

Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting 12/4/2023:

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 Hoeppner and Heckley. Kaleb Dienelt with Reliance was also present.

Chief's Report: The Chief was able to secure the same pricing for the Axon TASER lease that was presented earlier and signed for the 5-year commitment. The first invoice was produced and will be approved for payment later tonight during the Council meeting.

Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent gave an update on the sewer project out at the high school. One of the wells at the well field stopped functioning and will need to be repaired by Peerless Midwest as soon as they are available. Christmas lights have been placed downtown, as well as on the tree in the plaza and on the water tower. There was a water main break near Hetrick on Woodburn Road that was fixed the day after Thanksgiving. There is a streetlight near the plaza that is out with the bulb needing to be replaced. This will be fixed after receiving the replacement bulbs.

Clerk-Treasurer's Report: Minutes were presented from the meeting on 11/20/2023. After inspection, Mayor Kelsey moved to approve the minutes from 11/20/2023 as presented, second by Board Member Hoeppner all in favor. Ben with Commonwealth had sent the Clerk-Treasurer the final pay app for retainage on the SRF Clean Closure project in the amount of \$13,557.20 due to Fox Contractors. After discussion, Mayor Kelsey moved to pay this final claim for the project, second by Board Member Heckley, all in favor. Since the SRF draw down loan has been fully used and consequently closed, this amount will be paid from City coffers at the next Council meeting.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor shared a comment that had been submitted online thanking the first responders in the community. He also agreed with this sentiment. The Mayor mentioned that a company in the industrial park is requesting that the County rezone some portion of agricultural land that they are considering for purchase. They would like this to be rezoned for industrial purposes. The Mayor mentioned that more than likely the City would petition to annex this land if it were to be used for industrial purposes.

Board Member's Report: Board Member Heckley mentioned that several individuals living outside of the City have asked him about potentially connecting new homes into the City sewer system. Discussion ensued.

Audience: Kaleb went over details for potential improvements to the IT environment. He is proposing that it be upgraded to allow a PLC for the water treatment plant as well as using Scadata software to monitor this system. This will allow for low level warnings to be tested and can allow for more involved monitoring in the future. He is proposing an expert to assist in the discovery of what costs would be involved for this proposal. The discovery portion would cost around \$6,500. After discussion, Mayor Kelsey moved to proceed with the discovery phase, second by Board Member Heckley, all in favor.

Mayor Kelsey moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Board Member Heckley, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm.