

Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting 4/3/2023:

The meeting began at 5:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance was Mayor Kelsey, Clerk-Treasurer Cummins, Superintendent Walls as well as Board Members Hoeppner and Heckley. Chief Parker was not present.

Chief's Report: Nothing to report.

Superintendent's Report: The camera system at the compost site will be repaired within the week. Boring crews for NIPSCO that were performing work associated with the Ashlar Pointe Addition, hit a City owned water line. After the Superintendent explained that this issue occurred as a result of a second line being struck that was within the three feet range of the first marked line, but not marked itself, he also noted that while the City repaired the line, NIPSCO may bill for their downtime, which he recommends the City not pay. The banners were placed earlier this week on Main Street. The annual water quality report, or the CCR, will be sent out in the next month or so with a survey for residents and businesses to self-evaluate lead lines. The City will be required to evaluate all lines for lead related issues as part of a state-wide requirement that will be due by October of 2024. The Superintendent attended a meeting in Muncie at the Clerk-Treasurer school regarding lead line inventory and remedies to fix such lines. He also attended a course about state water audit procedures. A resident is inquiring as to whether or not his duplex tenants should be on two meters with separate shut-off valves. After discussion, it was determined that if more than one rental address were on the same shut-off, then it would have to be billed in the name of the owner and they can coordinate costs with their renters for non-payment instead of the City, or they can pay to setup service to split into separate shut-off valves for each meter. The new sticker for the AEP meter has been received and placed. The utility departments are in need of another lawn mower for the upcoming summer season. Board Member Heckley stated that he will get back to the Superintendent with estimates. City employee Darrell has requested that his work boots be reimbursed by the City. After discussion, Mayor Kelsey moved as proposed, second by Board Member Heckley, all in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Minutes were presented from the meeting on 3/20/2023. After inspection, Mayor Kelsey moved to approve the minutes from 3/20/2023 as presented, second by Board Member Heckley, all in favor.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor explained that the Allen County Commissioners have established a process that includes a grant request form to distribute ARPA money for the previously pledged monies to be used on the high school lift station project to begin this summer. The Mayor also went over details about the Stellar Sidewalk project that recently resumed.

Board Member's Report: Board Member Hoeppner would like to see improvements at the sidewalk area in front of Willies Café II. The Mayor mentioned that a rail was to be placed after the streetscape project was completed, but since it still has not occurred, he will check to see when this work can be accomplished.

Audience: Nothing to report.

Mayor Kelsey moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Board Member Hoeppner, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07pm.