

BOARD OF WORKS

May 18, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor York

Attendance: Present: Mayor York, Director Barker, Attorney Copenhaver

CITIZENS APPEARING:

- Jerry Cash representing New Castle Housing Authority requested authorization to publish Roof Replacement notification noting grant award of \$161,945.00 had been acquired. After discussion Attorney Copenhaver moved to authorize publication. Director Barker seconded. Motion carried 3-0
- Harold Dugan representing the Red River neighborhood requested an update on the request for ditch clean out on Spiceland Pike. Mayor York informed that the city was in the process of purchasing the equipment to clean ditches as this area is not the only area the city is responsible for cleaning within the city limits, noting that making a deal with the County Highway when they are short staffed doesn't help the city with all the ditch cleaning the city is responsible for. Mayor York also noted that the city is only responsible for the ditches in this area of the city, homeowners were responsible for the Storm Sewer and suggested a Homeowners Group be established to deal with the issues in this neighborhood.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

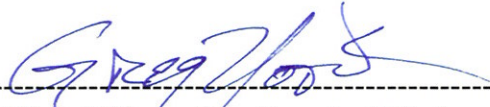
- Director Barker moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Attorney Copenhaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0
- Director Barker made a motion to approve the Payroll, Water, Wastewater and General fund claims for the week of May 4, 2015 to May 18, 2015. Attorney Copenhaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0
- Attorney Copenhaver presented and moved to approve a Resolution and forms for approval to submit to Council regarding the Sidewalk Program. Director Barker seconded. Motion carried 3-0
- Director Baker presented pay request #1 for Boars Head Sewer Project in the amount of \$137,495.82 and moved to approve and authorize payment. Attorney Copenhaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0
- Director Barker presented pay request #8 from Lykens in the 3B Project and moved to approve and authorize payment. Attorney Copenhaver seconded. Motion carried 3-0
- FOP Property purchase was awarded to Randy Neal with a motion to accept bid from Attorney Copenhaver. Director Barker seconded. Motion carried 3-0
- The Board requested the New Castle Police Department post no parking signs along the route of the Memorial Day Parade.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:


- Chief Catron requested authorization to hire Nicholas Rhodes as a new Patrolman.
- Director Barker presented weed mowing quotes that he had sent out a request to four business's and had received a written quote from Dyer's Lawn Care of \$50 to \$60 per lot depending on the lot size and a verbal from another quoting \$125 to \$150 per lot depending on size. After discussion Attorney Copenhaver recommended that 3rd party mowing should be bid and stated he would send out a public notice requesting bids. Director Barker requested board approval to use current quote from Dyer's until bids could be received as needed to assist the city in keeping up with the mowing. Attorney Copenhaver moved to approve use of Dyer's Lawn Care as a 3rd party as needed not to exceed \$2,000.00 weekly. Mayor York seconded. Motion carried 3-0
Director Barker requested that Attorney Copenhaver prepare an amendment to the weed mowing ordinance to reduce the code to 8" grass height from the current 12".
- Mayor York informed the board that Water Superintendent Melvin Watson will be retiring on May 29th and Greg Phipps had been named as the new superintendent effective 6/1/2015.

ADJOURN:

- Director Barker moved to adjourn.

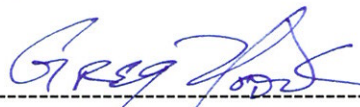


Presiding Officer of the Board of Works and Safety
ATTEST:



Christy York, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by me this **18th** day of **May 2015**.



Greg York, Mayor