

City of LaPorte Board of Public Works and Safety

June 09, 2010

Convene

City of LaPorte Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session in the Council Chambers on June 9, 2010 at 9:00 am. Attendance: Mayor Chroback, Present: Mr. MacLennan, Present: Mr. Rosenberg, Present.

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Chroback.

Minutes

As each member of the Board received an advance copy of the minutes, Mayor Chroback stated she would dispense with the reading of same and asked for any corrections or additions.

Motion/Vote - Approval of Minutes from June 2nd

Mr. MacLennan made a motion to approve the regular and Executive Session minutes from June 2nd as presented; Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Mayor Chroback (Yes), Mr. MacLennan (Yes), Mr. Rosenberg (Yes).

Public Comment

None

Clerk Treasurer

Claims Approval

Mr. MacLennan moved to approve Payroll Claims for June 11, 2010, in the amount of \$308,495.61; motion seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried.

Mr. MacLennan moved to approve Civil City Claims in the amount of \$128,633.77; motion seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried. The Clerk Treasurer, Teresa Ludlow, advised the June trash bill and Nipsco bills were included in that total.

Contractor Registrations

The following contractor registrations were presented for the Board's approval and they are as follows:

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| 1. Beachside Builders | LaPorte, IN |
| 2. Marty's Masonry | Plymouth, IN |
| 3. Deem LLC | Indianapolis, IN |
| 4. EJ Framing | Niles, MI |
| 5. Coda Custom Builders | South Bend, IN |

Mr. MacLennan and Mr. Baugher each stated they would not be able to attend the rescheduled meeting for Monday, June 14th.

Department Reports

Wastewater

Jerry Jackson, Director of Wastewater, reported he is preparing quote specifications for the bio-tower pumps made possible by the Energy Grant his department has been awarded. He stated he would like the City Attorney to review the documents with him before they are sent out.

Police

Assistant Chief of Police, Tom Heath, reported Cruise Night details are being worked out for this weekend as well as plans for the 4th of July Parade which he is working on with Sheriff Mollenhauer.

Assistant Chief Heath stated a recent article in the newspaper written by a City Councilman suggested Department Heads were not following proper procedure in reporting fixed assets. He wanted to be sure the public knew his department kept close track of any and all equipment or supplies coming in and out of their department.

Mayor Chrobak added she wasn't concerned about the article at all and was confident the Department Heads were diligent in monitoring their fixed assets.

Human Resource

Matt Cook, Director of Human Resource, stated he would like the Board's permission to sign the City up as a preferred employer of the Indiana Tobacco Quit-Line. He explained this is a free tobacco-cessation program funded by State money which enables the City to provide materials to employees as well as cessation products; all free of charge. Mr. MacLennan stated he read the City will have to be put on a mailing list and wanted to be sure employees personal addresses would not be added to the list. Mr. Cook stated it would just be the City's address.

Motion/Vote - Approval of Tobacco Quit Line

Mr. MacLennan made a motion to authorize Mr. Cook to sign the City up for the Tobacco Quit Line as requested; Mr. Rosenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Mayor Chrobak (Yes), Mr. MacLennan (Yes), Mr. Rosenberg (Yes).

Park

Dean Heise, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided the Board with an update on volunteer services throughout the City parks. He thanked all the individuals and businesses that have come forward with donations of labor and equipment.

Mr. Rosenberg stated this shows a very positive attitude in our community during such trying times and he thanked everyone for their generous help.

Mr. Heise also thanked Mike Frazee, Director of Street Department, for his help in hauling topsoil to Beechwood Golf Course.

Board

Mr. MacLennan reminded everyone there is an Executive Session today immediately following the regular Board meeting. Mr. Baugher requested the Board set one for June 23rd as well.

Mr. MacLennan moved to set an Executive Session for Wednesday, June 23rd immediately following the regularly scheduled meeting for the purpose of litigation; motion seconded by Mr. Rosenberg and unanimously carried.

Mr. Rosenberg reminded the Clerk Treasurer to post and publish the change in the meeting date and time for next week's Board of Public Works and Safety meeting.

Mayor

Mayor Chroback advised Cruise Night is this Saturday, June 12th originating at the LaPorte County Fairgrounds with registration between 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Vehicles participating in the cruise must be at least 20 yrs old. The Mayor stated the Cruise Committee is paying for the overtime used by the Police Department for this event. Once again 2nd Saturdays in downtown LaPorte will be held in conjunction with Cruise Night and she encouraged everyone to come out and shop at the participating businesses. The Farmer's Market will also operate during evening hours this Saturday as well as their usual morning hours of 8:00 a.m. until noon.

The Mayor announced Arts in the Parks will take place each Wednesday and Thursday in Fox Park at the Dennis Smith Amphitheatre, with the City Band performing on Wednesdays and guest bands on Thursdays.

Mayor Chroback reported the Downtown at the Movies event last week was a great success with approximately 250 people in attendance.

Today is Denim Day, where City employees can donate money to Relay for Life and wear jeans and the Mayor encouraged everyone to participate.

The Mayor reported the lake level is at 798.16 and the lake siphon is currently on.

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Rosenberg moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. MacLennan and unanimously carried.

Signatures

APPROVED: _____
Kathleen Chroback, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Teresa L. Ludlow, Clerk-Treasurer
Approved: June 14, 2010