

**October 20,2020**

The Board of Public Works and Safety met via Zoom and Facebook on Tuesday October 20, 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

**Approval of Minutes**

Each member received an advance copy of the minutes from the October 6, 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 from October 16<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$414,795.17.

**Motion/Vote – Approval of Payroll 10-16-20**

Mr. Kosior moved to approve Payroll for October 16, 2020 as presented; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented Civil City Claims in the amount of \$691,041.76. She noted these include INPRS from October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Payrolls, October 2020 Health Insurance, October 2020 Trash bill and COVID reimbursables.

**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 Sewage Claims in the amount of \$95,557.36. She noted these include INPRS from October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Payrolls and October Health Insurance.

**Motion/Vote – Approval of Sewage Claims**

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

The Clerk-Treasurer presented Water Claims in the amount of \$85,431.69. She noted these include INPRS from October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup> Payrolls and October 2020 Health Insurance.

### **Motion/Vote – Approval of Water Claims**

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

### **Violations Appeal**

Parking Ordinance Officer Leslie Ferguson stated ticket #68155 was given in error and is asking permission to reimburse Mr. Tom Taylor the amount of the ticket and towing expenses.

### **Motion/Vote – Approve Violations Appeal Ticket #68155**

Ms. Romine moved to approve the request to reimburse Mr. Taylor the amount of the ticket and towing as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

### **Department Reports**

**Water:** Water Director Tim Werner stated they finished the Fall Flushing and noted the two new maintenance employees are settling in nicely.

**Police:** Police Chief Paul Brettin stated he will be swearing in four new officers today and the Online reporting is up and running.

**Street:** Street Director Mike Frazee noted they will be taking trees down this week and the first round of leaf pick up will begin at the end of the month starting on the east end and going clockwise around the City.

**Transporte:** Transporte Manager Beth West stated they are back up and running full time and the employee who was positive for COVID is now negative and is back at work. She is asking that all riders mask up.

**Fire:** Fire Chief Andy Snyder stated the four new firemen have finished their EMT Training.

**Sewage:** Wastewater Director Jerry Jackson stated their treatment plant and sewer crews came together to clean the Primary 1 Digester.

**Communications:** Communications Director Jess Bruder stated they are working on an agreement with Repo Graphic Arts.

**Park:** Park Director Mark Schreiber noted the Park restrooms are closed for the season, they are working on the tree inventory, Stone Lake Kayak Launch Project will start next week along with the Paving for the Stone Lake Improvement Project.

**Engineering:** City Engineer Nick Minich stated paving is continuing and requested the Boards permission to bid for a generator for the Police Dept.

### **Motion/Vote – Approve Soliciting Bids for Generator for Police Department**

Mr. Kosior moved to approve the request to solicit bids for a generator for the Police Department; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

**Code:** Code Director Jeff Batchelor gave an update on the Dumpster Program

### **New Business**

#### **Request for Use: Turkey Trot**

City Attorney Nick Otis on behalf of the La Porte Education Foundation requested to use Michigan Avenue on Thanksgiving November 26<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 10am for their annual 5K Turkey Trot. They are limiting participants to 450. This race started in 2013 and is now the biggest 5K race in La Porte.

#### **Motion/Vote – Approve Request for Use: Turkey Trot**

Ms. Romine moved to approve the Request for Use for the Turkey Trot as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

Mayor Dermody asked for a moment of silence for Amanda Sorg who recently passed and who made a difference in our Community.

#### **Retail Product Agreement**

City Attorney Nick Otis and Communications Director Jess Bruder presented a Retail Product Agreement with Repo Graphic Arts. They stated there has been a lot of interest in products with the new logo and this agreement will protect our trademark and will list general usage restrictions of logo. The Agreement is a flat fee of \$350 annually. Items will be able to be purchased on the Livin the Lake website with a tab for shops.

#### **Motion/Vote – Approve Retail Product Agreement**

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

#### **Updates to City Hall**

City Planner Tom Casey presented a bid from Larson Danielson in the amount not to exceed \$60,510 to upgrade the bathrooms at City Hall to be touchless and to replace the front door. Work needs to be installed and paid for by December 15, 2020 to use COVID dollars.

#### **Motion/Vote – Approve Updates to City Hall**

Ms. Romine moved to approve the bid from Larson Danielson for the updates to City Hall as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

#### **Industrial Pretreatment Wastewater Discharge Permit Renewal**

Wastewater Director Jerry Jackson presented a Wastewater Discharge Permit renewal for Monosol. They are one of their largest customers and they are conscientious and compliant.

**Motion/Vote – Approve Industrial Pretreatment Wastewater Discharge Permit Renewal**

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

**Approval of Change Order for CDBG Demo Contract: Tibma Bakery**

Community Program Manager Mary Ann Richards presented a Change Order for the Demo Contract for the Tibma Bakery in the amount of \$2702.00 to remove asbestos pipe removal and car lifts. This will come out of CDBG Funds.

**Motion/Vote – Approve Change Order for CDBG Demo Contract: Tibma Bakery**

Ms. Romine moved to approve the Change Order for the Demo Contract for Tibma Bakery as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

**Approval of Estimate of Asbestos Remediation: 203 Pulaski**

Ms. Richards presented a quote from Clean Air in the amount of \$14,985 to remove asbestos from 203 Pulaski before it can be demoed.

**Motion/Vote – Approve Estimate of Asbestos Remediation: 203 Pulaski**

Mr. Kosior moved to approve the Estimate of Asbestos Remediation for 203 Pulaski as presented; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

**Swearing in of New Police Officers**

Chief Brettin swore in the following new officers on the steps of City Hall: Ashley Adams, Amber Marty, Andrew Luse and Triston Kajer.

**Pay Application #4-2020-1<sup>st</sup> round Street Paving**

City Engineer presented Pay Application #4 for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of Street paving of 2020 in the amount of \$343,209.86 to Walsh and Kelly.

**Motion/Vote – Approve Pay App #4 2020 1<sup>st</sup> round St Paving**

Ms. Romine moved to approve Pay App #4 for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of St. Paving for 2020 as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

**Pay Application #1-2020-2<sup>nd</sup> round Street Paving**

Mr. Minich presented Pay Application #1 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Street paving of 2020 in the amount of

**Motion/Vote – Approve Pay App #1 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> round St. Paving**

Mr. Kosior moved to approve Pay App #1 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of St. paving for 2020 as presented; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

**INDOT-LPA Agreement-Local Trax Project**

Mr. Minich presented the INDOT-LPA Agreement for the Local Trax Project which is the Tipton Street overpass. The State will pay 80% of construction, 80% of right of way and 100% of design.

**Motion/Vote – Approve INDOT-LPA Agreement-Local Trax Project**

Ms. Romine moved to approve the INDOT-LPA Agreement for the Local Trax Project as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

**Pay Applications 10&11: Fire Station**

Mr. Minich presented Pay App #10 in the amount of \$5,301 and Pay App #11 in the amount of \$180,325.99 which closes out the project and was very pleased with Larson Danielson's Work.

**Motion/Vote – Approve Pay Application 10&11: Fire Station**

Mr. Kosior moved to approve Pay App #10 and Pay App #11 as presented; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

**Change Order #1-105 Boyd Blvd Demo**

Mr. Minich presented Change Order #1 for 105 Boyd Blvd in the amount of \$6,078.00.

**Motion/Vote – Approve Change Order #1-105 Boyd Blvd Demo**

Ms. Romine moved to approve Change Order #1 for 105 Boyd Blvd as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

**Invoice-105 Boyd Blvd Demo**

Mr. Minich presented an invoice for the demolition of 105 Boyd Blvd in the amount of \$29,078.00.

**Motion/Vote – Approve Invoice-105 Boyd Blvd**

Ms. Romine moved to approve the invoice for 105 Boyd Blvd as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

**18<sup>th</sup> Street Greenway HFL Grant Agreement**

Mr. Minich asked the Boards permission to authorize the Mayor to sign the online agreement for the 18<sup>th</sup> Street Greenway Healthcare Foundation Grant. This grant covers the entirety of the non-motorized pathways.

**Motion/Vote – Approve 18<sup>th</sup> St. Greenway HFL Grant Agreement**

Mr. Kosior moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the final agreement online for the 18<sup>th</sup> St. Greenway HFL Grant; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

**Fire Rescue Boat HFL Grant Agreement**

Mr. Minich asked the Board to authorize the Mayor to sign the Grant Agreement online for the Fire Rescue Boat.

**Motion/Vote – Approve Fire Rescue Boat HFL Grant Agreement**

Ms. Romine moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the online agreement for the Fire Rescue Boat; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

**Open Quotes: Total Tank Pad**

Mr. Minich opened the following quotes for a concrete pad for the Total Tank:

Reith Riley	\$19,525
Pavey	\$7,880
Walsh and Kelly	\$19,979
Larson Danielson	\$11,220

Mr. Minich asked the Board to award the Project to Pavey Excavating pending Engineer and Legal review.

**Motion/Vote -Award Total Tank Pad**

Ms. Romine moved to award the Total Tank Concrete Pad to Pavey Excavating pending Engineer and Legal Review; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

**Open Quotes- 50/50 Sidewalks**

Mr. Minich opened the following quotes for the 50/50 Sidewalks:

Reith Riley	\$20,120
Pavey	\$7,170

Mr. Minich asked the Board to accept the quotes and refer them back to Engineering and Legal for review and recommendation.

**Motion/Vote – Accept 50/50 Sidewalk Quotes**

Mr. Kosior moved to accept the quotes for the 50/50 Sidewalks and refer them to Engineering and Legal for review and recommendation; motion seconded by Ms. Romine and unanimously carried.

**Review Quotes for Fire Rescue Boat**

Fire Chief Andy Snyder submitted a couple of quotes to the Board for a much-needed Fire Rescue Boat that will have a fire pump and help with the implemented scuba team. It will be docked at Unity Park. He is asking the Board to award the quote to One Boat in the amount of \$104,695.00.

**Motion/Vote – Award Fire Rescue Boat**

Ms. Romine moved to award the Fire Rescue Boat Quote to One Boat as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Kosior and unanimously carried.

**Water Presentation**

Water Director Tim Werner gave a brief presentation stating that that they are a 24hr/7 day a week entity whose mission is to provide high quality water services at fair prices. They provide water to 22,000 residents in the City, have 2 production plants and pump 3 million gallons of water to residents a day from an aging system that was started in 1870 with many of the wells reaching their life expectancy. They are in need of new water supply at Plant 1, repairs for Plant 2, they need to connect dead ends into system to help with water flow, replace 4in mains with 8in pipe, which is standard now, replacing broken valves and lead service lines. In order to continue delivering high quality water to the citizens of La Porte, we must begin making these improvements to our system.

**Rate Increase Presentation**

Mayor Dermody gave a brief presentation stating that we are investing in the Health and Safety of our residents. There is over 100 million in infrastructure needs with Water and Wastewater and we have been battling flooding, basement back ups and sink holes. In order to make these improvements we must increase rates to Water and Sewage. If we don't act now the water quality will diminish, we could receive fines from the EPA and IDEM, Boil orders and the repairs will only get more expensive the longer we wait. He spoke briefly on the projects that will begin in 2021 including Sewer Separation for Monroe Manor and lettered and numbered streets and flood control projects on B St. and Southmoor. We will slowly raise the rates over the next four years and when done in 2024 we will still be under the State average.

Eric Walsh from Baker Tilley spoke briefly about the phasing in of the gradual rate increases and the two bonds that the City will take out. He stressed that the rate increases are driven by infrastructure needs.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Other Business**

Clerk-Treasurer Parthun stated that residents have been paying their utility bills. In August we had approx. 200 payment agreements and now we have approx. 85.

**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: November 4, 2020