BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MEETING
September 23, 2026 – 5:30PM
Second Floor, City Building, 201 S. Union Street

Mayor Kamron Yates opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Those present rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was livestreamed on YouTube.

Clerk-Treasurer Julie Price called the roll. Present were Paige Smith and Mayor Yates. Spencer Kingery was not in attendance.

The minutes of the September 8th meeting were presented for review. There were no additions or corrections. Motion to approve minutes as presented by Paige Smith, second by Mayor Yates. Minutes were approved as read and carried. (2-0)

The next order of business was regular claims for September 23, 2026, totaling $589,334.81. Mayor Yates stated the amount was slightly higher due to 3rd Broadband payment. Motion to accept the claims made by Paige Smith, seconded by Mayor Yates. Motion carried and passed. (2-0)

Other Business:
None
Unfinished Business:
None

New Business:
Community Development Director Julia Leahy requested sidewalk usage for the Hispanic Heritage Festival. She stated the need to move the 2 portable restrooms and 1 portable handwashing station due to lighting issues. She requested the sidewalk usage on the corner of Washington and Franklin against the wall with the mural. Motion to approve the sidewalk usage made by Paige Smith, seconded by Mayor Yates. Motion carried and passed. (2-0)

The Delphi Main Street is the fiscal agent for the Delphi Parks board and has received the Community Foundation Impact Grant. The grant has been awarded and will be used to update the playground. Julia Leahy stated that there are still more funds needed to accomplish the upgrades, but the grant is a good start to moving forward.

The Delphi Canal Association requested approval for an open burn to rid of brush and debris from the latest storms. The board agreed that the burn request could be in place for the remainder of 2026 should there be additional storms for the remainder of the year. The only request from the board is that if the canal would need to do additional burns, they would notify the board and fire department before doing so. Motion to approve the open burn for the canal made by Paige Smith, seconded by Mayor Yates. Motion carried and passed. (2-0)

Future Business and Announcements:
None
Miscellaneous Business
Mayor Yates announced that the IPC water tower is completed and back up and functions well. He thanked the RDC for their assistance with funding the project for the repairs.

Board Comments/ Requests
None

Clerk-Treasurer Comments/Requests
None

Public Comment
Gayle Connor of 510 E Franklin Street was present to request that the zoning ordinance be enforced to remove a business that is doing auto repair and selling cars in her neighborhood. She stated that she is concerned about safety of children, noise, and property looking bad from all the extra vehicles that are parked on the streets near the residence. She commented that there have been cars jacked up on blocks and small children playing near the area in addition to loud noises and the renters of the property being unlicensed. She is asking for the law regarding business in a residential area be enforced. Mayor Yates stated that the DPD has been there several times to check on the residence. Chief Mullin has also been in contact with the property renter. Mayor Yates emphasized that there are steps that must be taken and followed for the process, but he assured her that her concerns are being addressed.

Mayor Yates thanked Gayle Connor for her assistance with a different issue and stated that he appreciated her willingness to help the city.

With there being no other business, Paige Smith moved to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Yates. Without objection, the Board of Public Works & Safety meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Mayor Kamron Yates

Julie Price, Attest