

The Board of Public Works and Safety of Plymouth, Indiana, met in Regular Session on May 26, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Building, 124 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN.

Mayor Senter presided for Board Members Culp, Ecker, and Smith. City Engineer Gaul, City Attorney Surrisi and Clerk-Treasurer Xaver were also present. Board Member Grobe was absent.

Board Members Ecker and Culp moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the last regular session of the Board of Public Works and Safety on May 11, 2015, as presented since they have been reviewed and found to be correct. The motion carried.

The quotes for the PW 14-030 Mill and Fill Project 2015 have been reviewed. Engineer Gaul recommended the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Niblock Excavating, Inc., for a total cost of \$488,550.00. Niblock has been contacted and their bid price was confirmed.

Board Members Culp and Ecker moved and seconded to award the bid to Niblock Excavating, Inc. The motion carried.

City Attorney Surrisi presented information on the bids for the Freedom Park bathrooms. Surrisi explained that this is the bathroom improvement project at Packard Woods and will be in conjunction with the Freedom Park construction. The funds for this project were privately raised by the Freedom Park Committee through the Marshall County Community Foundation with the City being the underlying entity that was in charge of the funds. The Park Board has approved them going ahead with making that improvement as a donation to the city. Park Superintendent Hite sought quotes from three contractors and those are now being received in a public meeting.

The following sealed quote for the Freedom Park Bathrooms was opened and read aloud:

- Clint Maddox Contracting, 2482 Lake Ave, Plymouth, IN 46563 \$24,722.30

No action needs to be taken by the Board of Public Works and Safety. The Park Board will take them under advisement and take action as they see fit.

Surrisi made a last call for requests for proposals in regards to the Gateway Signage. Due to the nature of this project, contents on the bids will remain confidential while the City makes negotiations. The sign committee will meet, review the proposals, and give a recommendation at the next Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. Once the award is made, then the proposals will be made public. The following requests for proposals were opened and read aloud:

- Vanadco Signs, Argos, IN
- North American Signs, South Bend, IN
- Burkhart Advertising Inc., South Bend, IN

Board Members Ecker and Smith moved and seconded to send to the sign committee to review and make a recommendation at the June 8, 2015 Board of Works meeting. The motion carried.

Utility Superintendent Davidson reminded the public that the water main flushing will begin June 1st. Notification went out to the media and was printed on May's water bills.

Street Superintendent Marquardt gave an update on the east-west and north-south railroads. Marquardt has contacted Chicago, Fort Wayne, and Eastern regarding the east/west railways. He has left voicemails with them but has not heard back at this time. In regards to the north/south railways,

Marquardt stated that he has been working with the contractor that completed the North Oak Drive railroad repair and they are going to look into getting temporary patching.

City Engineer Gaul asked the Board for approval of the Baker Street Safe Routes to School preliminary plan that was presented to the Board Members at the last meeting.

Board Member Ecker asked about cross walks.

Gaul stated that intersections will have white stripes and bars because they allow greater visibility. He also said that federal government will not cover the cost of crosswalks that connect to high schools because they are not included in the safe route to school program. We may choose to keep it as part of the project, but the federal government will not fund that portion of the project.

Mike Delp, voiced concern for school buses being able to make the turn from westbound Baker Street onto Randolph Street. Gaul said that the plans addressed that and he would forward the plans to Delp.

Board Members Smith and Culp moved and seconded to proceed with the Baker Street Safe Routes to School plan. The motion carried.

Gaul next presented a request from United Telephone Company of Indiana (Century Link) for permission to perform work in the City's Right of Way to install a directional bore for conduit with fiber optic infrastructure down Pioneer Drive to Gary Drive for service at 3M Company.

Board Members Ecker and Smith moved and seconded to approve the installation of the fiber optic infrastructure. The motion carried.

Gaul stated that United Telephone/Century Link's utility contractor was to pothole all utilities. They did not do this, so they will be reimbursing the city for our expenses for the water main they hit on Friday afternoon.

City Attorney Surrisi presented a request to accept into public domain the Plymouth Conduit Project Change order for the extension of the Metronet conduit from US Granules on Western Avenue to the south and east on North Street to Michigan Street. The project is expected to be closed out by the June Redevelopment Commission meeting. The total cost of fiber optic infrastructure is \$30,139.00 with the addition of the four INDOT style markers that were recommended by Brent Martin of USI Consultants.

Board Members Ecker and Smith moved and seconded to accept the conduit into the public domain. The motion carried.

City Attorney Surrisi presented Executive Order 2015-02 Temporary Closure of West Jefferson Street for Plymouth Memorial Day Ceremony.

Board Members Ecker and Culp moved and seconded to approve Executive Order 2015-02 Temporary Closure of West Jefferson Street for Plymouth Memorial Day Ceremony. The motion carried.

Board Members Smith and Culp moved and seconded to allow the salaried payroll for May 1-15, 2015, and the claims for May 26, 2015 as entered in Claim Register #2015. The motion carried.

Reg Danielson addressed the Board. It was determined that Mr. Danielson needs to speak

with Prosecuting Attorney Nelson Chipman on June 9, 2015. Police Chief Bacon, Detective Cox, Detective Mangus, Attorney Surrisi, Mayor Senter, Prosecuting Attorney Chipman, and an Indiana State Police representative will be in attendance.

Michael Iqbal spoke to the Board regarding his property at 400 W. Jefferson Street. He stated that he has paid taxes on the property and has hired attorney Jim Clevenger to represent him. Iqbal said that according to a survey of the property, there is a neighbor that is infringing on his property.

Board Member Ecker asked to see documentation of the purchase agreement, receipts of tax payments, and other paperwork regarding what has been transpiring with the property. Mr. Iqbal will take the paperwork to City Attorney Surrisi.

Board Members Smith and Culp moved and seconded to table the matter until the June 8, 2015 meeting. The motion carried.

Board Members Ecker and Culp moved and seconded to deny acceptance of the following correspondence received in their packet: 7/9/2013 South Bend Tribune article "State Police to Probe Complaint About Chief"; 6/25/2013 South Bend Tribune article "ISP Asked to Investigate Complaints About Chief"; 4/2/2014 South Bend Tribune article "Who Should Police the Police"; and CSPOA Letter to Sheriff Thomas Chamberlin. The motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Members Culp and Ecker moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was declared adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

S/Jeanine M. Xaver
Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED:

S/Mark Senter
Mayor