

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 1999
TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Manus, Herb Scheidler and Bob Porter.

Minutes were approved.

Annette Baker from H.J. Umbaugh & Associates was present to explain the possibility of issuing a bond for major upgrade to the WasteWater Treatment Plant. They are planning of going thru the SRF Program with rates of approximately 3.9% over 20 years. Bond would be in the amount of \$7,215,000. Present rate for residents is \$22.59 and the rates would increase to either \$25.53 or \$25.93. Annette handed out schedules of present unaudited and limited financial information.

This is needed to keep the City in compliance with IDEM. Need to have a public hearing and send in forms for the SRF Program. Public hearing would be held at the March meeting of the Board of Works. Annette Baker will present this to the Council at 6:00 P.M. at their meeting, February 1, 1999.

Motion by Bob Porter and seconded by Herb Scheidler to proceed with this project subject to approval from Council. All ayes. So passed.

Darren Burkhardt and Jim Parks of HNTB were present to talk about the NW Sewer Extension wastewater Treatment Plant. Steve Taylor, City Attorney stated that he has reviewed the contract and it is ok. Engineer cost will be approximately \$21,000 and the cost of two easement survey documents will run \$1500.

Motion by Herb Scheidler and seconded by Bob Porter to proceed with agreement on the NW Sewer Extension. All ayes. So passed.

Jeff Smith was present from the WasteWater Treatment Plant and handed out a proposed budget for the year 1999. Jeff had gotten three quotes for a truck. Quotes being Don Meyer - \$17,837; Al Reynolds - \$20,404 and Acra -\$16,024.

Motion was made by Herb Scheidler and seconded by Bob Porter to accept the lowest quote being Acra. All ayes. So passed.

Darren Burkhardt gave an update on Gas Creek. He stated that about 60-65% is done with the design. He has gotten with GECOM and Steve Hamilton on easements.

Motion by Bob Porter and seconded by Herb Scheidler to pass Resolution 1999-2, Utilities Software. All ayes. So passed.

Ralph Land, Street Superintendent brought in quotes to replace the flat bed truck. Acra - \$25,876; Sibbitt - \$25, 865; Reynolds - \$23,980 and Wabash - \$26,309.

Motion by Herb Scheidler and seconded by Bob Porter to accept low quote. All ayes. So passed.

Letter from Maria J. Larsen-Williams, real estate specialist with the United States Postal Service stating that they will not be renovating the present Post Office here. The letter stated that due to the elevations surrounding the current facility, expansion is not practicable and does not appear to be economically feasible.

Mayor stated a letter from Benefit Resources was going to do a partial self-insured health insurance plan for the City and now they don't want to make a quote. City is going to need to stay with their present insurance company Central Benefits.

Mike Riley, Police Chief stated that they had taken a police car to the Auto Auction and was sold on 1-7-99 for \$3100 less fee of \$65. City received a check for \$3035.

Several residents' bills were brought to the Board requesting sewer adjustment. Board stated underground leak policy - if it doesn't run through sewer then grant sewer adjustments.

Motion by Herb Scheidler and seconded by Bob Porter to grant sewer adjustments to N. Hoban, D. Brown, D. Herr, Lisdan Enterprises, A. Mozingo, R. Durbin, Shaw and K. Bultman. All ayes. So passed.

Mike Riley, Police Chief stated that the K-9 dog Bustin is beginning to have some hip problems and they are asking to retire him. Mike stated that Bustin has been very helpful in several different capacities. He has helped out in different Cities and Counties as well. Rocky is the other K-9 dog and has only been helping out in drugs. The present handler of Rocky has ask to be relieved due to personal reasons. If the City or County was in need of a K-9 dog they would ask a neighboring City or County.

Motion by Herb Scheidler and seconded by Bob Porter to suspend the K-9 Program effective 2-1-99 with the retiring of Bustin and the dissolution of Rocky on the K-9 Program. All ayes. So passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER *Lawrence M. ...*
Herb Scheidler

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ATTEST:

L. June ... Clerk-Treasurer