

November 15, 2021

The Board of Public Works & Safety met on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in the Marion City Council Chambers. Present were Alex Huskey, Linda Wilk, Cindy Cunningham, Brian Flynn, Janice Adams, and secretary to the board.

Motion to approve the minutes for November 1, 2021- Brian Flynn; seconded Cindy Cunningham.

**Alex Huskey abstained.**

### **Public Comment**

Alex Huskey: Are there any matters of public comment?

Robin Fouce: Good morning to all.

Alex Huskey: Good morning. Thank you. I was mentioning this to a few but I will just share it with all. I was I had the leisure of reviewing the governor's most recent, the study that he had commissioned on all of the state law enforcement agencies and I have some interest in that because having been a former state agency head a lot of the policies that were still active in that agency were policies that we had drafted when I was a part of that organization. So I had some interest in that. After reading that statement you know there are a lot of very telling things in that statement. A lot of challenging things in that statement, so part of what I plan to do is have conversations with Mr. Flynn and I have already spoken with Fire Chief David just asking them to go back. They were using Lexipol for policy and training. I am asking them to go back. I have never felt it was a good idea to have internal folks writing your policies and procedures, and training manuals if they haven't had any specialized training in risk management and litigation. So, I am going to be asking that they go back and review that and also for the law enforcement agencies as well umm for the city. So, I just wanted everyone to know that I am asking them to review that relationship with Lexipol. With all of the things that are happening in our society with social and emotional justice, I think it is a good idea to have that third eye looking at things and helping to draft things that really (inaudible) the community. So, I just wanted you to be aware that I was going to be...

Linda Wilk: Alex, did they ever say why they stopped using Lexipol?

Alex Huskey: Cost. You know any time you use a third party like that there is a cost involved. You know but the way I use to look at that is I would outweigh at very minimum if we got into any type of litigation the general settlement is going to be no less than \$25,000. So when you look at the cost of \$25,000 versus having a solid policy and \$10,000 a year to do that the cost factor was mitigated.

Robin Fouce: It may be an opportunity for ARP Funds to help accommodate that.

Alex Huskey: Yes.

Linda Wilk: Yeah.

Robin Fouce: You can use them for public safety and so that may be worth finding money to do that. (Inaudible)

Alex Huskey: Yes. Madame Councilwoman I was not going to get in the city council's bailiwick but I will tell you yes. I researched that and those dollars can be utilized for those sorts of things. In fact, they are encouraged. So thank you.

Robin Fouce: We receive all constructive input so thank you.

Alex Huskey: Thank you.

Linda Wilk: Well, I have to wonder. It seemed like we were pretty far into that process when they stopped. And so, I don't know how much they paid upfront or how all of that worked but it is kind of a shame to go as far as we did and then suspend it.

Alex Huskey: Yes. I would agree. I would agree, and what I have also found that may help because when I was in D.C. we know that those dollars are going to be available at least until 2023. There is talk about extending those dollars to at least 2025. So yes. Well, thank you all. The next item on the agenda is the payment of the bills. After having reviewed are there any questions or concerns for the board? I would entertain a motion.

Motion to approve the payment of the bills for November 15, 2021- Brian Flynn; seconded Cindy Cunningham.

**Motion carried**

Motion to adjourn- Linda Wilk; seconded Brian Flynn.

Meeting adjourned.

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Alex Huskey- President  
Board of Public Works & Safety

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Aisha Richard- Secretary  
Board of Public Works & Safety