

BOARD OF WORKS MEETING - SPECIAL
MAY 13, 2008
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

All board members were present for roll call.

Motion by Bill Wenning and seconded by Steve Simmonds to table the cleaning quotes until the June meeting. Ayes Steve Simmonds, Bill Wenning and Gary Herbert. Nays none. So passed.

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen explained the fire department and Honda contract. The City will hire six new firefighters and they will work on meeting all the requirements needed in a timely period as specified in the contract.

The current minimum staffing is six at the City's fire department. The City would not pull anyone off the regular City fire department shifts to go to Honda, only those off duty and have agreed to working until the new hired firefighters have been trained, would be working the Honda shifts. As of now six regular City firefighters have signed up for this.

Bill Wenning had concerns if the firefighter's family or spouse could visit while working at Honda. He also wanted it written into the contract the regular City firefighters would not have to work any of the Honda shifts. Bill said he had discussed this with the Mayor.

Mayor Herbert said he did not state to Bill that this would be included in the written contract. He felt his word was good stating the regular City firefighters would not be required to work any of the shifts at Honda. He would be willing to include it into the personnel policy or into a Resolution if warranted.

Gary questioned the attending firefighters in attendance if they felt this would need to be put in writing or if this needs to be made by Ordinance or Resolution or is his word good enough.

Those firefighters in attendance stated they would feel better if this was put in a Resolution.

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen stated to the Board, the Mayor had him to put on the board at the station a sign up sheet stating this does not bind any of the men to work at the Honda plant. **“Scott stated that he wanted into the minutes stating the City will not force anyone of the regular firefighters to go out and work at Honda. They are only asking for some to help out until the new hired firefighters can be trained.”**

The following Motion in two parts was made by Gary Herbert: (Part 1) to enter into the fire protection contract with Honda Manufacturing of Indiana, LLC entitled Statement of Work for Indiana Plant Emergency Services and dated April 8, 2008, and (Part 2) to pass a Board of Works Resolution 2008-1 stating that firefighters employed by the City of Greensburg Fire Department as of May 12, 2008 will not be required to serve the Honda plant. The motion was seconded by Bill Wenning. Ayes Steve Simmonds, Bill Wenning and Gary Herbert. Nays none. So passed.

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen asked the Board not to mention the names of the applicants the City is looking at hiring at this time as new firefighters. There physicals would be scheduled through Perf.

After discussion the Board made their decision on five of the eight applicants and requested to bring the other three back in for another interview before making their decision on the sixth applicant for hiring.

Motion by Steve Simmonds and seconded by Bill Wenning to hire five new firefighters for the Honda/Fire/City project. Ayes Bill Wenning, Steve Simmonds and Gary Herbert. Nays none. So passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST:

_____ Clerk-Treasurer