

BOARD OF WORKS & PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL MEETING

January 18, 2022 – 5:15 AM

Community Center, 311 N. Washington Street

Mayor Anita Werling opened the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Spencer Kingery and Anita Werling were present; Kamron Yates was present by Zoom. Also present were attorney Justin Barbour, Ken Echols, JT Doane, and Lou Hayden.

Minutes of the January 3, 2022, meeting were presented. Without objection, the minutes were accepted as presented.

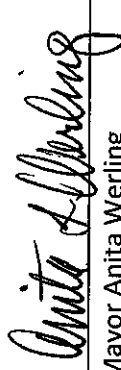
Claims totaling \$1,199,282.22 were presented for approval. Spencer Kingery moved to approve the claims. Second by Kamron Yates. Spencer Kingery asked if the Health Savings Accounts would remain at Horizon Bank. C-T Aldrich confirmed they would. Kamron Yates asked if the cleaning fee had been resolved with the Community Center. C-T Aldrich indicated that a fee of \$50 per use had been established. Motion carried. (3-0)

Mayor Werling suspended the meeting at 5:22 p.m. and opened the public hearing regarding a demolition order placed on the property at 402 S. Washington Street. Werling reported that she and JT Doane had productive meetings with the property owner Ken Echols. The City also engaged Jeremy Duff or KJG Engineering to assess the condition of the structure. Duff's written report indicated the historic structure was generally sound with some roof issues at the west end adjacent to the rear addition. The second floor could not be accessed due to collapse of stairs at the west wall. Duff also reported that the block walls of the rear addition appeared sound. Once debris in the historic structure is removed and in the rear structure from the collapsed roof, Duff will return to continue the review. Property owner Ken Echols was invited to address the Board of Works to present his proposal and timeline for coming into compliance. Echols stated he hoped to salvage the front part of the building and would begin removing debris from the interior in the next few weeks. He also plans to work on the removal of the collapsed roof and stated uncertainty as to whether this could be safely done without removing a section of the rear block wall. Possible uses for the historic building were discussed including a pizzeria, bistro, or other eatery. Echols will report back to JT Doane on progress.

The public hearing was closed at 5:32 p.m. and the BOW meeting resumed.

Mayor Werling offered to entertain a motion to replace the Demolition Order on 402 S. Washington Street with a Continuous Enforcement Order which would give the BOW authority to continue monitoring the progress on the building and to take further action, if necessary, without holding additional public hearings. Attorney Barbour confirmed the use of such an order. Spencer Kingery made the motion. Second by Kamron Yates. Motion carried. (3-0)

There being no other business, Spencer Kingery moved to adjourn. Second Kamron Yates. Without objection the meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.


Mayor Anita Werling


Leanne Aldrich, Attest