

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY – September 16, 2019**

A quorum of the Board of Public Works & Safety (Board) being present, the Board met Monday, September 16, 2019, at 3:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, Huntington City Building, in accordance with all applicable requirements, notice, and authority.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Fetters opened the Board of Public Works & Safety meeting.

Board Members present: Mayor Fetters, Dwight Brautigam, Charles Chapman, Kathy Elmore, and Anthony Lisinicchia. Also present: Building Commissioner, Shad Paul; Director of Community Development and Redevelopment, Bryn Keplinger; Police Chief Hacker; Attorney, Adrian Halverstadt; City Attorney, Mike Hartburg; and Clerk-Treasurer, Christi McElhaney.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Fetters opened the public hearing for the Unsafe Building Processing Fee. Attorney Halverstadt presented a chart of expenses relating to unsafe building processing. The existing amounts have not changed in over 17 years. Commissioner Paul explained that the processing fee does not get assessed to every property, but this new process expense chart would allow the fee to be charged when applicable. With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Fetters closed the public hearing.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Board Member Lisinicchia moved to approve minutes of the September 3, 2019 regular meeting, seconded by Board Member Elmore. Motion passed 5-0. Minutes signed.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Chief Hacker requested the placement of more **parking signs in the City parking lot between Washington and Market Streets**. Additional signs will clarify the available parking. Board Member Lisinicchia made a motion to approve the additional signage, seconded by Board Member Chapman. Motion passed 5-0.

Attorney Halverstadt presented **Resolution 2019-6: Unsafe Building Processing Fee Chart**. Board Member Lisinicchia made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-6, seconded by Board Member Chapman. After some discussion on the total amount the fee should be set at, Board Member Brautigam made a motion to amend the original motion to set the total processing fee at \$1,700.00, seconded by Board Member Chapman. Motion to set fee passed 5-0. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-6 as amended passed 5-0. Resolution signed.

Director Keplinger presented a **Duke Energy Easement agreement for approval near 600 N near the well houses**. Board Member Elmore made a motion to approve the agreement and allow the Mayor to sign on the City's behalf, seconded by Board Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0. Agreement signed.

UNSAFE BUILDING/ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT:

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Fetters opened the public hearing for **422 S. Jefferson Street**. The owner is Debra Hueber and six others have vested interests. The Department of Community Development and Redevelopment has not been contacted concerning this property. There are seven unsafe violations, twelve minimum housing violations, and sixteen corrective measures. The compliance deadline is September 27, 2019. With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Fetters closed the public hearing.

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS:

Board Member Chapman made a motion to **affirm the Order of Enforcement on 422 S. Jefferson Street and after the September 27, 2019 seek demolition proposals**, seconded by Board Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0.

UPDATE:

US Bank National **recently acquired the property at 514 Lindley Street**. US Bank requested a 60-day extension to correct the violations. Board Member Lisinicchia made a motion to allow the extension until the November 18, 2019 Board meeting, seconded by Board Member Chapman. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Paul stated nothing has been done on **538 Lindley Street**. Board Member Elmore made a motion to **affirm the Order of Enforcement and seek demolition proposals** to be opened at the October 7, 2019 Board meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Owner, Rebecca Hanson of **1019 Salamonie Avenue**, stated she has an appointment with Duke Energy to change out or cancel electricity on the part of the property that needs demolished on September 25, 2019. She has also paid half down on the contract with Amor Excavating to perform the demolition. She is also requesting that the slab be allowed to stay on the demolished part of the building. Board Member Chapman made a motion to **allow the Hanson's to keep the slab on the demolished portion of the building**, seconded by Board Member Lisinicchia. Motion passed 5-0. The Board will wait to hear back at the October 7, 2019 meeting for an update as to when or if the demolition has been completed.

DEMOLITION:

Commissioner Paul opened demolition proposals for **627 Court Street:**

Amor Excavating: \$10,950

Dirt Excavating: \$15,200

Board Member Elmore made a motion to accept the low bidder Amor Excavating at \$10,950, seconded by Board Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0.

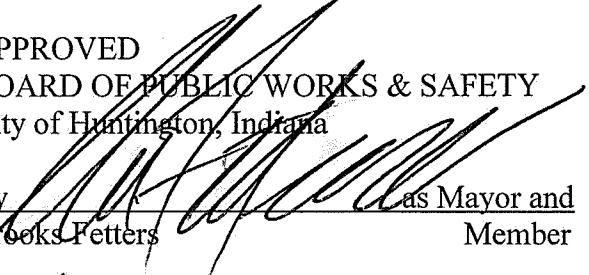
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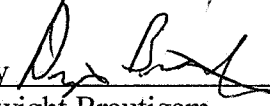
Board Member Lisinicchia moved to pay the bills as presented, seconded by Board Member Brautigam. Motion passed 5-0. Documentation signed.

ADJOURNMENT:

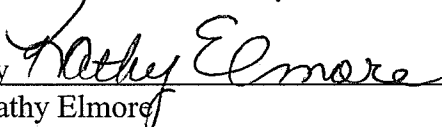
Board Member Elmore moved to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Lisinicchia. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned.

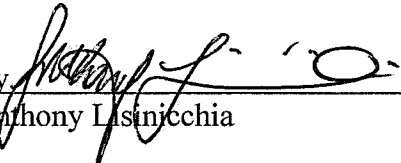
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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
City of Huntington, Indiana

By  as Mayor and
Brooks Fetters Member

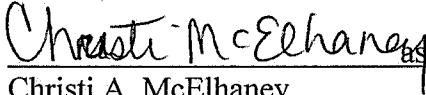
By  as Member
Dwight Brautigam

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Charles Chapman

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Kathy Elmore

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Anthony Lisinicchia

ATTEST:

 as Clerk-Treasurer
Christi A. McElhaney