

Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting 5/16/2022:

The meeting began at 5:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls, Chief Parker as well as Board Members Heckley and Hoepfner. Jeremy Hardy with Commonwealth was also present.

Chief's Report: Chief Parker gave an update on occurrences within the department. He also asked to purchase a gun safe for around \$1,750, but not more than \$2,000. After discussion, it was confirmed to proceed as proposed.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent mentioned that there were multiple instances of individuals placing unacceptable items into the dumpster at the compost site. The Mayor asked for more signage at the site in order to deter further instances of this nature. The Superintendent gave an update on the Mainstreet project.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Minutes were presented from the meeting on 5/2/2022. After inspection, Mayor Kelsey moved to approve the minutes from 5/2/2022 as presented, second by Board Member Heckley, all in favor, except Board Member Hoepfner, who abstains. The Clerk-Treasurer presented a proposal from Baker Tilly for work to be accomplished regarding a water rate study. After discussion, Mayor Kelsey moved to proceed as proposed, pending Common Council approval, second by Board Member Hoepfner, all in favor.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor mentioned that inflation being as prevalent as it is, he wishes to incorporate cost-of-living adjustments to salaries. The Clerk-Treasurer asked that this consideration be incorporated into the 2023 calendar year budget discussion.

Board Member's Report: Nothing to report.

Audience: Jeremy brought back results from the Sewer Lift Station Project bids. He presented options for the Board to consider. After discussion, Mayor Kelsey moved to accept the base bid with no alternates to Underground in the amount of \$530,100.00, contingent upon receipt of funds from Allen County, second by Board Member Heckley, all in favor. Further details will be forthcoming.

Mayor Kelsey moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Board Member Heckley, all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm.