

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING
JUNE 5, 2001
TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Bailey, Bob Bostic and John Pratt.

Minutes were approved.

Ron Bonar of the Bonar Group Engineers Architects Planners Surveyors of Fort Wayne, Indiana and other representatives were present. They told of the Fy 2001 Tea 21 program funded through Federal Gasoline Tax. Matching funds of 20% plus up front costs. 80% grants available from the Federal through INDOT. Projects of pavements, curbs, sidewalks, drainage, guard rails etc.

Mr. Bonar stated they would work with the city to prepare a transportation study to see what streets would be available for this grant.

Mayor is to appoint two individuals to work with the Bonar group. They will have 2-3 meetings. One contact person from the City is needed. They would go to the Plan Commission for approval and then to the Council for approval after lining out their projects.

Bob Bostic would like the Mayor to talk with INDOT and get their feel of this program. Board stated they would come back in for a special meeting to sign approval and acceptance with the Bonar firm if they plan on going ahead with the study. This would be at no cost to the City.

Police Chief Keith Gay came before the Board asking to purchase 3 police cars. They have 18 police cars at present. Keith would like to replace car #10, #13 and #14. Keith stated repairs would run more than the cars are worth. Cost of a new car would be \$23,400 per car with all needed equipment. Annual payment of just under \$20,000 at 5 1/2% interest rate.

Bob Bostic and John Pratt expressed their concerns of if police cars are being used on any and all personal uses instead of just a stop at the store on the way home from work.

Keith stated that they are not to use their cars for personal use except for a stop at the store or pick up a child on their way home.

Keith stated that the City would have a contract policy that any new policeman hired would have to reimburse the City for outfitting and physical if they leave before 3 years.

John stated he is hesitant to sign anything at present for any police cars. John would like to see the policy contract in place before giving an ok on the cars. Bob and John both felt the policy contract should be that newly hired police officers do not get a car for the first year.

John also brought up to look at the Cop in the School program of the policeman using his own vehicle instead of a police car. Keith stated that the policeman also could go on a run right from the school by having a city police car.

Bob Bostic recommended that 2 police cars be replaced at present but would ok 3 cars for budget purpose. John agreed.

Police Chief Keith Gay ask the Board to give their approval for a contract with B & L Communications on the new radio plus all the walkie-talkies and the car radios for \$410 monthly for this year and \$575 monthly for the year 2002. Keith stated that if you don't use it they will bank your money as a savings and then your monthly bill would be pro-rated.

Motion by John Pratt and seconded by Bob Bostic to approve contract. So passed.

Darren Burkhart of HNTB gave a progress report on the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement and Main Street Sewer Replacement Project – Phase 2.

Jim Gorman ask the Board to accept the dedication of the streets in the Rolling Meadows Subdivision to the City. Jim stated Kathy Crippen and Ralph Land approved.

Motion by Bob Bostic and seconded by John Pratt to accept the deed of dedication. So passed.

Motion by John Pratt and seconded by Bob Bostic to approve credit adjustment of \$7.57 on the sewer portion of water bill for Fisher.

Fire Chief Dan Manus stated that the carpet and tile at the station house is in need of being replaced. The tile is asbestos. Dan brought pictures and had 5 different proposals for the Board to look at. Dan had gotten quotes from Levenstein/Abbey Carpets only since there are no other carpet companies in Greensburg. Dan stated the monies would come from the C.C.I.F. fund.

John wants Dan to get a comparison from Batesville and Rushville and bring back next month.

Jeff Smith Wastewater Superintendent told the Board of Jeff Flint taking his Class 2 Wastewater Certification.

Street sweeper is in and functional.

John Pratt expressed his concern of summer help using the city trucks and not wearing seat belts since they don't have the experience that the regular help has.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER *Mary M. Bailey*

Robert L. Bostic

John Pratt

ATTEST:

L. Jane Kufe
CLERK-TREASURER