

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
JANUARY 6, 2020

The Board of Public Works and Safety, City of Madison, Indiana, met in regular session at 11:30 AM in the Council Chamber, City Hall. Present: Eaglin, Courtney and Carlow (3-0).

NEW BUSINESS:

Carlow made a motion to approve the December 16, 2019 minutes, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Mayor Courtney welcomed new Board member Karl Eaglin and thanked former Board member Darrell Henderson for his years of service.

Chief DeVries reported that there were 730 calls for the department in 2019. Of those, 265 were fire related and 465 were rescue related. There were 500 smoke detectors installed throughout the county. Holiday Inn Express is sponsoring the installation of 100 detectors for 2020. Recruiting and retention efforts are ongoing and seeing some success.

Major McKay reported that two officers have graduated from the academy and will be sworn in at the next council meeting. Two more officers are starting the next session of the academy on January 13th. The department experienced 12,409 calls in 2019 versus 10,612 in 2018. The two officers starting the academy will give the department a full force.

Tony Sorrells reported that there was an amount of \$118,429.54 left over from the Board of Public Works budget. \$50,000.00 was saved from switching to LED lighting. There were 23 roads repaved in 2019 and 61 curbs and sidewalks added or redone. There were 20 or more handicap ramps installed. The drainage projects at Cragmont and Ferry Streets were two of the bigger projects for the year. There were 109 man hours for the River Roots Festival, 380 man hours for the Regatta and 208 hours for Ribberfest. There were 3021 ½ tons of garbage picked up by the City in 2019, Rumpke took out 7002 tons. There are around 300 tons of leaves picked up so far. 1,193,000 pounds of recycling has been collected.

Mayor Courtney introduced three new members of his staff. They are Brian Martin-Building Inspector, Hannah Fagen-Community Relations and Mindy McGee-Chief of Staff.

Nicole Schell presented two final payment requests from the PACE program. The first is at 232 E. Main Street for \$3,750.00. The second is at 109 E. Fifth Street in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Eaglin made a motion to approve the payments, seconded by Courtney. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Schell then presented a Stellar-Ed Hamilton contract for the de Baptiste bust for Georgetown Park in the amount of \$63,113.00.

Carlow made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-1
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
OF THE CITY OF MADISON, INDIANA FOR THE PURPOSE OF
DISPOSING OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bob Cooke came before the board for the above resolution.

Cooke explained that much of the need for this disposal comes from vehicles made available as a result of the Enterprise lease program. The return appears to be better through auction versus trade in.

Carlow made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-1, seconded by Eaglin. Roll call vote: Eaglin-Y, Carlow-Y and Courtney-Y. Resolution No. 2020-1 approved.

Carlow made a motion to approve the claims as submitted, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Zachary Biesen of 724 Saddletree Lane explained that he received a \$2,000.00 bill from the city for cleanup of property he owns. Biesen explained that he never received notice from the city and had already contracted Sedam Construction to take care of the situation. Subsequently Sedam came in and finished all that the city had not done. Biesen feels he should not have to pay the city since he did not receive notification. The bill went to his brother who is not even an owner of the property.

John Schering explained that the notice did go to the wrong address by mistake.

Biesen feels he should not have to pay the city.

Eaglin made a motion to table the request to gather more information, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0). Situation tabled.

Mayor Courtney gave an update on a policies and procedures plan that has been executed on behalf of the Madison Police Department. Major McKay is assisting the company currently and results should be forth coming soon. Also, there is an open recruitment going on for the police chief position. Applications ended the previous Friday. Evaluations are now being

conducted. McKay and DeVries have been asked to come up with an emergency safety plan for city employees on city property as well as the public.

Next meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 11:30 AM.

Eaglin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (3-0).

Meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm.



Mayor Bob Courtney



David Carlow



Karl Eaglin

ATTEST



Rick Berry, Clerk Treasurer