

BOARD OF WORKS MEETING – SPECIAL
OCTOBER 9, 2008
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Herbert, Steve Simmonds and Bill Wenning.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

RE: Discussion of the old Johnson building that was condemned and torn down by the City using money from the unsafe building fund.

Ninety-five thousand three hundred dollars is owed to the city for tearing down the old Johnson building. The taxes for 2006 pay 2007 have not been paid on the building as well. That makes the total of the building \$97,927.26.

If the building is sold at a tax sale then the owners have one year to come back and pay the taxes and reclaim the property. If the building is sold before two years of taxes are not paid, then it would belong to the buyer.

There are tanks underneath over by the garage and those were left undisturbed. It is unknown if there is any contamination and to what degree.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Steve Simmonds to pay up to \$3000 for a phase 1 to find out what the environmental status is on the underground tanks. Ayes Steve Simmonds, Bill Wenning and Gary Herbert. Nays none. So passed.

City Attorney Matt Bailey will talk to the property owner's attorney to get permission for the city to check out the environmental status.

Board members questioned the status at the police department and the insurance issue on the two lightning strikes.

An archaeology study has been done and waiting for the results to come back on the Campion property.

Ninety percent of the Fema reimbursement monies have just been received today for the police, fire, street and wastewater.

The road will have to be replaced when doing the Anderson Street project, because it was so bad underneath. After negotiating, the price came back at \$9100 instead of \$14,000 to take out the hump on West North Street.

It will be the last of this year or first of 2009 before we will know anything about the grant the city applied for on the proposed Third Street Project.

Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Smith told the Board that he is having a light put up on Sycamore Trace.

The alley on the west side of the square was discussed.

A question was asked if the City was still going to hire two policemen and two firemen this year. This cannot really be answered since the 2008 budget, levies and tax rates haven't been set yet. The tax bills have not gone out and it is questionable if any monies will be received in December.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer