

Board of Public Works and Safety
Berne City Building, 158 W Franklin Street
Wednesday August 21, 2019 8:00 am
Minutes

Mayor McKean-Present
Ron Dull- Present

Curtis Wurster-Present

The Board of Public Works and Safety met on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 in council chambers according to the posted notice along with City Attorney Dave Baumgartner and Recording Secretary Becky Sprunger.

In attendance from the City; Gwen Maller, Kurt Dailey, Shannon Smitley, Gary Nussbaum and John Crider. Others in attendance, Clint Anderson, Berne Witness and Doug Beall from South Adams Schools.

Mayor McKean called the meeting to order and verified a quorum.

Approval of Minutes On a motion by Ron Dull and a second by Curtis Wurster, the minutes of the July 17,2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Village Way Roadway Improvement Project Task Order 2019-2 Mayor McKean presented the board with Task Order 2019-2 from Commonwealth Engineering for the Village Way Roadway Improvement Project. The mayor asked Clerk Treasurer Gwen Maller to further explain the scope of the contract. Gwen stated that in working with Kurt Dailey and Gary Nussbaum, if the city gets the Community Crossing Grants, there would be enough money for street paving and to widen and put in curbs on Village Way, which would then match the rest of the road that is in the city street inventory. That being said, the cost of the engineering fee was not figured in to that equation and some money would have to come from the 2020 budget. When asked by Attorney Baumgartner, Gwen said that because the project will not start until 2020, she would need to encumber a specific dollar amount in 2019. The street paving and the Village Way Project were submitted as two separate projects, and if there is not funding for both, the rejected project would have to wait until the next funding round. But either way, Village Way would have to be engineered to qualify.

Task Order 2019-02 covers the design phase, bidding and negotiating, construction engineering costs, an onsite engineering representative and others services at a cost of \$ 71,500.00.

Ron Dull made a motion to approve Task Order 2019-02 from Commonwealth Engineering for the Village Way Improvement Project at a cost of \$ 71,500 and to have Mayor McKean and Gwen Maller sign the contract. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously carried on a vote of 3-0

Other As Assistant to the Administration at South Adams Schools, Doug Beall came before the board to report on the failure of the current school crossing blinking sign. Doug said that he tried updating the software, which is the only way to control the time the sign works and he also contacted the company and the problem is ongoing with no answers from the company on how to resolve the timing of the sign. Doug said that with school now in session, it is a dangerous situation. He contacted Police Chief Taylor and Street Superintendent Gary Nussbaum on how to proceed because the city owns the sign. Chief offered a couple of suggestions, and Mayor McKean stated that he also talked to him about

the problem. Gary stated that he is in contact with Indiana Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) and they will be providing their evaluation as to what is the best sign for the crossing. Doug said he researched several options, and he feels the most effective sign is one that is operated without the need of extensive programming software and where the crossing guard manually turns the sign on and off. Doug said he thought with software he could get a unit for \$ 7,500 but less if they go with the more manual sign, which he thinks would work well.

Ron Dull made a motion to approve a Not-to-Exceed amount of \$ 5,000 for the purchase of a blinking crossing sign for South Adams Schools and to have Gary Nussbaum work with LTAP and Doug Beall. Curtis Wurster made the second and the motion was unanimously approved. 3-0

Board Comments Ron Dull updated the board that he has continued to be in contact via email with Adams County Highway engineer Tim Barkey as to Ron's ongoing concern about US 27 and CR 700 S. Ron noted that the mayor, city attorney and council were copied on the latest email Tim replied in an email to Ron that he has some ideas he would like to share with the city and Ron as schedules can be worked out. Mayor McKean advised Ron that the mayor's office will set a meeting with Mr. Barkey and will keep him posted as to time, date and place.

Mayor McKean advised the board that he will be out of town on the next board meeting date. The board agreed to move the meeting to Wednesday, September 25th at 8 am if there are any items to discussed.

With nothing further to come before the board and on a motion by Curtis and a second by Ron, the meeting was adjourned.