

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY JUNE 7, 2021**

A special meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held via Zoom and in person on Monday June 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cathy Gross at 5:30 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann, was answered by Board Members Mayor Cathy Gross, Andy Harmon, and Maury Waymouth. All members were in person. City Attorney George Loy and Clerk Treasurer Jim Mann were also present and in person.

Mayor Gross requested permission to add item 5 under new business as “Joint Resolution regarding Electronic/Virtual meetings”. There was no objection voiced, request granted.

Old Business-None

New Business

- 1. Water Department-Permission to Hire Full Time Employee-**Water Superintendent Wade Cohagan requested permission to hire Aaron Lewis effective June 21, 2021 at a rate of \$16.00 per hour. Mayor Gross made a motion to approve the hiring of Aaron Lewis effective June 21 2021 at a rate of \$16.00 per hour. Andy Harmon seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 2. Road Usage Agreement-**City Attorney George Loy outlined the history of agreements that White County has negotiated with Developers for road use and drain repair as the wind turbine projects have materialized over the past decade. He stated that these have been very important since the roads and drains are under severe stress because of weight and constant construction traffic. George indicated a road agreement will be necessary due to the new solar farm development with Engie. He said he wanted to provide background for information and discussion purposes.
- 3. Wastewater-Commonwealth Amendment 2-Collection Systems Improvement Project-**Brian Desharnais with Commonwealth explained that there are two “pieces” to amendment 2. One is an asset management plan and the other is a master plan. He stated that both are important and were included in the recent SRF funding approval. They are required by SRF/Federal Government and position the City for future projects. Completion date is 12-31-2022. Andy Harmon made a motion to approve amendment 2 in the amount of \$195,806.00 Maury Waymouth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

- 4. Water-Commonwealth Amendment 1-RCA Neighborhood Project-**Andrew Robarge with Commonwealth explained that the original contract did not include easement acquisition expense, bidding assistance details, and construction engineering to include the easements. The amendment is a not to exceed \$29,250.00. Mayor Gross stated this is a contingency if lateral lines having lead are found. The total amount of lateral water lines possible is 67. Maury Waymouth made a motion to approve Commonwealth Amendment 1 as presented. Andy Harmon seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.
- 5. Consideration of a Joint Resolution regarding Electronic/Virtual Meetings-**Mayor Cathy Gross said the resolution language was taken from the verbiage of White County's document. She stated that the City could make the language more, but not less restrictive. She suggested it would be good policy to be in concert with the County on this matter. Council member Ken Houston thanked everyone who helped put the resolution together but felt that it fell short due to the provisions of section 5 which defines 7 voting requirements which must be done in person. George Loy explained that the new law allows a manner in which meetings can be held virtually and in person. The City will also have to define when this will go into effect. Andy Harmon made a motion to table the resolution until the next meeting on June 21, 2021. Maury Waymouth seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous and all other matters-None

There being no further business before the Board of Works, the meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

Jim Mann, Clerk Treasurer, City of Monticello