CBA Addendum-Fitness Bonus

Nick Otis stated this is a Collective Bargaining Agreement Addendum for the Fraternal Order of Police. The addendum changes their amount for a fitness bonus from \$250 to \$350 to be the same as the Fire Department and it would be retroactive to January 1st.

Motion/Vote – FOP CBA Addendum-Fitness Bonus

Ms. Romine moved to approve the FOR CBA Addendum for the Fitness Bonus as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

Industrial Pretreatment Wastewater Discharge Permit Renewal

Wastewater Director Jerry Jackson presented an Industrial Pretreatment Wastewater Discharge Permit Renewal for American Licorice and Alpha Baking. He noted they are both long term customers.

Motion/Vote – Approve Industrial Pretreatment Wastewater Discharge Permit Renewals

Ms. Romine moved to approve the Industrial Pretreatment Wastewater Discharge Permit Renewals as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

Budget Presentation

Mayor Dermody presented a brief presentation on the 2021 Budget.

Unfinished Business

None

Other Business

Mayor Dermody stated the EEE and the State are spraying Tuesday September 22nd in the evening and said to stay in doors and bring your animals in at dusk until dawn.

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: October 6, 2020