

October 4, 2021

The Board of Public Works & Safety met on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Marion City Council Chambers. Present were Brian Flynn, Linda Wilk, Cindy Cunningham, Alex Huskey, Janice Adams, and secretary to the board.

Alex Huskey: We don't have any minutes for review for this meeting. They will be prepared for us for the next meeting. There were some challenges. The minutes will be prepared for next meeting so we should have them available.

Chief and Deputy Chief Handbook

Alex Huskey: What I wanted to do with that, there, we needed to get this back on the table for the Police Chief and Fire Chief and the Deputy Chiefs. We needed to get this back on the table. We needed to have a meeting just to review this real good. So I asked Aisha to bring them back and provide them in our packets so we can have them. But also see if there is any time that we can schedule a meeting for next week to sit down and go over these with the committee and then councilwoman Fouce I believe wanted to sit in on that meeting as we review these as well. I think that it is important that we review these because in talking with at least the deputy chief of police there have been somethings that have taken place outside of what is documented in this manual and we want to make sure we get those things captured in regards to some adjustments in time and pay and those sorts of things. We want to make sure we get those things captured. So, I wanted to just bring that forward that we need to review this manual again but then also see if there is, if we can agree upon time next week to meet. I unfortunately I will be on travel from Monday through Wednesday. I will be back Wednesday evening. Thursday and Friday of next week I have availability, does anyone else have availability to sit down and review this document thoroughly. Councilwoman Fouce (inaudible)

Linda Wilk: We are looking at the 14th and 15th is that right?

Alex Huskey: Yes.

Linda Wilk: I cannot do the 15th I am the only one in the office that day. The 14th as long as it is before 2 I am open.

Alex Huskey: Okay, the 14th before 2?

Cindy Cunningham: The 14th I have an appointment at 11 probably for an hour but do whatever you guys need to do.

Alex Huskey: Okay.

Brian Flynn: I can meet the 14th anytime.

Alex Huskey: Okay. So if I set a ZOOM meeting.

Janice Adams: ZOOM would be great.

Linda Wilk: ZOOM would be great.

Alex Huskey: Okay. So we just need to document that for the record that we will be meeting on the 14th via ZOOM just for the matter of reviewing that handbook.

Linda Wilk: Can we nail a time down. Just because (inaudible)

Alex Huskey: Yeah. So, I just wanted to get that on the record first. Let's see here for me and for you...did you say before 2 on the 14th?

Linda Wilk: Yeah before 2.

Alex Huskey: So would a 1 o'clock be okay?

Linda Wilk: As long as I am done by 2.

Alex Huskey: If we review the manual before and then just have our questions and comments ready I think we can get it done in an hour. Okay, 1 pm on the 14th.

Linda Wilk: Yeah, I really thought we were doing that today. I already read it again.

Alex Huskey: Yeah but we had promise councilwoman Fouce that she could be a part of the discussion so I did not want to go back on my word on that so. Alright, the 14th at 1 o'clock.

Thank you. I will entertain a motion then to accept that as the meeting time.

Motion to establish a meeting on the 14th at 1 pm to discuss the city of Marion Fire and Police Chief, Deputy Chief Police and procedures-Brian Flynn; seconded Cindy Cunningham. Motion carried.

Linda Wilk: Just a question. What is the highlighted yellow?

Aisha Richard: Thought I put an explanation in the email but because those are changes that, I think those are things that are actually in the employee handbook, I think.

Linda Wilk: I thought is said something, (inaudible).

Aisha Richard: It has to do with the time. There is some clarity that is needed for time in those.

Linda Wilk: Okay.

Alex Huskey: Yeah. Alright, thank you. Any other comments, questions or concerns. Next order of business is public comment. Councilwoman do you have anything for us today?

Public Comment

Robin Fouce: Good morning everyone. Thank you President Huskey for your consideration (inaudible) it is always good when we all collaborate and work together so I appreciate that consideration and I will be happy to attend that. Secondly, I just have one question maybe two. As I look at the payable vouchers and summary my attention is drawn to one item vendor number 1902 that is on page 1 of the three summary pages toward the bottom. It says Best Way of Indiana demolition \$12,255 to 7th and McClure demo. So we all have I believe a concern and a (inaudible) for the blight here in the community (inaudible) getting cleaned up. As I look forward on page 2 toward the middle (inaudible) vendor 1172 there is a payment to Ice Miller and my question to you is that payment is in the amount of \$13,980.48. It umm I did advise of the litigation Michael An. And so my question to you all are you aware of what specifically that is for? As you move forward to approve payment of the bills and the vouchers.

Alex Huskey: There has been an ongoing litigation with the city and I believe the Economic Growth Council regarding some of the Thompson land. And those are the things that, that has been on-going for years if I am not mistaken and I believe that is probably for that. It is probably the attorney fees for that.

Robin Fouce: when you say Thompson land where are you referring to specifically? I am not aware of...

Cindy Cunningham: I think that is the old Y isn't it?

Alex Huskey: Yes, I am sorry.

Cindy Cunningham: Lee is the one that

Alex Huskey: Yes. Sorry, my mistake. So that litigation is ongoing and I don't know when there is a resolution for that. I don't have that information in front of me. So that is it what that is for. The one for the 7th and Adams.

Brian Flynn: 7th and McClure.

Alex Huskey: 7th and McClure I am not sure what was demolished there.

Robin Fouce: I won't keep you on the time. My point with this is we spent \$13, 980 for litigation for Michael An. I believe that ties into the Y lawsuit and I posing questions just for thought and consideration. When it costs \$12, 255 for us to tear down or demolition a dilapidated property and so I wanted just to raise that issue to just for thought today and I appreciate your time on it.

Alex Huskey: No, I appreciate that. And we have seen demolitions to exceed that amount from time to time. We have had demolitions I believe up into \$30,000 depending on the type of structure, what the, a lot of time especially if there are buildings that tie in together and you have to be careful to tear one down and not the other. So, the only thing I know that was in the 7th and McClure area was an old storage facility that probably had some industrial.

Linda Wilk: It had...

Cindy Cunningham: I just wanted to kind of show but I am not sure which property it is. There is 7th and McClure so it is quite large buildings.

Alex Huskey: Yes.

Robin Fouce: My point again is just question again for thought and consideration we have an out of control blight issue here in Marion. You know that I have taken that up and I will continue to do that. I just wanted to pose at you that we are willing to pay bills for litigation when we need to reallocate that money and that is not fuss with you or argument with you in no way. I am just raising a point for question (inaudible) we are continually told that we don't have money for it. We had a commissioner set before this board and say that it was August and we were already out of money for blight if you recall that conversation. So, we have to look at where are we allocating and spending our dollars and I just sincerely want to pose that question for thought. Not to put you in any kind of trick hold or anything. Just think about it.

Alex Huskey: Oh no, no, no, no.

Robin Fouce: As we move forward I would beckon to you.

Alex Huskey: Oh no, and that is perfectly fine because the reality of it is we know how those allocations are and so monies that are allocated for blight is different from money that is allocated for attorney fees and those sorts of things and so those appropriations have to be made through the council to get those dollars to move so I mean we take that seriously so thank you.

Robin Fouce: I appreciate it, thank you.

Alex Huskey: Okay, any other public comment.

Payment of the Bills

Motion to pay the bills for October 4- Brian Flynn; seconded Cindy Cunningham

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn Cindy Cunningham; seconded Brian Flynn.

Meeting adjourned

Alex Huskey-President
Board of Public Works & Safety

ATTEST:

Aisha Richard- Secretary
Board of Public Works & Safety