

BOARD OF WORKS & PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL MEETING

February 23, 2022 – 5:15 AM

Community Center, 311 N. Washington Street

Mayor Anita Werling opened the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Spencer Kingery, Kamron Yates, and Anita Werling were present.

Minutes of the February 7, 2022, meeting were presented for review. Kamron Yates moved to approve. Second by Spencer Kingery. Without objection, the minutes were accepted as presented.

Claims for the regular docket totaling \$234,192.43 were presented for approval. Kamron Yates moved to approve the claims. Second by Spencer Kingery. Motion carried. (3-0)

Claims were presented for Round IV of the Small Business Resilience Grants totaling \$73,750 contingent upon the final award amounts being approved by Council. Kamron Yates moved to approve the claims contingent upon ratification by the Common Council. Second by Spencer Kingery. Kamron Yates asked why award amounts were different from what the applications requested. Mayor Werling described the process Council used to award the amounts. Motion carried. (3-0)

Cynthia Lashley addressed with board with changes to the Mardi Gras parade route on February 26. The parade would begin from the parking lot at First Financial Bank proceeding north on Union Street to Monroe; left on Monroe Street to Market Street; left on Market Street to West Franklin Street and continuing past Union Street where the parade would dissolve. Chief McCain and Superintendent Lyons had been informed of the changes. By consensus the board approved the new route.

Mayor Werling suspended the BOW meeting at 5:22 p.m. and opened the public hearing on the demolition order for 411 W. Franklin Street. J. Dustin Smith, attorney for the mortgage company Nation Star d.b.a. Mr. Cooper, was present by Zoom and indicated that a preservation company, Cypress Services LLC, had been retained to replace windows and a missing door and to abate trash on the porch and other locations on the property. That work was expected to be completed within two weeks, weather permitting. The mortgage company was not foreclosing at this time, but is likely headed in that direction, according to Smith.

There being no further questions for Mr. Smith, the public hearing was terminated at 5:30 p.m. and the BOW meeting resumed.

Mayor Werling asked for a motion to replace the demolition order on 411 W. Franklin Street with a Continuous Enforcement Order which would allow the BOW to continue monitoring the situation and to take further action, if needed, without holding an additional public hearing. Spencer Kingery so moved. Second by Kamron Yates. Motion carried. (3-0)

Presented for informational purposes only were two proposals from Butler Fairman & Seufert to survey property by well #5 for the purpose of splitting off a parcel for a Water Department maintenance building from land owned by US Aggregate and under a 99-year lease to the City. Two appraisals for value of the property would also be required for the City to purchase the acreage for the building. A second proposal was a supplemental agreement to do pre-engineering for the maintenance building.

Mayor Werling presented a contract with iNc. Empire recruiting service to assist the City in seeking viable employees for vacancies in the water, wastewater, and streets departments. Cynthia Lashley affirmed that the company would pay for all advertising and recruitment fees as part of its services. The City would be obligated to pay 20% of the annual wage for each position successfully filled by the company with the employee retained past 30 days. Spencer Kingery moved to approve the contract. Second by Kamron Yates. Following questions to ascertain the 30-day requirement and verify the availability of funds, the motion carried. (3-0)

An excavation permit was presented from Zayo for fiber connection to 118 N. Union Street. Kamron Yates moved to approve. Second by Spencer Kingery. Kamron Yates asked how this fits with the broadband initiative that the City is pursuing with another company. Mayor Werling indicated that once the agreement had been signed for broadband, that company would be exploring fiber links with Zayo for what is already in the ground and with Duke on availability of poles for overhead fiber. Businesses may have the opportunity to switch broadband vendors based on price. Motion carried. (3-0)

Board Comments.


Spencer Kingery asked JT Doane on the status of 402 S. Washington Street. Doane reported that numerous attempts to contact Mr. Echols by phone and text had not met with success. Doane indicated that Echols had been furnished images of the roof of the historic structure taken by a drone. If no contact is made with Echols, then a plan for abatement by the City will be presented at the next BOW meeting. Kingery also asked about a property on Summit Street. Lou Hayden reported that some of the items had been addressed by the owner, but there were several items still not resolved. Monitoring is continuing.

Kamron Yates asked about the approval for the Delphi Youth Baseball's annual parade. Mayor Werling indicated that Brian Clawson had been in communication about this and would be on the next BOW meeting's agenda.

There being no other business, Spencer Kingery moved to adjourn. Second by Kamron Yates. Without objection the meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.



Mayor Anita Werling

  
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