

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA
MEETING BY ZOOM

March 16, 2021

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru, Indiana met in regular session, by zoom, at 5:00 pm on March 16, 2021 with the following members present: Mayor Hewitt, Board Member Bill Gornto, and Board Member Ron Dausch. City Clerk -Treasurer Susan Rylands with City Attorney Dustin Kern and other interested parties and department heads were present.

Call to order was made at 5pm by Mayor Hewitt.

Motion was made by Ron Dausch, seconded by, Bill Gornto to suspend the rules and dispense with the reading and correcting of Journal of minutes of regular meeting on March 2, 2021 and accept the minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to accept the payment of Claims for March 16, 2021 in the amount of \$278,668.45 was made by Bill Gornto, seconded by Ron Dausch.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to accept the payment of Regular Payroll for March 16, 2021 in the amount of \$162,442.88 was made by Ron Dausch, seconded by Bill Gornto.

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

Second round of property bids were opened by the Deputy Clerk, Lori Hawk. The following bids opened were:

ADDRESS/LOCATION	NAME OF BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
219 E. Main	Wayne & Kathryn Bunker	2712.15
567 Jackson Ave	Trea Eldridge	3051.00
88 Ewing	Joan Sholty	3520.00

54 N. Lafayette	Susan Rylands	1700.00
88 Ewing	Randall Badders	3000.00
567 Jackson Ave	Jessica Leslie	3100.00
483 Jackson	Craig Gallahan	7457.00
219 E. Main	Steven Dunn	2350.00

Motion was made to accept the bids as presented, to be awarded later by Ron Dausch, seconded by Bill Gornto.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

Vicki Draper requested street closures for the Cole Porter Festival on June 11-13, 2021 and for the Kriskindle Market on November 26-28, 2021. For both events, the street to be closed is W. 5th street between Broadway and Wabash streets. The time for the closure in June is from 7:30am until 5pm. In November the street would be closed from 7:30 am until 7pm.

Motion was made to approve the request by Ron Dausch, seconded by Bill Gornto.

MOTION CARRIED

Lionel McNeil, on behalf of Hometown Ice Cream, would like permission to set up and serve ice cream in the parking lot of the Riverwalk Parkway. He stated he would like to start in mid-April and set up every other Wednesday through September. Board members asked to see if he had more information about the truck he would serve out of and was provided the website. A motion was made to table this request, until the board had a chance to check out the website and see what was being utilized, which was seconded by Bill Gornto.

MOTION TABLED

Chief Hawk appeared in person to recommend to the board for their approval two new hires for the fire department. Chief Hawk read two letters, one each for each new recruit, to the board stating this would be contingent on both getting approval from PERF. The hire date for both recruits will be March 19, 2021. Each will serve a two year probationary period before being considered for permanent status. The motion was made by Bill Gornto, seconded by Ron Dausch, to approve the hiring of Christian Fulton, and Joshua Schaeffer.

MOTION CARRIED

Chief Hawk had an additional request that Nathan Shively be promoted to the position of Inspector for the Peru Fire Department, moving from his position as Mechanic. Chief Hawk read the letter written by Nathan stating his qualifications and certification of Inspector 1 and Inspector 11 earned in July 2020. Motion was made to approve the move from Mechanic to Inspector by Ron Dausch, seconded by Bill Gornto.

MOTION CARRIED

During communications Betsy Wolfe asked both Fire Chief Hawk and Police Chief Sofinanos how many each department was still short on manpower with both Chiefs providing her with an update on the current status of how many was in process and how many would still be needed. Besty also stated that in the request for the ice cream vendor from Kokomo that they consider the competition to the local businesses who pay taxes to the city.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Ron Dausch, seconded by Bill Gornto.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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Myles Hewitt, Mayor, City of Peru

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Rylands", written over a horizontal line.

Susan Rylands, Clerk-Treasurer

City of Peru