# BOARD OF WORKS & PUBLIC SAFETY September 5, 2023 – 5:30 PM Second Floor, City Building, 201 S. Union Street

Mayor Anita Werling opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Those present rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leanne Aldrich called the roll. Present were Spencer Kingery, Breanna Maxwell and Mayor Werling.

Minutes of the August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 meeting were presented for review. Spencer Kingery moved to approve. Second by Breanna Maxwell. The minutes were approved as read.

Claims totaling \$545,973.62 were presented. Breanna Maxwell moved to approve. Second by Spencer Kingery. There were no questions on the claims. Motion carried. (3-0)

#### Other Business

Audrey Wardrip from Delphi Main Street presented plans for this year's Trunk or Treat to be held on Saturday, October 28. DMS requests use of the courthouse side Washington and Franklin streets and closure of Market Street in the courthouse block from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. The actual event would run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Attendance at last year's event was estimated at 800. Breanna Maxwell moved to approve. Second by Spencer Kingery. Motion carried. (3-0)

#### **New Business**

Mayor Werling presented a request from Iron Men Properties to utilize the city right-of-way on Front Street bordering the proposed apartment building to accommodate a landscaped slope and retaining. Alex Blake from Iron Men showed board members the site schematic and stated that the plan called for a 3-foot flat area beyond the sidewalk and a landscaped slope to the retaining wall. None of the building would be in the right-of-way. Spencer Kingery moved to approve the use of right-of-way. Second by Breanna Maxwell. Motion carried. (3-0)

Alex Blake also described a request for a parking easement that would be presented to the Common Council at their 6:00 p.m. meeting. The purpose of the easement is to provide additional dedicated parking spaces to the project meeting the zoning requirements of 1.5 spaces per unit. The consensus of the board was that there were no objections to the agreement.

Chief LaMar first introduced Daron Dennis as the new Delphi Police officer sworn in on September 1. LaMar then presented a Lateral Entry Policy for the Board's consideration. The policy would allow officers from other departments to transfer into the department keeping their longevity, vacation time, and specialty pay. Transfers would still need to go through Field Training with another officer to become familiar with local procedures. Spencer Kingery move to approve the policy amended to state that candidates with more than 10 days disciplinary action from another jurisdiction would not be eligible. Second by Breanna Maxwell with that stipulation. Motion carried. (3-0) The Common Council will also be asked to approve the policy since it may have some budgetary impacts.

Chief LaMar described the 2016 Ford Taurus purchased from Chicago Motors for \$13,900 to provide the number of cars needed for implementing the take-home policy. Complete Auto checked out the car and

found it in good shape. The car would mostly be used by the Chief. There was no news about the cars on order from Bloomington Ford.

## Miscellaneous Business.

No comments or requests from board members or Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich.

### Public Comment.

Debbie Lowe asked what additional costs would be associated with the Ford Taurus. Chief LaMar stated that outfitting would be under \$5,000.

There being no other business, Breanna Maxwell moved to adjourn. Second by Mayor Werling. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Mayor Anita Werling

Leanne Aldrich, Attest