

**SPECIAL
BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY MINUTES
MARCH 14TH, 2019**

PUBLIC HEARING

12:00pm
Common Council Chambers
City of Anderson, IN
120 E Eighth Street

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike McKinley, chairperson
NiCale Rector, Member
Sam Dixon, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

*See attached sign sheet
Alexander Newman, Asst. City Attorney
Barbara Joy, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Mike McKinley called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Sam Dixon performed the invocation. NiCale Rector led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Mr. McKinley: Has everybody had a chance to look over the minutes?

Ms. Rector: I have.

Mr. Dixon: I have

Ms. Rector: I would make a motion to accept the minutes of the 2-25-19 meeting

Mr. Dixon: Second.

Mr. McKinley: All in favor aye (3-0) Motion passed.

CLAIMS TO BE PAID

Mr. McKinley: Claims to be paid. I am showing \$ 1,158,317.29, of which \$46,670.21 is the Police department.

Ms. Rector: I would make a motion that we approve the claims for the Police Department claims in the amount of \$46,670.21

Mr. Dixon: Second.

Mr. McKinley: All in favor aye (3-0). Motion passed. Next are the Fire Department claims in the amount \$57,564.92.

Ms. Rector: I make a motion to approve the claims for the Fire Department in the amount of \$57,564.92

Mr. Dixon: Second

Mr. McKinley: All in favor aye (3-0). Motion passed. The combined payroll is in the amount of \$1,054,082.16.

Ms. Rector: I would make a motion that we approve the combined payroll figure as stated.

Mr. Dixon: Second.

Mr. McKinley: All in favor aye (3-0). Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. McKinley: Conflict of Interest statement for approval.

Chief Cravens: We have one of our public servants here today. Under Indiana Code #35-44.1-3, conflict of interest. Asking the board to approve, Chief Shawn P. Dietzen. Chief Shawn Dietzen has an HVAC business. He does a lot of work in the City. Some of it is government. I just wanted to bring him in front of the board today in case you had any questions, along with approval regarding the conflict of interest.

Ms. Rector: I make a motion that we accept the conflict or interest statement.

Mr. Dixon: Second.

Mr. McKinley: All in favor aye (3-0). Motion passed.

ANDERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Watters: We are seeking your approval for a new hire. His name is Clifford T. Cole. He is Capitol police. He is certified thru the Indiana State Academy. He is going to save us a bunch of money as coming on as a lateral transfer. This guy is going to be, in my opinion, an asset to our department. If his name sounds familiar, his dad is a 30-year veteran. Cliff Cole has been very active. He has had many investigations. He has spent most of his time in the drug task force, currently in CID This guy will be an asset. He currently resides in Lapel Indiana. Let me just add this, when he comes aboard he will go right into FTO training, so we will immediately get his assistance. No matter how you look at it, he will be another police on the streets of Anderson Indiana. I am here seeking your approval. We have to come thru here to get your approval to make this hire.

Mr. McKinley: How much does it cost to certified somebody?

Chief Watters: Thousands of dollars. I would say \$4500.00 roughly in that area.

Ms. Rector: He has been approved thru PERF and pension, right?

Chief Watters: Yes. Pension board approved him on the 7th of this year. We started this lateral transfer opportunity for folks since the first part of the year. We have a few looking at the opportunity. I will probably come before you in the near future for your approval. He is our first one. Like I said, I do not foresee any issues with him at all. I wish I would have had him today so you could have asked him questions. The next time we do this I will have them here in person for you to see.

Ms. Rector: I make a motion that we approve the new hire, Clifford Cole Jr.

Mr. Dixon: Second.

Mr. McKinley: All in favor aye (3-0). Motion passed.

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT

Todd Fisher: First we had to re-advertise 1324 W. 5th St., I just want to affirm the demolition order, and Fredericks Inc. Got that bid.

Ms. Rector: No one came forward?

Todd Fisher: No-one came forward. It is a complete problem job. It has been for three years. I have been trying to take this down thru other programs, but I couldn't get it done. We will have to use building commissioner funds to get this done.

Ms. Rector: I make a motion that we accept the recommendation to demolish 1324 W 5th Street, and we approve that demolition.

Mr. Dixon: Second.

Mr. McKinley: All in favor aye (3-0). Motion passed.

Ms. Rector: We need to make one more motion. Frederick won the bid but we need to make a motion to approve Fredericks. I would make a motion that we re-accept the bid from Fredericks for the demolish.

Mr. Dixon: Second.

Mr. McKinley:

All in favor aye (3-0). Motion passed.

Todd Fisher: We had a fire at 329 W 6th St that had to be taken down. It was ready to fall into the street. I contacted the home owner, he was here Monday. We are going to certify mail to bring him back for the 3/25/19 meeting. He had dropped his insurance. He rented that property as a triplex for 15 years. I want him to be held responsible. This was a \$14,000.00 demo, which I had Davis go ahead and do. I want to bring him in. He needs to help us. If he cannot afford to do the whole demo, then he needs to help with some of it. It is not fair for us to pick up all of these because they don't want to carry insurance. I will have all of the information at that time on the demo and fire.

Mr. McKinley: Do you see a problem coming?

Todd Fisher: He met with me on site. He did not see it as an emergency to him, but he did go along with it. He wanted to know why we didn't take bids. It was a matter of time plus the other contractors are not equipped to handle something so quick. I will have the information on this at the next safety board. Hopefully the home owner will be here. This one could have fell into two street ways. I have some pictures if you would like to see them.

Ms. Rector: There was not time to get the bids.

Mr. Fisher: If I would have left it and someone got hurt, we would be liable. I was trying to be pro-active. Plus, these burn out all around Anderson, we really need to clean them up, address them as they come. If we have a home owner that actually has some means, he should do

something about the problems. I just hold him accountable. We got it down. It is safe now and we don't have to worry about it.

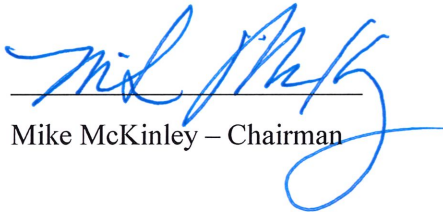
I also wanted to touch base, I don't know the address, but Fredericks on the blight, I believe their operator got mixed up on which program he is working on. We failed the last three Blights. I will bring this to the next safety board. I have called him and told him he needs to make the proper repairs. If he does not, then I do not want Fredericks to do any more Blights. With that you do have to follow state rules. If they are out there and putting dirt when it is supposed to be sand, that reflects on the city. We put that stimulation in, he still has not acted on it. I called him earlier in the week and still have not heard back from him. That is all I have.

Ms. Rector: I move to adjourn.

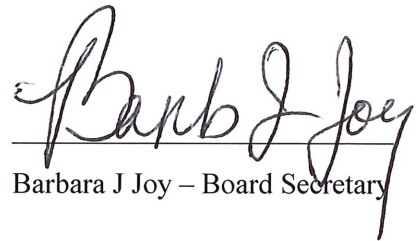
Mr. Dixon: Second

Mr. McKinley: Meeting adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM



Mike McKinley – Chairman



Barbara J Joy – Board Secretary