

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

August 18, 2020

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru, Indiana met in regular session at 5:00 pm August 4, 2020 with the following members present: Mayor Hewitt, Board Member Bill Gornto, Board Member Ron Dausch ,City Clerk Treasurer Susan Stanley and City Attorney Dustin Kern. Also, other interested parties and department heads were present.

Motion was made by Bill Gornto, seconded by Ron Dausch, to suspend the rules and dispense with the reading and correcting of Journal of minutes of regular meeting on July 21, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to accept the payment of claims in the amount of \$77,426.66 was made by Ron Dausch, seconded by Bill Gornto.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to accept the payment of regular payroll in the amount of \$179,949.67 was made by Bill Gornto, seconded by Ron Dausch.

MOTION CARRIED

Old Business:

Bids of properties advertised by the city for sale were opened by Brenda Douglas of the Building Department.

House #66 S Holman	\$1500	Antoine Williams
House #89	\$4065	Theresa Williams
House #520	\$2300	Walker/R. McDowell

Motion to table the bids until end of the meeting was made by Ron Dausch, seconded by Bill Gornto

After Dustin Kern clarified that one of the properties did meet the adjacent requirement motion to accept the bids as read was made by Ron Dausch, seconded by Bill Gornto.

MOTION CARRIED

New Business:

*Sandy Chittum requested to close 5th St. from North Broadway to Wabash St. every Saturday starting June 5 – September 25, 2021 from the hours of 9am to 1pm with set up from 8-9am and tear down 1-2pm. Also, other events wanting to take place downtown must wait until market is finished, except for Circus Week. Motion to accept the request was made by Ron Dausch, seconded by Bill Gornto.

MOTION CARRIED

*Kevin Palmer asked for a police escort for their annual community prayer walk for Sunday, September 27th to begin at 3pm. Mr. Palmer was there to explain the route and answer questions of the police and fire chiefs. Escort would be from the Peru Jr. High School to the River Walkway on Canal Street. They would travel down Broadway St. to Canal St. Motion to approve the request was made by Bill Gornto, seconded by Ron Dausch.

MOTION CARRIED

*Chief Dan Sofianos submitted resignations from the police department of Chad Mooney and Mike Meeks. Mayor Hewitt read the letter of resignation from Chad Mooney with Bill Gornto making a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Ron Dausch.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Hewitt read the letter from Mike Meeks of retirement. Ron Dausch made a motion to accept the retirement, seconded by Bill Gornto.

MOTION CARRIED

*Chief Sofianos requested that the Peru Police Department transfer ownership of Car 9, a 2010 Ford Crown Victoria to Peru Schools upon the School Board approval. Chief Sofianos explained this would provide the police at the school a vehicle to transport children between the schools. Attorney Dustin Kern explained the cost to do this was effective for both parties. Motin to accept the request was made by Ron Dausch, seconded by Bill Gornto.

MOTION CARRIED

*Request made by Madelyn Rogers of the PHS Student Council had a motion to be tabled until September was made by Bill Gornto, seconded by Ron Dausch.

MOTION CARRIED

*Request by Paul Butzin/Denise Sims for police escort from the Kelly bridge to the block party event on Main and Broadway for walking fund raisers. Police request that they call dispatch about 20-30 min prior to the walkers arriving at the bridge. They also asked that they have permission to set up and anchor an air balloon behind the amphitheater in the park to offer rides in the balloon. Permission to use golf carts to transport people from the event downtown to the park was discussed and it was decided that it was not going to be allowed due to state and city laws. Motion to accept the request for a police escort and to have the balloon ride in the park was made by Ron Dausch, seconded by Bill Gornto with the permission to use golf carts to be denied.

MOTION CARRIED

Request to amend the Peru Police Department General Order #23 for Uniforms & General Appearance was presented by Assistant Chief of Police Matt Feller. Feller went over the changes that would appear in the code of appearance, court appearance, grooming standards, and facial hair. Motion to accept the new codes was made by Bill Gornto, seconded by Ron Dausch.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications:

A lady from the E. 8th street neighborhood voiced her complaints on parking in grass by several motorcycle riders blocking the alley behind the street. She also stated that some were sleeping in or around bushes in the alley behind the street. The Mayor said he would look further into the situation and after doing more research would try to find a solution to this problem.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn by Ron Dausch, seconded by Bill Gornto.

MEETING ADJOURNED



Mayor Miles Hewitt, Peru IN

Attest:



Susan Stanley, Clerk-Treasurer Peru IN