

May 15, 2023

The Board of Public Works & Safety met on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Marion City Council Chambers. Present were Alex Huskey, Janice Adams, Brian Flynn, Linda Wilk and secretary to the board.

Motion to approve May 1, 2023 minutes- Brian Flynn; seconded Alex Huskey. Alex Huskey, Cindy Cunningham, and Lind Wilk abstained.

Motion to approve the April 17, 2023 minutes- Alex Huskey; seconded Brian Flynn. Brian Flynn abstained.

### **Public Hearing- Sale of Properties**

Janet Pearson: Good morning.

In unison: Good morning.

Janet Pearson: The properties you have this morning are um the 500 block of East 32<sup>nd</sup> ½ Street. It's a lot and it is \$800. The second one is at 408 North Adams Street that is a house and it is \$7,000. The last one is 410 N. Adams Street, it is a house for \$5,000. So we are asking for approval for that to get them back on the tax rolls.

Linda Wilk: Any questions about any of the properties? If not if I could get a motion to approve. Motion to approve- Alex Huskey; seconded Brian Flynn. Motion carried.

### **ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT-Bids for streets**

Linda Wilk: Good morning.

Mike Graft: Good morning. How are you?

Linda Wilk: Good.

Mike Graft: Good morning, how are you sir?

Alex Huskey: Good morning, sir.

Mike Graft: So, this morning I am bringing uh bids for the community crossing which is a uh the grant that we apply for every year through the state of Indiana. It is a 50/50 grant. So, um whatever the numbers that you see here we have up to a million dollars from the state so we will be trying to match it up to a million dollars so we will see what the bids come up with and go from there. The first one will be from E & B Paving, so what I will do is. I am just going to read their total. There are several streets on it um and I will make sure the documentation is there and then I will bring it back. I will take it under advisement and bring it back in a couple weeks. So the bid for E & B Paving is \$2, 111,848.40. The second bid is from Brooks Construction, the total for Brooks Construction is \$2,077,523.52. So once again I will review the documents and make sure that everything is in, in order and then I will bring it back uh for an award for you in a couple of weeks. Alright?

Linda Wilk: Alright, thank you.

Mike Graft: Thank you.

### **MARION POLICE DEPARTMENT- F.O.P Contract changes**

Nick McPike: So I will assume that everybody took time to review the changes that was sent to you. Just to further explain it. What has been written in red is the new contract, is the new

language that has been added. What is striped out is what old language was there that needs to be removed um is there any question about that? Any comments?

Brian Flynn: Has this been agreed upon in principle by the city?

Nick McPike: Yes, the Mayor has signed it.

Brian Flynn: Okay.

Nick McPike: And to explain it for the matter of the record um the reason this has been brought up is because we wanted to add uh language that would require the city to purchase us uniforms and give us a credit for boots. So if you saw, the city is now responsible for buying us at least two uniforms every year and \$150 credit towards duty foot where. This is something that we would have to purchase on our own, out of our own \$200 uniform allowance which is a state law but now the city is going to provide those things for us so we don't have to worry about purchasing those things. So now we can purchase other things for our uniforms that are required or needed.

Brian Flynn: Is there any language that identifies the two uniforms per year?

Nick McPike: Uh, yes, it is in section 28.4, officer shall be afforded the opportunity to be issued new uniform every six months and up to \$150 towards the purchase of one pair of duty foot wear once a year.

Brian Flynn: As I am looking at this it says it says "issued a new uniform every six months".

Nick McPike: Correct.

Brian Flynn: So two per year.

Nick McPike: Two per year.

Brian Flynn: Six months apart, right?

Nick McPike: Yes.

Brian Flynn: Ok, thanks for the clarification.

Nick McPike: Yep.

Linda Wilk: Any other questions or comments? If not I would ask for a motion to approve the contract change.

Motion to approve the presented contract changes 2023 F.O.P- Brian Flynn; seconded Alex Huskey. Motion carried.

Nick McPike: Thank you.

Linda Wilk: Thank you.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT-Mowing decision**

Jason Konazeski: Good morning.

Linda Wilk: Good morning.

Jason Konazeski; As of right now there is no decision made on the contractor for the city mowing.

Linda Wilk: I am sorry, you said there is no decision?

Jason Konazeski: Yeah, as of right now there has been no decision made on the one contractor that we have.

Linda Wilk: Okay. What about, I wasn't at the last meeting but I read the minutes and there was discussion about possibly hiring your own staff.

Jason Konazeski: Yeah, the intention possibly if, Jerry has more information in regards to that.

Um it is to hire two part time employees to mow Monday Tuesday, Wednesday and then Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. And then if we do that it will help eliminate the need for a

contractor. Right now we are still trying to figure all that out because we have to go through approval I believe salary or what not.

Linda Wilk: Okay, so in the meantime as grass is growing

Jason Konazeski: Right. Right now all we have is the city work crew out there mowing grass and that is typically what we have every year.

Linda Wilk: So the inmate work crew that has been their focus then, is mowing the...

Jason Konazeski: Right.

Janice Adams: So, is it enough of them to get all of the property mowed or are you still...

Jason Konazeski: It is never enough. I'd need twenty crews to do it all, with all of the grass. They are doing what they can do right now.

Alex Huskey: Just out of curiosity, was there a reason for not reaching a decision with the mowing contractor?

Jason Konazeski: We are trying to go through the route with the uh with the part time employee right. I believe that has to go before the city council I believe.

Alex Huskey: So it wasn't that none of them met the bid qualifications it was just that

Jason Konazeski: As of now yeah, because we haven't had a meeting with the gentleman yet. Just because we are trying to figure out if we want to go this route or that route or if we have to go that route. Um, so there is really no reason to have a meeting with the gentleman if we are able to do the prior route.

Alex Huskey: I think did we not give them an indication when the decision may be made. We may owe it to them to let them know what is happening.

Jason Konazeski: Right. Yeah, I will. I will reach out to them sometime today. I have been on vacation, I know that is no excuse. Yeah, I will get in touch with them.

Brian Flynn: And as I recall we had one bid.

Jason Konazeski: Yeah, we just had the one bid and he bid \$115.

Brian Flynn: 150?

Jason Konazeski: 115, one hundred and fifteen and it is a lot more than what we normally pay so that is another consideration.

Alex Huskey: We just we owe it to them to let them know what is going on.

Jason Konazeski: Exactly.

Linda Wilk: Okay. So just maybe next time you will have more information for us.

Jason Konazeski: I am hoping. It is getting to a point where we have to figure something out. I mean well it is past that point now but we have to move quickly. Hopefully that will be decided by then.

Linda Wilk: Thank you for your

Jason Konazeski: Thank you.

### **BUILDING DEPARTMENT-3407 S. Selby St.**

Whitney Gilbert: Jerry had to step out unexpectedly to handle something right before I had to come down so I will try to answer any question you guys might have. Um, this one is um like you said 3407 S. Selby um I believe it is a trailer. Um, it looks like a trailer there on the lot. We would have come earlier to you folks because we sent the notices out pretty early on, back in January. Um clerical error on my part and we did not get it posted in the paper or published in the paper. Thankfully Aisha caught that for me and we got that published um nothing has happened in the meantime though. I don't think there has been any progress. There has been contact made by anybody um so here we are.

Linda Wilk: Any questions?

Brian Flynn: I had one questions. One of the photos looks like it shows some new construction foundation or something.

Whitney Gilbert: Yes, sir. That is next door. Um

Brian Flynn: Okay separate properties?

Whitney Gilbert: Yep, yes they are doing a bunch of I believe it is Affordable Housing or Habitat.

Aisha Richard: Housing Authority.

Whitney Gilbert: Housing Authority yes, they are doing um several projects throughout the city so.

Brian Flynn: Thank you.

Alex Huskey: I don't have a question but I do have a statement. I, I'm thankful uh that this property is being taken care of. There's a number of them in that, in that particular block that could be dealt with

Whitney Gilbert: Yes, sir.

Alex Huskey: But I thank you for doing this one especially. It has been an eyesore for years so I am appreciative of that.

Whitney Gilbert: Yeah. Thank you.

Linda Wilk: Any other questions or comments otherwise I will ask for a motion to approve.

Motion to approve the demolition of 3407 S. Selby St as presented-Brian Flynn; seconded Alex Huskey. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brian Cowgill: I have a couple of questions.

Linda Wilk: Sure.

Brian Cowgill: Um the selling of the properties do you already have a buyer for those three.

Janet Pearson: Yes.

Brian Cowgill: Who is that? And then the other one. Jerry do you know how many city lots are available. (Inaudible) that we take care of.

Aisha Richard: Approximately between 350 and 400.

Brian Cowgill: inaudible.

Linda Wilk: Okay, thank you.

Robin Fouce: I have a question. I mimic what Alex says about the property on South Selby it has been a part of my repertoire for quite a while so thank you for uh tending to that. Um there is another property in my district in the 1400 block of West 7<sup>th</sup> Street and I was wondering if there is a list with those demolition properties, do you have an updated list with those demolition properties? We all as a Board of Works, I know at one point you were maybe getting that list is there an updated list.

Linda Wilk: I do not have an updated list. Aisha is there.

Aisha Richard: No, not yet.

Linda Wilk: Okay, not at this time. Any other public comment.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn- Janice Adams; seconded Alex

Meeting adjourned.

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Linda Wilk- President  
Board of Public Works & Safety

ATTEST:

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Aisha Richard- Secretary  
Board of Public Works & Safety