

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
FEBRUARY 1, 2018
WORK SESSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 201 S. UNION STREET
9:00 A.M.

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

All members were in attendance.

The Board discussed Well 3 and Mayor Evans provided an update. He stated legal advertisements had been in the Comet once and would be in the Comet again the following week. He stated bids should be opened at the second regular Board meeting in February.

The Board discussed future source water for the City of Delphi. The Board discussed the options of going to the northwest wellfield compared to the option of staying in the current aquifer. Mayor Evans informed the Board he would be meeting with Superintendent Myers, Peerless-Midwest, and U.S. Aggregates the following week to understand U.S. Aggregate's plans for the future and how that will impact the current aquifer. The Board discussed options for aeration and the possibility of hooking Wells 1, 3, 5, and a possible future Well 7 into the aeration. Hooking Well 5 into the aeration would allow for the lowering of the pump which could extend the life of Well 5. Mayor Evans provided the Board with a table from Umbaugh which approximates how much the average residential water bill would increase as a function of the millions of dollars spent on water projects. The Board discussed other aspects of the water system including the need for tank rehabilitation at the elevated tanks by the Andersons, on 800 W., and by IPC. The Board also discussed the need for tank rehabilitation at the ground storage tank on Armory Road. The Board discussed how water could continue to be delivered to the IPC and 800 W. tanks if the Armory Road booster station was offline for service. The Board discussed the trends for Wells 4 and 5 and anticipating when they will break suction. Mayor Evans stated he would talk to Peerless-Midwest and ask for an updated analysis.

The Board discussed the Community Center lease. Mayor Evans brought the minutes from the most recent Community Center meeting, but found no references to the lease in the minutes. The Mayor stated he would talk to the Committee again and ask for their recommendations. Member Traeger stated she thinks they would be hard pressed to get in during February so we have more time to review the lease. She stated that she had talked to Councilman Shockley and he had stated that it may be possible to get in around May. The Board discussed the progress of the Community Center and commended Councilman Shockley's dedication to the project.

Mayor Evans provided the Board with an update on the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation project. He described the way funds were allocated and limitations on the federal funding per residence. He stated that Star Development and the Mayor have requested waivers on some of the residences to allow for an increased amount of federal funding. He stated that the contracts cannot be awarded until he receives feedback from the government on those requests.

The Mayor briefly described a VAS program through EJP for the purchasing of materials for the Water Department. He stated he would provide a better summary and would have Superintendent Myers discuss it further at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Evans provided an update on the Pavement Asset Management Plan. He stated he lost the most recent version of the plan when his files were lost. He stated he has a version of the plan, but not the final version, and will have to create the entire document as the version he has is in PDF format.

The Board discussed tablets, Mayor Evans provided he should have more information regarding cost to the Board with their packets for the regular meeting.

The Board discussed the 1782 notice and the State's consideration of line item vetoes. Mayor Evans stated he called DLGF to try and get an explanation on why they did not take into account the line item vetoes but stated he has not heard back.

Mayor Evans provided an update on the conversion of street lights to LED and the addition of approximately five street lights within the City of Delphi. He stated he would be meeting with Duke later in the day to see where additional street lights could be added on East Main Street and on Washington Street.

The Board discussed the progress of security measures near trail entrances. The Board discussed progress on the kiosks, funds the Canal received from NCHS, and running electric to the cameras.

The Board discussed Mr. Bradshaw working more closely with the Water and Sewer Departments and Mrs. Traeger working more closely with the Streets and Parks and Police Departments.

Mayor Evans informed the Board he had been in conversations with Mike Patty regarding grant opportunities for the softball complex and would continue working with Mr. Patty to find available funding.

Mr. Bradshaw informed the Board they had their first Bacon Fest meeting. There will be a sanctioned cookoff. Mr. Bradshaw will continue to update the Board on progress with Bacon Fest.

Mrs. Traeger informed the Board there will be a tour of homes in September -- they might have some plain air artists with artwork in yards of some of the houses.

Mayor Evans informed the Board he talked to a staffer of the Lt. Governor's Office who spoke highly of Delphi and the Opera House project. He relayed that the staffer would be giving a talk about the Opera House in Lake County soon and that Indiana Landmarks will be giving a presentation on the Opera House in Indianapolis in a few months.

Mrs. Traeger asked the Mayor where we stood with getting secretary positions filled. Mayor Evans stated it had not been a top priority with other items that have arisen and he will continue to seek individuals to fill those positions.

Mrs. Traeger brought up the idea of an assistant to the Mayor again. Mayor Evans stated it was probably a bad time and that most of the documents he lost could be recreated by staying late and working during the weekends.

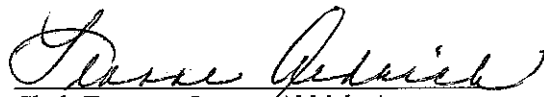
The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.



Mayor Shane Evans



Dick Bradshaw



Clerk-Treasurer Leanne Aldrich, Attest

Karyl Traeger