

## **Board of Public Works and Safety Minutes**

MEETING DATE: Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 1:30 PM

**MEETING PLACE:** City Hall- Council Chambers

The Board of Public Works and Safety, City of Madison, Indiana, met at 1:30 PM in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

**Calling of roll and notice of absentees:** Eaglin, and Carlow were present. Mayor Courtney was absent (2-1).

**Approval of Minutes:** Eaglin moved to approve the December 16, 2024, minutes, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

**Claims—General/Payroll:** Carlow moved to approve the general and payroll claims as submitted, seconded by Eaglin. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

Adjustments: 203 Montclair Street – Utilities Superintendent Brian Jackson: A leak occurred at 203 Montclair Street, owned by Mei Cai, on an unspecified date. On October 1, 2024, city utility staff notified the owner of the issue and promptly shut off the water supply. A plumber arrived the following day, and it took two days to replace the broken water pipe and drain the water from the crawl space. Motion: Eaglin moved to approve the adjustment for 203 Montclair Street, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

## **New business:**

**SRF Disbursement Request L-9 – Utilities Superintendent Brian Jackson:** SRF Request No. L-9, submitted by Commonwealth Engineers, includes a single invoice dated September 30, 2024. The invoice, numbered 61816, totals \$145.37 for American Iron and Steel compliance fees. The total SRF disbursement amount requested is \$145.00. **Motion:** Eaglin moved to approve the SRF Disbursement Request L-9, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

Contract for Legal Services with Joe Jenner: The City of Madison wishes to enter into a contract with William Joseph Jenner to serve as the City Attorney from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025. Jenner will handle routine legal matters, including advice on ordinances, drafting ordinances and resolutions, and attending meetings for various city boards. Compensation is set at \$4,500 per month, with additional fees of \$250 per hour for litigation or extraordinary services. Reimbursable expenses include copying, overtime help, travel, and long-distance calls. If specialized legal assistance is needed, the City may authorize Jenner to hire additional counsel, with fees negotiated and paid by the City. The contract may be reviewed or extended by mutual agreement. **Motion:** Eaglin moved to approve the Contract for Legal Services with Joe Jenner, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

**Resolution 2025-1B: Returning Donated Property**: The purpose and intent of this resolution is to return property donated to the City of Madison to establish a community park. Because the City of Madison no longer has a use for the property as a public park and it can no longer satisfy the restrictions according to the deed and original intent of the transfer, the City of Madison desires to return the property to the previous owner. By approving this resolution, the City of Madison Board of Public Works authorizes the Mayor to execute any documents necessary to transfer said property back to J&R Real Estate Holdings. **Motion:** Eaglin moved to approve Resolution 2025-1B, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

Unfinished Business: None.

**Board comments:** Thank you to the Street Department for their work over the weekend in response to the snowy weather. They have plowed more than 2,000 miles of roadways.

**Public comment:** Lisa Ferguson, 718 E. 2nd Street, spoke on behalf of a new golf simulator business opening on Main Street and requested the board consider designating a 10-minute parking spot in front of the establishment. She also asked for clarification on the rules regarding handicapped parking in front of residences, who is allowed to use them, and ADA compliance rules.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 11:30 AM. (Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday) **Adjourn:** Eaglin moved to adjourn, seconded by Carlow. All in favor, motion carried (2-0).

Attested:

Shirley Rynearson, Clerk-Treasurer

Karl Eaglin

**Mayor Bob Courtney** 

**David Carlow** 

