

January 3, 2022

The Board of Public Works & Safety met on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Marion City Council Chambers. Present were Alex Huskey, Janice Adams, Cindy Cunningham (by video), Brian Flynn, Linda Wilk, and secretary to the board.

Motion to approve the minutes for December 20, 2021- Linda Wilk; seconded Brian Flynn
Motion carried.

Election of Officers for 2022

Linda Wilk: I would make a motion that Alex Huskey remain as chair of the Board of Works for 2022. Seconded: Cindy Cunningham. Is there a discussion about that?

Alex Huskey: There is no discussion as long as Linda Wilk will remain as the vice chair.

Linda Wilk: I will do that.

Motion carried.

Brian Flynn: I would propose a motion to elect Linda to have her remain as the vice chair. Seconded Alex Huskey. Motion carried.

Building Department- Jerry Foustnight: Good morning. First I want to thank each of you for your service to us last year for the properties that we brought before you. We consider this like a team effort that you know even though we have the properties and we bring them before you, we appreciate the fact that you go through and make sure that we are correct in what we are doing and you do the passage for our demos. As you can see today we bring before you these properties. If you notice these properties are on Second and Third Street. We have made an effort to go from the city limits to city limits from east to west. Looking at properties that are in disrepair, properties that need attention, properties that not only need demoed but properties that we have sent notices that needs to be repaired whether it be painted, new sulfates, new whatever the cases may be. We are concentrating on 18 on this month. What we are trying to do is we are going to bring these properties before you. We are wanting to get them in alignment so that we can keep moving forward on the properties. We have some carry overs from last year that we are working on at the present time. We are getting ready to move down to Nebraska Street to do the two properties down there. One of those properties is a owner requested demo. The individual, he actually lives out in California but through our contacts with them and everything they made a commitment to pay for the dumpster. So that saves the city or saves us so monies that we would have to spend on that demo. So, as we move forward today we have the properties before you. There are five properties. If you don't mind I will start on the very first one at 811 W. 3rd Street.

811 W. 3rd St.

Jerry Foustnight: The facts sheets are before you would indicate how we did service the property, how we sent out the notices and how the procedure went. If you look at the property, the property you can see is in disrepair. The roof in various places has holes in the roof. We did send out the notification to the property owner requesting that they contact us with their intentions as far as what they are wanting to do with the property. We as a department what we would prefer is that when we find an issue like this that once the property owner, we try to notify them. When we notify them we give them 10 days to respond to us telling us what their intentions are and we would much rather have the property owner say here is what I want to do. Submit your timetables as far as how long it is going to take you. Then I review it and I determine if that is

appropriate what they are wanting to do. We have done this throughout the city. It is nothing new and we do have some properties throughout the city that are deemed taken care of because of the agreement we have with them. Again, once we do that we do make sure that they follow the agreement. If they don't follow the agreement then we would bring that property before you. And so as you can see the property 811 W. 3rd St. it does need demoed. We would request that you would approve the order for demo on this property. It's kind of sad when I look at the property we have to bring before you because some of these if you look at this structure at one time this would have been a beautiful structure. It would have been something that was (inaudible) part of the city and now it is in disrepair and we are having to remove this structure because of the condition of it. I would entertain any questions you might have concerning this. I do believe everything is in your packet as far as the information that would be required. So I would request that you would vote affirmative for this demo.

Alex Huskey: Are there any questions regarding this property at 811 W. 3rd Street? Seeing there are no questions I would entertain a motion to approve.

Motion to approve the demolition of 811 W. 3rd Street- Brian Flynn; seconded Linda Wilk.
Motion carried.

724 W. 3rd St.

Jerry Foustnight: Thank you. Our second property that we bring before is 724 W. 3rd St. This property actually sets at the rear of the property. It was at one time an apartment and a garage combination. This property last year at the front of it the bigger home that was there caught fire and we had to do an emergency demo because it was leaning over on the other house. So we did a emergency demo on the main structure, however this is the structure that is at the back of the the property. As you can see again we sent out notifications and this is what the property looks like. There is windows broken out of it, there's the roof itself has holes in the roof, the structure is unsafe. So we would ask that you would approve the demo on this property. Again, if you have questions I would answer any questions that I could.

Alex Huskey: Are there any questions on property 724 W. 3rd Street? I would entertain a motion.
Motion to approve the demolition of 724 W. 3rd Street- Linda Wilk; seconded Cindy Cunningham. Motion carried.

Jerry Foustnight: Again, thank you very much for your vote of confidence in that.

1630 W. 2nd St

Jerry Foustnight: Our next project is 1630 W. 2nd Street. Again we did do, the notices have been sent out. We did what is required. If you look at the structure you will see that the structure the roof has some (inaudible) places in the roof, you can see in the pictures that we have boarded that structure up because of the condition, also because of the complaints of individuals trying to get into that structure. Again, we would ask that you would affirm our order to demo this property.

Alex Huskey: Alright, are there any questions regarding the property 1630 W. 2nd Street? Seeing there are none I would entertain a motion.

Motion to approve the demolition of 1630 W. 2nd St. Janice Adams; seconded Brian Flynn.
Motion carried.

1618 W. 2nd St.

Jerry Foustnight: Our next property that we are bringing before you is 1618 W. 2nd Street. Again, there's the paperwork was completed that we sent out. Also there are pictures available for this structure. There's conditions where the roof towards the back of the structure, the foundation we found issues with the foundation. So, not only that part of it, but the Indiana State Code allows us

that when we identify what we consider an unsafe structure that has to do with, one section of it has to do with if it is a nuisance to the community. We have had complaints throughout oh the last year or so concerning the condition of the property. The people that was getting in the property and different items like that. So, we bring this before you again today with request for the demo of that property.

Alex Huskey: Are there any questions regarding this property 1618 W. 2nd Street. I don't have any question particular to this property Jerry but in the property directly adjacent to that is that a vacant property?

Jerry Foushnight: To the west you are speaking of?

Alex Huskey: Yes.

Jerry Foustnight: No. There is an individual that lives in there Mr. Huskey we have cited them in to court no only for the property that they are in but the property in between this house and that house you are speaking of is a city property.

Alex Huskey: That is what I thought.

Jerry Foustnight: They have been putting things on the city property and so our efforts to get it stopped did not seem to work correctly just by notifying them so we are going to have to go to court on that also as far them putting things. They are basically using that city lot as a drive through. If you go out there and look you will see it is a muddy path between the alley and the back.

Alex Huskey: Yeah, I am familiar with the property that is why I was asking.

Jerry Foustnight: Yes, so yes the process has been started on that.

Alex Huskey: Okay, thank you. I would entertain a motion to approve 1618 W. 2nd Street. Motion to approve the demolition of 1618 W. 2nd Street. Brian Flynn- seconded Linda Wilk. Motion carried.

1516 W. 2nd St.

Jerry Foustnight: The next property before you is 1516 W. 2nd Street. Again, if you look at this structure you will see that there are conditions with the structure itself. The roof needs repaired and is falling in. You can see by the pictures in the back of it all of the sulfate materials gone. It has just sat over a period of time and come to this point so we would ask that you would approve the demo order for 1516 W. 2nd Street.

Alex Huskey: Are there any question about 1516 W. 2nd Street? Seeing there are none I would entertain a motion.

Motion to approve the demolition of 1516 W. 2nd Street- Linda Wilk; seconded Brian Flynn. Motion carried.

Jerry Foustnight: Thank you very much for your time today. I know your time is valuable. I appreciate the fact that you have the confidence in us to move forward on these. We will and it has been maybe an error on my part but what I plan on doing is starting this coming month everytime I come before you I will bring a list, an updated list as to what properties- see we basically do, do different properties. One of them is a list of properties that we own as a city that we don't have to come before you for approval but we do have that. We also have one called the B.O.W Board of Works properties that have been approved and then we also have a list for properties that are requested by the owner that pays for the demo and everything. So I will make sure that I start bringing each time I come before you I will bring a list so you will have that to know what properties that we have on our scope to do.

Alex Huskey: And I appreciate that. The properties especially those that are city owned it would be important to know as well just because if it is drawing down the dollars for the demolition it will help us to understand what the costs are being associated with those projects.

Jerry Foustnight: And I might also indicate that just as an informational that we are getting ready to do. What we did was we went before the CREeD Board here in the city. The CREeD Board has given us a little over \$97,000 did use towards demos. That money has to be used within the CREeD district. We have I believe seven properties I believe within that CREeD district that we are going to use that money for. Some of those properties will be actually contracted out so we can get more done. Again, I will have to bring those properties because it is a process and even though it is CREeD money going to pay for them I still need to bring them before you. And so our Herb is writing a resolution now to present before the CREeD Board which we are going to do this month in January. Once that becomes effective then we will come back before you with additional properties.

Linda Wilk: Nice.

Alex Huskey: Thank you.

Linda Wilk: Thank you for the additional information about the notices, the letters. And thank you over all you, Whitney and you both done an excellent job providing us with all that we need. I really appreciate the pictures it really helps a lot. Whitney is very efficient when it comes to this. You know we try to make it very easy so that as you look at you can see the fact sheet. It is not required that we put that fact sheet in there we think that it helps you. It is a summary of everything we are doing and you can quickly look at it and say oh yeah they did this, this and this. She does a very good job.

Linda Wilk: If you would extend our thanks I would appreciate that.

Jerry Foustnight: I will thank you very much.

Public Comment

No matters of public comment.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS- JANUARY 3, 2021

Motion to approve the payment of the bills for January 3, 2022- Brian Flynn; seconded Cindy Cunningham.

Motion carried

Brian Flynn: Alex before we adjourn I do have one this just to mention. The Police and Fire Chief and Assistant Chief manual. We have had the concern with language expresses by Tom Hunt, I have requested that next meeting that we put that on our agenda and have him in attendance so that maybe we can hammer it out once and for all and be done.

Alex Huskey: Thank you, thank you. Appreciate that.

Linda Wilk: And Alex I know that you brought up at the last meeting about adding a liaison to for some of the different areas it that something that we can put on the agenda for February possibly?

Alex Huskey: Yes, I don't want to put that on the agenda with you being gone.

Linda Wilk: Yes, I would appreciate that.

Aisha Richard: Just checking you are going to move that because you had it on the agenda for the second meeting in January.

Linda Wilk: Yeah, if we could move it. That is my, I apologize. Failing to remember I was going to be gone.

Alex Huskey: And Aisha also for that meeting would you invite the Police Chief and Fire Chief to that meeting.

Linda Wilk: And you probably want Jerry also.

Alex Huskey: Maybe. Just kidding Jerry.

Motion to adjourn- Brian Flynn; seconded Linda Wilk.

Meeting adjourned.

Alex Huskey- President
Board of Public Works & Safety

ATTEST:

Aisha Richard- Secretary
Board of Public Works & Safety