

Board of Works Meeting
March 6, 2001
Time: 9:00 A.M.

Present: Mayor Gary M Bailey, Bob Bostic, and John Pratt

Minutes were approved.

Brian Wenning, Chairman of the Police and Fire Games for Greensburg, spoke of the upcoming event. The games will take place in Indianapolis on June 8, 2001. The games will be similar to the Olympic games, where a torch will be coming from the four corners of the United States. A torch will be coming through Greensburg, from Richmond, on the 6th of June. Fifteen members of local public safety employees will participate in a seven-mile relay carrying the torch. Keith Gay, Dan Manus, and John Oldham are helping to organize the event. The fifteen participants are: Keith Gay, Dan Manus, John Oldham, 2 State Troopers, 2 Sheriff's deputies, 2 police officers, 2 firefighters, 1 EMS, and 3 volunteer fire members. Brian is checking with State officials to see if we can use the highways for the relay. A ceremony on the courthouse lawn will take place on June 6th around 10:00 a.m.

Jeff Smith is asking the boards permission to have Darren Burkhart, HNTB, to prepare a quote on engineering costs for the project replacing the sanitary sewer lines running between East Main Street and East Central. The line runs at a flat level and should have a proper slope. The total cost for the project will be \$325,000 to \$350,000. The board is questioning the priority of this job over other sewer lines in the city. In Jeff's opinion, this project should take priority over other jobs. H. J. Umbaugh states that we can safely budget \$450,000 to spend on sewer projects each year. The board would like to know how many houses will be affected by this project. **Motion by Bob Bostic and seconded by John Pratt to have HNTB quote on engineering costs. All ayes. So passed.**

Motion by John Pratt and seconded by Bob Bostic to sign a discharge permit for Valeo. All ayes. So passed.

Keith Gay gave the board an update on a federal grant that the police department had applied for last year. The police department was awarded this grant, which pays for the officer's longevity, insurance, and pay raises, with the exception of any equipment. The school system has also kicked in \$10,000. Three applicants remain from the last hiring process; the board must look at these applicants before taking other applications for the new officer's position. Keith stated that the award package should arrive in 4 – 6 weeks. The board congratulated the police department on receiving the grant.

Adjustment requests to water bills were presented to the board. **Motion by John and seconded by Bob to adjust the sewer portion of the bills. All ayes. So passed.**

Darren Burkhart, HNTB, was present to discuss the Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion project. The bids were opened on February 7, 2001 at 4:30. The bids have been reviewed awarded to Adams Robinson Enterprises, Inc. at the bid price of \$6,144,000, which is under the \$8.3 million expected bid amount. Darren stated that this company also completed the last plant expansion at the sewer department in the late 1980s. Currently this company is working with HNTB on a \$10 million dollar project in Muncie. Adams Robinson has a good working record with HNTB. IDEM sent notice on March 1st that everything is in place to sign the contract. Darren reported that Adams Robinson is already getting ready to start around April 15, 2001. The police firing range will not be touched due to the possibility to lead contaminants. This portion of the project will not start until this time next year. Darren stated that we could experience a 3-5% increase for change orders. When the work is completed the sewer plant can expect to treat 4 million gallons per day, which gives adequate room for growth in the city. The expansion should serve the city for approximately twenty years, depending on growth. Delta is now the largest user at 220,000 gallons per day. Darren stated that 700,000 to 1 million gallons per day for growth. The plant now has a rate of 2.4 million gallons per day and with the expansion, IDEM approves a rate of 4 million gallons per day. **Motion by Bob and seconded by John to sign the contract and award the bids to Adams Robinson Enterprises, Inc. All ayes. So passed.**

Darren presented the board with binders filled with sketches from the Main Street Sewer project that was just completed. The contractor supplied Darren with sketches and dimensions on each lateral that was replaced. Darren recommended that a binder should be kept at the sewer department, water department, and one at City Hall.

The board asked Rick Denney and Darren how the water supply was and if we were prepared for a drop in water like we experienced a few years ago. They both expressed that precautions were taken so that the city does not run out of water. The reservoir did its job and kept the city from running out of water. The water supply is adequate and we are prepared for future growth. We now run 3 million gallons per day and are rated for 4 million gallons per day. Rural water only uses around 450,000 gallons per day. Bob would like to start educating the public on the fact that we have good water supply.

The mayor spoke about a packet he received from Insight. Another proposed rate plan was attached and will be presented to the Council. Bob would like to express to the Council that a local access channel needs to be added to programming. The current contract expires in October 2002.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Presiding Officer: Gary M. Bailey

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Attest:

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Clerk-Treasurer

Note: Minutes were taken by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer in Clerk-Treasurer's absence.