

January 8, 2019

The Board of Public Works and Safety met in regular session in the Council Chambers on Tuesday January 8, 2019 at 9am.

Present: Mayor Krentz, Clay Turner and Mitch Feikes

Absent: None

Pledge

Mayor Krentz led the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

As each Member received an advance copy of the minutes from the December 18, 2018 meeting, Mayor Krentz stated they would dispense with the reading of the same and asked if there were any additions or corrections.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Feikes moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Public Comment

Bert Cook, Executive Director of the Greater La Porte Economic Development Corporation, introduced the new Downtown Coordinator, Angela Rose. She graduated from La Porte High School in 2009 and went on to Ball State where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Urban Planning and Development and a Master's in Historic Preservation.

Greg Latire, CEO of Recycled Tack Systems, thanked the City for the opportunity to bid for the Refuse Trash Service Contract for the City of La Porte. He gave a little background on their company and stated they bid competitively and believes they were the lowest bid. He noted they are looking to moving forward and working with the City of La Porte.

Christopher Thorgmorten, 1607 J Street, requested and said he refuses to interact with City Attorney Nick Otis from Newby, Lewis, Kaminski and Jones and asked if he could deal with someone else. He also wanted to know if there was anywhere else he could obtain a copy of the Board of Works agenda before the meeting and stated that he believes it is the Clerk Treasurers job to do so. He would also like to be considered as news media and receive the City Council Agenda before the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer

Claims Approval

Roger A Galloway, Clerk-Treasurer, presented Civil City Claims in the amount of \$787,039.73. He noted this included The PERF from the December 28th Payroll, TIF 1 Bond Payment, Last Land Fill Bond Payment, January Trash Bill, 2012 G.O. Bond Payment and 2017 RDC G.O. Bond Payment.

Motion/Vote – Approve Civil City Claims

Mr. Turner moved to approve the Civil City Claims in the amount of \$787,039.73; motion seconded by Mr. Feikes and unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented Sewage Claims in the amount of \$75,700.40.

Motion/Vote – Approve Sewage Claims

Mr. Feikes moved to approve Sewage Claims in the amount of \$75,700.40; motion seconded by Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented Water Claims in the amount of \$70,593.23.

Motion/Vote – Approve Water Claims

Mr. Turner moved to approve Water Claims in the amount of \$70,593.23; motion seconded by Mr. Feikes and unanimously carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented Payroll from December 28, 2018 in the amount of \$383,932.95.

Motion/Vote – Approve Payroll 12-28-18

Mr. Feikes moved to approve Payroll for December 28, 2018 in the amount of \$383,932.95; motion seconded by Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

New Business**Bravo Zulu Award**

Mayor Krentz read from a Press Release regarding Firefighter Adam Post. Mr. Post was on his honeymoon in Costa Rica when he and his wife witnessed a horrific accident involving a motorcycle and several pedestrians. Despite being 3,500 miles from home Firefighter Adam Post who is an EMT immediately triaged the scene and began addressing the wounds as best he could while his wife Carmen did her best to comfort and care for the injured children. Mayor Krentz then presented Firefighter Adam Post with a Bravo Zulu Award for going above and beyond the call of duty.

2019 Availability of Local Share Agreement

Tom MacLennan, Director of Transporte, requested the approval of the 2019 Availability of Local Share Agreement. This is an annual agreement that certifies that the City of La Porte has budgeted local match for Federal Funding for Public Transportation for the 2019 Federal Fiscal Year. He is asking for approval and asked that the Clerk-Treasurer, Mayor and the Director of Transporte to sign.

Motion/Vote – Approve 2019 Availability of Local Share Agreement

Mr. Turner moved to approve the 2019 Availability of Local Share Agreement and authorize the Clerk-Treasurer, Mayor and Director of Transporte to sign; motion seconded by Mr. Feikes and unanimously carried.

Recommendation of Refuse/Yard Waste Services

Nick Minich, City Engineer, stated we opened five bids on December 14, 2018 that consisted of Base Bids and Alternate Bids. He noted when reading WasteManagement Bid he read their Alternate for Alternate 2 as their Alternate 3. WasteManagement Alternate 3 had two options with the first one in the amount for \$5,304,465.12 for 5 years and the second option in the amount of \$4,443,883.36 for 4 years. Mr. Minich recommended the Board consider one of two options: Option one for the Lowest Most Responsive Bid for Recycle Track Systems which had the lowest bid for the four year contract with no carts in the amount of \$3,767,792.64. Option two for the Lowest Alternate Bid 3 to WasteManagement for their Option 2 for the five year contract with carts in the amount of \$5,304,365.12.

Discussion was held regarding carts, fuel prices, Bid Bonds and the length of contract.

After Discussion, Mayor Krentz stated the Board needs more answers to some of their questions in order to make an informed decision on making an award.

Mayor Krentz moved to Table the Recommendation of Refuse/Yard Waste Services Award until questions are answered; motion seconded by Mr. Feikes and unanimously carried.

Unfinished Business

Meter Project Update

Todd Taylor, Water Director, informed the Board that the Meter Project is about 94% complete.

Department Reports

Police: Tom Owens, Police Chief, stated the Police Merit Body elected Brian Chalik to the Police Merit Commission on December 27, 2018 to fill a vacancy.

Fire: Andy Snyder, Fire Chief, noted Tyler Weller started on January 7, 2019 and that brings them to full staff.

Wastewater: Jerry Jackson, Wastewater Director, stated that NIPSCO got the Solar Power Plant connected to their system. It is at 50% power until NIPSCO finishes their automated connection.

Mr. Turner asked Mr. Jackson to keep Southmoor Road on the radar.

Water: Mr. Taylor noted this has been a generally good winter with not a lot of water main breaks. They had one last week in Council Fettinger's front yard and they were working on one on January 8, 2019 in the area of I St. and 10th St.

Engineering: Mr. Minich asked the Boards approval of the closing out of the Federal Aid Sidewalk Program for 2017 Contract # R-39091 in the Boston School Area.

Motion/Vote – Approve Close Out of Federal Aid Sidewalk Program for 2017

Mr. Turner moved to approve the closing out of the Federal Aid Sidewalk Program for 2017 Contract #R-39091; motion seconded by Mr. Feikes and unanimously carried.

Parks: Mark Schreiber, Park Director, stated they will have their Youth Sports Registration at the Civic Auditorium on January 15th and January 17th from 6pm to 7:30pm for Boys Basketball, Tennis, T-ball and girls slow pitch softball.

Winterfest Schedule as follows:

Friday January 25th: Ice Sculpture Demonstration at the gazebo from 4pm to 7pm
Family Game Night at Cummings Lodge from 6pm to 7:30pm

Saturday January 26th:

Family Ceramics at the Civic from 9am to noon
Softball Snowball Tournament at Lions Field at 9am
Breakfast with the Birds at Luhr County Park from 9:30am to 11am
Barre Class at the Civic 11am to noon
Wheel Throwing Pottery Demonstration at the Civic
Snow Angels behind Cummings Lodge at 1pm
Corn Hole Tournament at the Civic

Sunday January 27th:

Horse Drawn Wagon rides at Cummings Lodge from 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Feikes moved to adjourn; motion seconded by Mr. Turner and unanimously carried.

Approve: _____
Mark A. Krentz, Mayor

Attest: _____
Roger A. Galloway, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved: January 23, 2019