BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY AND STORMWATER BOARD MEETING HELD, JANUARY 28, 2019, GOSHEN, INDIANA

The Board of Public Works and Safety and Stormwater Board of the City of Goshen met in the Annex Conference Room, 204 E. Jefferson St., on January 28, 2019, at 2 p.m. for their weekly Board meeting. Mayor Stutsman was the presiding officer with members of the Board present or absent as follows:

PRESENT: Mayor Jeremy Stutsman, Board Member Mike Landis, Board Member Mitch Day

ABSENT:

OTHERS: Clerk-Treasurer Administrative Assistants, Central Fleet Maintenance Manager, Fire Chief, Street Commissioner, Director of Public Works, Wastewater Superintendent, Mayor's Administrative Assistant, Police Chief, Contracts & Claims Manager, Utilities Office Manager, Water & Sewer Superintendent, City Attorney, Civil Traffic Engineer, Assistant Building Commissioner, Assistant City Planner, Legal Compliance Administrator

Minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2019, were presented. On motion of Board Member Day and second by Board Member Landis, the minutes were approved as presented.

REQUEST TO AWARD BID OF SURPLUS PROPERTY-2002 JEEP LIBERTY

Mayor Stutsman requested Board approval to award a bid received for a 2002 Jeep Liberty. On January 18, 2019, one offer from Justin Gaines for \$300 was opened for the sale of a 2002 Jeep Liberty VIN #1J4GL48K32W267095 that the City had declared as surplus property.

Board Member Landis moved to approve the request. Second by Board Member Day and motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO AWARD BID-PROPERTY AT 204 CRESCENT ST.

Legal Compliance Administrator Shannon Marks requested Board approval to award a bid received for the purchase of property. On November 19, 2018 the Board of Public Works and Safety opened the only bid received for the purchase of the property at 204 Crescent St. It is recommended that the Board award the purchase of the property at 204 Crescent St. to Jorge Solis and Marcela Walton Lopez as the lowest responsible and responsive bidders for a total price of \$3,650 and permission is requested to authorize execution of the purchase agreement.

Board Member Landis moved to approve the request. Second by Board Member Day and motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PROPOSED STORMWATER LEGISLATION FOR INDIANA'S 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Jason Kauffman Representative of My Community My Water (MCMW) for the 2019 Storm Drain Art project informed the Board of two pieces of legislation involving stormwater that have been proposed for Indiana's 2019 General Assembly with one each for the Indiana House of Representatives and the Indiana Senate.

The first piece of legislation is House Bill 1266 – Sediment and Erosion Control in Construction, which is similar to 2018's House Bill 1096, is authored by Representative Doug Miller who represents District 48, which covers part of Elkhart County. HB 1266 seeks to prohibit municipal separate stormwater sewer (MS4) communities from imposing more stringent construction site and post-construction runoff control requirements than those contained in IDEM's construction general permit (currently known as Rule 5 or 327 IAC 15-5). This legislation also seeks to limit the enforcement tools MS4s have in implementing these programs and would require that Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) reviews be done within 48 hours of the SWPPP being submitted. Finally, this legislation seeks to require those who review SWPPPs to be a registered professional civil engineer, a registered architect, a registered surveyor, or an individual working under the direct supervision of someone with these credentials.

- As of January 24th we were informed that HB 1266 is currently being reworked by Representative Miller.
- A fact sheet created and provided by the Indiana Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Managers (INAFSM) is attached for your information.

The second piece of legislation is Senate Bill 477 – Stormwater Fee Exemptions. SB 477 seeks to prohibit the assessment or collection of user fees for the operation of a storm sewer system to 1) properties where religious services are held regularly, 2) properties that belong to a school corporation used for educational purposes, and 3) property that is assessed as agricultural land for property tax purposes.

ANNOUNCEMENT UTILITIES HAS DETERMINED THAT A FREEZE WARNING IS UNNECESSARY AT THIS TIME

Water and Sewer Superintendent Kent Holdren announced that a freeze warning is unnecessary at this time. Due to cold weather, the Water and Sewer Department does, however, suggest residential and commercial water utility customers who have water lines that are prone to freezing, leave their water run in a small stream (the size of a pencil lead) at a single cold-water faucet located inside their home or business. Running water is less likely to freeze. Residents are encouraged to take further precautions against frozen/burst water lines by insuring that any exposed pipes are insulated and by eliminating sources of cold air near water lines. Areas most vulnerable to freezing are basements, crawl spaces, unheated rooms, and water lines located in outside walls.

In past years, the Water and Sewer Department issued a Freeze Warning asking for people to take the precaution of running a single faucet; and if the customer contacted the Water and Sewer Business Office, their account was adjusted. However, at this point, the conditions do not require a freeze warning and accounts will not be adjusted. To prevent disruption to service the Water and Sewer Department will continue to monitor the depth of the local frost line and keep customers informed if further actions become necessary via local newspapers, the City's web page, goshenindiana.org, and Facebook.

Customers who experience loss of water service, or a slower than normal water flow, due to a frozen water line, are asked to contact the Water and Sewer Department at 574-534-5306.

ANNOUNCEMENT CITY OFFICES WIL BE CLOSED

Mayor Stutsman announced that the City is preparing for dangerously low temperatures expected to be reached later this week. Due to extreme weather, City offices will be closed all day Wednesday and Thursday, January 30 and January 31, with only essential staff working. All City Boards and Commission meetings are canceled for the rest of the week. In Elkhart County, wind gusts are expected to reach 35 mph, with wind chills as low as 45 degrees below zero, from Tuesday evening through Thursday afternoon. Snow is to accumulate more each day.

Mayor Stutsman stated, "Please make sure and check on your neighbors over the next few days. It will be essential that we work together as a community to help ensure everyone's safety. If you are aware of anyone who is homeless or without shelter for another reason please let the City know. With City offices scheduled to be closed Wednesday and Thursday, don't hesitate to request a welfare check by calling 911. We will check on them and get them to warmth and shelter if they so desired. Frostbite can happen very quickly at these low temperatures so be sure to dress appropriately. If there is a life threatening emergency situation please be sure to call 911 before calling any City offices."

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mayor Stutsman announced the following board and commission appointment:

AJ Delgadillo has agreed to serve on the Community Relations Commission. He is completing a term that was vacant, to end December 31, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PARTIAL SIDEWALK CLOSURE-216 S. MAIN ST.

Mayor Stutsman extended the work to be performed at 216 S. Main St. due to poor weather conditions. Same terms as determined previously just extended due to weather conditions.

Dustin Miller representative of DJ Construction requested Board approval for the partial closure of the sidewalk near the front entrance of the Gosben Theater, located at 216 S. Main St. DJ Construction will be erecting scaffolding up against the building and restricting pedestrian access near the work area. The public would still have the ability to walk on the sidewalk, closer to the street side. The barricade and scaffolding would be erected and removed in two (2) consecutive business days. Pending weather, work would be performed the week of January 28, 2019.

Board Member Landis moved to approve the request. Second by Board Mayor Stutsman and motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business Mayor Stutsman moved to process claims and then to adjourn. Second by Board Member Landis and motion passed unanimously.

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