

BOARD OF WORKS
AUGUST 18, 2014
1:00 P.M.

Mayor Randy Strasser called the meeting to order.

Mayor Strasser brought Anita Werling to the floor to present her request. Anita requested permission to close the street in front of the Opera House on the 20th of August from 12:30 to 2:00 P.M. for a ground breaking ceremony. Anita noted we are proud the Lt. Governor will be attending the ceremony. Dick Traeger made the motion to close the street for the ceremony. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (3-0)

Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th of August were presented for approval. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

Claims in the amount of \$916,816.14 were presented for approval. Mayor Strasser noted one claim in the amount of \$500,000 was the moving of money to establish the Highway Relinquishment Fund as per ordinance. Dick Traeger and Carolyn Pearson noted they had seen the claim and realized what the amount was for. Dick Traeger made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (3-0)

OLD BUSINESS:

SRO Officer: Mayor Strasser stated Chief Mullin was busy with work outside of the office. Mayor Strasser stated Chief Mullin did advertise in two more papers and is in the process of evaluation of resumes.

Stellar Downtown Water Projects. Mayor Strasser is waiting on contracts and amounts from INDOT and this will have to be tabled until he has exact figures on the table.

NEW BUSINESS:

VS Engineering: Aaron Kitchens brought three change orders to the board for approval and they are for the HHH 2C.

1. \$2,160 credit – unused flow able fill
2. 6 month time extension due to REMC
3. \$990 to F&K for the lift station. Dick VanSickle started to vac the lift station and was unable to do so. F&K had to do the work

Due to the delay with REMC, F&K is asking for a reduction in the retainage amount. \$32,616.95 is the amount sought from retainage and that would leave \$13,000 in retainage. This amount will be added to the next pay application. Carolyn Pearson made the motion to approve the 3 change orders and the release of retainage. Second by Dick Traeger. Motion carried. (3-0)

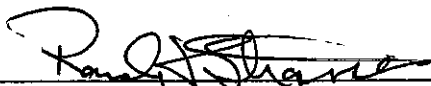
Well Project Update: Peerless has completed 4 test wells in the Cole well field. The geology has been identified and the potential for a 1,000 gallon per minutes well is identified. The next step is to install larger casing and test the well over 72 hours to analyze. Upon completion of this part of the process Peerless can suggest what well capacity will be certain. Mayor Strasser wants to meet with the Cole family to make sure all is in order. There is \$600,000 in the bond budget and this next stage could cost \$130,000 and won't be done until crops are off the field. Cole irrigation system would share in the water supply but not share in our well. This area is prone to flooding so it will be necessary for the city to address this by elevating the pumps.

Facades Restoration: Bids for the façade restoration were opened and the low bid was \$1,648,000 with a grant budget of 1.5 million. The bid is almost \$200,000 over budget. Carolyn Pearson questioned if each building is getting the same amount of money. Mayor Strasser responded each building is different in needs and that makes the amount different. Mayor Strasser showed Carolyn and Dick the bid totals on each building. Mayor Strasser stated we can probably reduce the scope from the trails and move some of the match funds over to facades. Our match on streetscapes is 20% and the match to the facades is 5%. Mayor Strasser stated he feels if we cut on facades we would have too many upset owners. INDOT is looking to pave part of Main and Washington Streets in 2016 and we could move match \$ to facades. We won't know for sure on this proposition until we can figure out numbers. Dick Traeger thought perhaps we could talk to business owners to see if willing to contribute more than the 5%. It would still be a good deal for the owners. Carolyn Pearson agreed with Dick Traeger. Mayor Strasser stated he will be contacting the owners. Mayor Strasser stated the loft apartments need to start and that façade is the first one scheduled to be done.

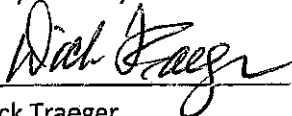
Aaron Lyons received a paint bid for the city building. The cost would be \$2,700 and that would include the alley side. It would be for a prime coat and 2 top coats. The contractor does not feel it would be a good idea to scrape and paint the door jambs. The contractor thinks they should be replaced and would be willing to come back and paint them when new ones are installed. The bid for \$2,700 does not include the single pane windows. Dick Traeger made the motion to approve the bid of \$2,700. Second by Carolyn Pearson. Motion carried. (3-0) Aaron stated he will get back to the board on replacing the door jambs and tuck pointing.

Aaron Lyons reported Chris Neuman has volunteered to work on some grants for the parks. Duke Energy has a grant for trees and SIA has a grant for park benches. Chris is willing to write the grants and do the leg work. Dick Traeger stated he thinks this is a good idea. Aaron noted Chris is a master gardener and will also help with park plantings. Carolyn and Dick agreed this would be wonderful gift to the parks.

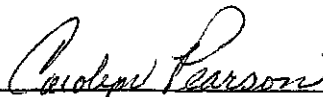
Meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.



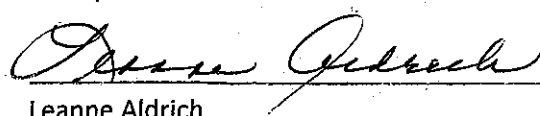
Mayor Randy Strasser



Dick Traeger



Carolyn Pearson



Leanne Aldrich