

JULY 15, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Angola, Indiana was called to order at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall, 210 North Public Square. Members David B. Martin and Edward J. Nagle answered roll call. Member Richard M Hickman was absent. Member Martin presided. Clerk-Treasurer Debra A. Twitchell recorded the minutes.

Present were City Engineer Bill Boyer, City Attorney Kim Shoup, Economic Development and Planning Director Julie Cole, Assistant Chief of Police Stu Hamblen, Building Commissioner Dean Twitchell, Water Superintendent Dan Olis, Wastewater Superintendent Craig Williams, Deputy Clerk Tammy Onofrietti, Street Commissioner Doug Anderson, Fire Chief Mike Meek, MS4 Coordinator Eric Henion, Engineering Assistant Jim Myers, Park Superintendant Bob Walter, Human Resources Administrator Sue Essman, Engineering Intern Adam Bowden, Systems Administrator Nate Armstrong, Executive Secretary Suzy Adams, and Executive Secretary Retha Hicks.

In addition, present were Jim Shilander of *The Herald Republican*, Jim Measel of WLKI, Don Wise Jr., Donna Kriete, Harlan Kriete, J. R. Parent, Jim Hornbacher, and Woody Turner.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Member Nagle moved to approve the Board of Public Works and Safety minutes of May 13, 2009. Member Martin seconded the motion. The motion carried 2-0.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Board considered a request from Don Wise, A & D Specs, to change the City's policy by locating private utilities specifically in Herrington Villas along Williams Street. Discussion followed. City Attorney Shoup stated the property was developed under the condominium statute and not subdivided; therefore, the parcel is treated as private. Shoup said although the City has the authority to enforce utility construction standards and require easements for the private utilities it does not make the City liable for those utilities. Shoup stated that the City could have some liability if involved with locating those private utilities. Much discussion followed. Member Nagle moved to continue the City's policy of not locating private utilities. Member Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

J. R. Parent, property owner and potential developer for parcels located at Center Lake on 100 North, asked for guidance before proceeding with the development financing. Parent wanted five issues addressed. 1) Is the City willing to service the area and if so, what type of sanitary sewer system would be required? 2) The development would need a 6" or 8" water line, however, the City's main is a 12". Would the City contribute the cost difference of the water line if a 12" were installed by Parent? 3) Would the City accept a

C900 or a plastic type water line instead of the ductile iron required by City ordinance? 4) Would the City be willing to do a reimbursable contract (availability agreement)? 5) Would the City discount the sewer and water tap fees? First, Member Martin questioned Wastewater Superintendent Williams and Water Superintendent Olis if the City had the capacity to service the proposed development. Williams and Olis confirmed that capacity was available. Addressing the first issue, the type of sanitary sewer system required, Parent reported that the soil tests revealed the water level was high in the development area and questioned whether a pressurized or vacuum system would be required. Much discussion followed including comments by Wastewater Superintendent Williams. Board members agreed the ideal solution would be a pressurized system with individual private homeowner grinder pumps. Parent then addressed connecting to the City's 12" water main at Cameron Woods and extending the main to the development. Discussion followed. Water Superintendent Olis stated the development would more than likely be required to install a 10" water line. Member Martin stated the City has helped with this kind of upgrade in the past and would definitely consider the request, however, without concrete costs, the Board was unable to answer at this time. Parent questioned if an alternative material of C900 or plastic type water line would be acceptable. Olis stated the current ordinance required ductile. Parent then asked if an availability agreement would be possible. Discussion followed. Board members agreed that the Board would consider an availability agreement to help Parent recoup some cost. In conclusion, Parent asked for discounted water tap fees. Member Nagle and Martin agreed the City was not in favor of that practice. Since all issues were addressed, the matter was considered concluded by the Board.

Woody Turner, owner of Core Communications, Inc. located at 114 East Gilmore Street, expressed concern over drainage problems behind the buildings at the northeast quadrant of Public Square. During heavy rains, the water drains toward the Core building and at times, there is standing water in the building. Turner requested some guidance and relief and asked that the City regrade the City parking lot to relieve the problem. Discussion followed. City Engineer Boyer stated a storm sewer is located along Gilmore and South Martha Streets and suggested the water be drained to a manhole or catch basin. Superintendent Williams reported the City had applied for and was awarded a grant to fund such projects. Williams stated the plan for that area was to create a rain garden in a 10' strip on the north side of the gravel lot south of Turner's property. However, the money would not be available until November 2009 with a spring 2010 start date. More discussion followed. MS4 Coordinator Henion stated a couple of businesses downspouts were dumping water onto the parking lot. Member Martin recommended the Engineering Department contact the property owners about redirecting the downspouts as a short-term solution. Turner stated he would have no problem contacting those business owners. No action was taken by the Board.

Business owner Bill Kriete inquired if the City would assist with an alternative solution for holding tanks currently serving Williams Electronics LLC located at 702 West 155 South. Kriete said with the growth of Williams Electronics the holding tanks were being

dumped two to three times monthly. Engineering Assistant Myers reported over two years ago, a preliminary study had been started to service 155 South with City sanitary sewer. The properties are located outside City limits. Myers informed the Board easements would need to be granted by property owners where a 2" force main would be installed. Myers stated property owners had concerns over annexation and connection fees. Discussion followed. Members Martin and Nagle concurred annexation could be a possibility but the decision to annex fall upon the Common Council. The Board stated no objections to property owners providing easements in exchange for the connection fee. Wastewater Superintendent Williams recommended that the Board consider a time frame for owners along 155 South to connect. More Discussion followed. Engineering Assistant Myers would finalize the plans and compile a cost estimate. No action was taken by the Board.

At 9:51 a.m., Member Nagle called for a five-minute break. At 9:56 a.m., the meeting reconvened.

Jim Hornbacher of Fairhaven Development informed the Board that the City's resolution to its stormwater issues was creating silt problems beyond Timbercreek subdivision and into Fairhaven Lake on Fairhaven Development property. MS4 Coordinator Henion has talked with Steuben County Surveyor Larry Gilbert because the drainage problems need to be addressed by the County. In order to improve drainage the detention basin needs cleaned and the Floyd Jackson ditch cleaned and opened. Discussion followed. Henion would create an action plan and forward to the County. A copy of the plan would be forwarded to Hornbacher. No action was taken by the Board.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Wastewater Superintendent Williams reported bids for the Collection System Improvements and Aeration System Improvements projects would be published this week or the beginning of next week.

There being no other business, the meeting was considered adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

David B. Martin, Member

Attest:

Debra A. Twitchell, IAMC/MMC/CPFA
Clerk-Treasurer