

**BOARD OF PUBLIC SAFETY MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

4:00pm  
Council Chambers  
City of Anderson, IN  
120 E Eighth Street

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mike McKinley, Chairman  
Sam Dixon, Member  
David Clendenen, Member

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Tim Lanane, Assistant City Attorney  
Barbara Joy, Board Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McKinley called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**BUSINESS**

**MINUTES**

Mr. McKinley: We have minutes from 8-8-22. I have looked at them and they look ok. If there are no questions, I need a motion to approve.

Mr. Clendenen: I make a motion to accept the minutes from 8-8-22

Mr. Dixon: Second.

Barbara Joy: On the call of the roll the vote was as follows: yes 3-0 no. Motion passed.

**CLAIMS TO BE PAID**

Mr. McKinley: Claims to be paid for August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. I am showing \$1,733,635.23, of which \$149,068.80 is the Police department.

Mr. Dixon: I make a motion to accept the claims of the Police department as stated

Mr. Clendenen: Second

Barbara Joy: On the call of the roll the vote was as follows: yes 3-0 no. Motion passed.

Mr. McKinley: The Fire Department I am showing \$509,594.33. That is a pretty high bill.

Todd Cawthorn: \$438,369.64 of that is a new Fire truck that has been previously approved by this board.

Mr. Clendenen: I make a motion to accept the claims of the Fire department as stated

Mr. Dixon: Second

Barbara Joy: On the call of the roll the vote was as follows: yes 3-0 no. Motion passed.

Mr. McKinley: Combined Payroll I am showing \$1,074,972.10.

Mr. Clendenen: I make a motion to accept the combined payroll as I stated.

Mr. Dixon: Second

Barbara Joy: On the call of the roll the vote was as follows: yes 3-0 no. Motion passed.

### **MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. McKinley: We have a re-visit from last meeting 1900 Central Ave

Trinna Davis Simmons: My guy is not here. He said he would be here. I went by and took pictures today. Here they are. The condition of the building for 1900 Central Ave, this is the condition of the building today. I went inside with him. He said he was going to be here, but he knows the boss is sick so: I am just asking that it be continued. He was here this morning and said he would be here. He was with me when I done the inspection. I walked thru the building into the back where the hole is. We went in the front door because you can't get in the back door because you will drop ten feet into the hole. From the staircase on the inside, if you look at the third picture you see black railing, that is a staircase going into the basement. He walked half way down it and it was sturdy. It is just that one area by the door that is missing. The hole is 5 x 5 or maybe 6 x 5 something like that.

Mr. Dixon: Are you making a suggestion for a temporary fix for that?

Trinna Davis Simmons: He asked for a permit today. I told Cindy she couldn't issue it because of what we have right now on the table is to demolish. And that was affirmed to demolish. Since Todd is not here and we have the order from this board already. Would they make a motion to rescind? Is that what we want to do until we find out for sure.

Tim Lanane: Todd sick and unavailable?

Trinna Davis Simmons: He is sick today. He said whatever the board recommends is what he is willing to do.

Tim Lanane: Can you let Todd know of the concern of the board about the hole?

Trinna Davis Simmons: There may be a lip there, but you step in and will go straight down the hole. The lip is where the door actually is. I didn't get that close. The inside of the building is cement and the brick on the outside

Mr. Clendenen: I suggest you get with Chief Cravens and let him know so they can put it on his notes for the address regarding the danger. The not would say about the hole in the back of that building. Chief Cravens can get the message to his firefighters

Mr. McKinley: I worry about kids. They will not get that message.

Trinna Davis Simmons: For the record Mr. Reyes-Marques is here now.

Barbara Joy: No interpreter?

Trinna Davis Simmons: No. Sir what is your plans?

Elmer Eliceo Reyes-Marques: New floor

Trinna Davis Simmons: How can you secure this? Safety is an issue. Is this locked?

Elmer Eliceo Reyes-Marques: yes

Trinna Davis Simmons: There is no way to board it up because it is brick and cement. He had a translator today so I talked to him about the bank statement, the money. He said he can bring that to the next meeting. He could not get it today

Tim Lanane: I thought he was supposed to meet with Todd.

Trinna Davis Simmons: Yes, and I don't know what happened. You were supposed to meet with Todd, like me and you did today. What happened?

Elmer Eliceo Reyes-Marques: The building...

Judy Condon Miller: I have a citizen's suggestion. Why couldn't the safety board deal with permits to get something temporary, then deal with uncovering the hole and dealing with the other issues. It is just a suggestion.

Tim Lanane: Todd needs to meet with out there, but I don't when Tod is going to be back. Trinna, do you have any idea when Todd will be back?

Trinna Davis Simmons: No, I do not. I know he is sick today. That is all I know. I have Mr. Reyes-Marques information

Tim Lanane: When Todd gets back, he can contact him and meet him at the property and try to resolve this issue

Barbara Joy: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 is the next meeting

Mr. McKinley: My problem is he can bring an interpreter for an unofficial meeting but not an official meeting.

Mr. Clendenen: What else does he need to do? I know that he has cleaned up around it. How much of a problem would it be for him to cover the hole?

Tim Lanane: It is not a problem. It should be done. Todd needs to meet with him and say this what needs to happen. This is a hazard.

Mr. McKinley: I need a motion to table this until Sept 12<sup>th</sup>. Please bring an interpreter

Mr. Clendenen: I make a motion to table this until Sept 12<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Dixon: Second

Barbara Joy: On the call of the roll the vote was as follows: yes 3-0 no. Motion passed 1900  
Central tabled until 9-12-22

Trinna Davis Simmons: I tried to use the translator on my phone and it work in here. Not a good enough signal. Where is your friend that was with you today?

Elmer Eliceo Reyes-Marques: He had to go to the hospital.

Mr. McKinley: This has been tabled until next meeting.

Judy Condon Miller: Before I start, I know you are going to say this is not a safety board issue but it has become one. Something has got to be done. On Melon Dr. I have lived there for 50 years. Every time the lights go out, they are out way to long. I am on a street that has a lot of older single woman that live on the street, we have people on oxygen, people on c-pack machines. I don't know what else you can do, its like you are just waiting on a lawsuit. Judy, have you talked to the board of works?

Tim Lanane: Have you talked to the board of works?

Judy Condon Miller: I don't know when they meet. I looked on line and found the safety board meeting, this is a safety is for sure.

Tim Lanane: tomorrow at 1:30pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor

Judy Condon Miller: It is not on the calendar. I will go there also. Thank you.

(Barbara Joy show Ms. Miller where to locate agendas for meeting on the City Website)

Councilman Joe Newman: I have paperwork on 1923 Morton St. I have a picture of it and all of the paperwork from environmental court, owner's information as so on. This is a current picture. Right down the street from you Sam. It has been an ongoing struggle to get this in court. The last time I talked to somebody, he is nowhere to be found. What I would like recommend to the board is to have this one piece of deterrent removed from this property, from the neighborhood. If this gets done it will make the neighborhood look prettier. There are elderly people over there. Thank you for your time.

Mr. McKinley: Tess do have something?

Tess Etchison: I think I talked to you about the bus garage in May or June. We had him up here. I want to give you a heads up. He has not moved a brick. By the time of your September meeting, keep your powder dry because they are not doing anything. It is a mess. We are struggling down there trying to get everything cleaned up. We did have a house sell for two hundred thousand dollars in the area. Our neighbors are working together. If you guys could give us some support on that bus garage and of course ALAC is an ongoing problem

Judy Condon Miller: I do think the mayor and the city is doing a good job at getting rid of some of these properties. That one at 14<sup>th</sup> and central was a blessing and I have seen others around town

and that does help. I know we don't have a decent tax base anymore; I understand that but some things just have to be taken care of if we are ever going to entice new people to come here.

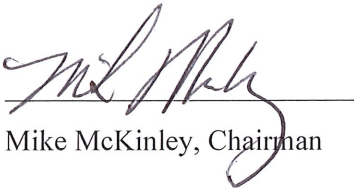
Trinna Davis Simmons: My translator worked in the hall way. I told him everything and what he has to do. I told him to call and set up an appointment with Todd. He understood.

Tim Lanane: I think it is important that call him also. The board is very concerned about that. It is a hazardous situation there.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McKinley: If we have no other business then this meeting is adjourned.

Adjournment 4:35 PM

  
Mike McKinley, Chairman

  
Barbara J Joy – Board Secretary