

BOARD OF WORKS & PUBLIC SAFETY
March 6 – 5:15 PM
Community Center, 311 N. Washington Street

Mayor Anita Werling opened the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Those present rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leanne Aldrich called the roll. Present were Spencer Kingery, Breanna Maxwell, and Mayor Werling.

Minutes of the February 21, 2023 regular meeting were presented for review. Spencer Kingery moved to approve. Second by Breanna Maxwell. Without objection, the minutes were approved as read.

Claims totaling \$854,570.29 were presented. Spencer Kingery moved to approve the claims. Second by Mayor Werling. There was no discussion. Motion carried. (3-0)

Other Business

Dale Seward had asked to be placed on the agenda. Mr. Seward indicated that Amy Bayless wished to install a memorial bench in Riley Park near the site where her grandson was swept away while playing in Deer Creek. Mayor Werling expressed condolences to the family for their tragic loss. She indicated that there presently was no policy regarding memorial benches for the parks, but that an ordinance was on the Council docket to re-establish a Parks and Recreation Board that would have authority to determine such a policy. The mayor stated that there were a couple of memorial benches in Riley Park and some along the trail system. The trail memorial benches were the responsibility of the Canal Center and that organization was currently reviewing its policies and procedures regarding benches. The Mayor asked if Mrs. Bayless was okay with waiting until the new Parks Board was established and could set a policy. Mrs. Bayless said she was and that she had nothing but good things to say about how the City responded during the time her grandson went missing.

Unfinished Business

Whether to continue repairs to the building at 402 S. Washington Street or to demolish it was considered. Adding interior support for the roof rafters and replacing the roof is estimated to cost close to \$60,000 while demolition of the structure and outbuildings is estimated to cost close to \$30,000. The building and lot are in the flood way; rebuilding or new construction would be prohibited or severely restricted. Josh Shive of Raeco Realty suggested that if the building were repaired, the market value would likely be in the \$125,000 range. Spencer Kingery indicated that proceeding with repairs, the city would stand a chance of recouping its expenditures and moved to proceed with the repairs. Second by Breanna Maxwell. Breanna Maxwell asked if flood insurance had to be paid on the property. No answer was immediately known. The motion carried. (3-0)

New Business

A scope of work from Kimley-Horn to develop schematic plans for a proposed Belt Line Trail was presented. The trail would be part of the Wabash River Greenway project and would receive funding from the City of Delphi, the WRG, and READI. The trailhead would be on City property on Carrollton Road. The main portion of the trail would be adjacent to the historic Belt Line Trail on property owned by Dan McCain. The fees for the initial planning and preparing schematics and project cost projections is \$19,200 which would be paid out of Rainy Day. Spencer Kingery moved to approve. Second by Breanna Maxwell. In discussion, it was stated the trail would be paved and ADA compliant. The sidewalk ending at Wilson and Adams Street would likely be extended to connect with the trailhead parking area. Motion carried. (3-0)

Miscellaneous Business.

There were no comments from the Board or Clerk-Treasurer.

Public Comment.

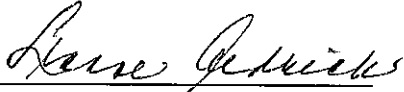
Debbie Lowe, Carroll County Comet asked the amount of taxes paid by the City following the donation of the property at 402 S. Washington Street. Clerk-Treasurer Aldrich indicated that she would get that information and send it to Ms. Lowe.

Denny Myers had a question concerning the trail project.

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



Mayor Anita Werling



Leanne Aldrich, Attest