

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MISHAWAKA
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY/UTILITY BOARD
September 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety/Utility Board was called to order by President Gary West at 10:01 a.m. All members were present. Mr. Prince moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of September 6, 2016, and accept them as circulated.

Bid Openings:

There were no bid openings.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Wood thanked the Street Department who led a crew of workers to assist with the Kokomo storm clean-up efforts.

Mayor Wood announced a staff meeting would follow today's Board meeting.

Department Head Reports:

Assistant Police Chief Jason Stefaniak on behalf of Chief Witkowski requested the Board accept the voluntary retirement of Services Division Chief Steve Ravotto who has served the Mishawaka Police Department for 25 years, effective September 12, 2016. Mr. Prince moved for the Board's approval to accept the voluntary retirement of Asst. Chief Steve Ravotto effective September 12, 2016. Mr. Watson seconded; motion carried.

City Controller Becky Miller requested the Board approve the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford Escape SE 4WD for the Building Department to piggy back on a quoted price from Jordan Motors, Mishawaka, dated April 12, 2016, in the amount of \$24,195.00. Mr. Watson moved to approve as presented. Mr. Prince seconded; motion carried.

City Planner Ken Prince presented a proposal from St. Joseph Valley Metronet for extension of lateral Metronet conduits and fiber optics to connect Riverwalk camera circuit in three locations for the not-to-exceed amount of \$14,350.00, and moved for its approval. Mr. Watson seconded; motion carried.

Engineering Director Gary West presented a Certificate of Substantial Completion from HRP Construction for CSO Consolidation Phase II – Division 1 (MWW 15-003) and moved for its acceptance. Mr. Watson seconded; motion carried.

Mr. West presented Professional Services Agreement Supplemental No. 1 from Lawson-Fisher Associates for additional engineering services on Fourth Street LTCP Improvements for an increase of \$51,875.00 for a new not-to-exceed amount of \$178,325.00, and moved for its approval. Mr. Prince seconded; motion carried.

Approval of Claims:

City Controller Rebecca Miller requested approval of fifteen (15) claim dockets in the amount of \$3,838,536.33 for approval. Mr. Watson moved to approve as presented. Mr. Prince seconded; motion carried.

New Business:

Mr. Prince moved to approve a request to close the 400 block of Calhoun Street between Vine Street and Wilson Boulevard for a block party on Sunday, September 18, 2016, from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., subject to normal conditions of approval for public safety. Mr. Watson seconded; motion carried.

Public Comments:

Two residents from the 2200 block of East Third Street and 200 block of Roosevelt Avenue spoke to the Board about their experiences with a NIPSCO landscaping sub-contractor. Both gentlemen said employees of the contractor, Precision Landscaping, were nasty, obstinate, rude, and used profanity during their exchanges. After one confrontation, the Police were called.

Mr. West asked about the quality of their work. The men said it was mediocre; they didn't wear proper gear.

Mr. West said he would follow up with NIPSCO.

Unfinished Business:

There being no additional business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Gary West – President of the Board of
Public Works and Safety/Utility Board

Kari Myers - Clerk of the Board of
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