BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MEETING
July 20, 2026 – 5:30PM
Second Floor, City Building, 201 S. Union Street

Mayor Kamron Yates opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Those present rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was livestreamed on YouTube.

Clerk-Treasurer Julie Price called the roll. Those present were Paige Smith, Mayor Yates, and Spencer Kingery.

The minutes of the July 6th meeting were presented for review. No corrections or additions to the submitted minutes. Motion to approve the minutes made by Spencer Kingery, seconded by Paige Smith. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

The next order of business was regular claims for July 20, 2026 totaling $743,216.02. Motion to accept the claims made by Spencer Kingery seconded by Paige Smith. The higher amount was due to the fire territory CD renewal. Clerk-Treasurer Price stated that the actual amount expended on claims was $384,275.48. With the fire territory CD renewal of $358,940.54, the amount on the docket stated at $743,216.02 was inclusive of the CD for documentation which will mature and come up again in November. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Unfinished Business:
None
New Business:
Randy Strasser was present to ask the board to consider road closures for the annual Bacon Fest which will be held August 22nd. Road closure requests for August 21st to begin at approximately 5pm throughout August 22nd with clean up and road opening by morning of August 23rd. The road closures requested are the same with no changes from the past closures requested. Motion to approve the closures made by Spencer Kingery, seconded by Paige Smith. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Dave Buck with BF&S engineering was in attendance to present the 2026 Water Loss Agreement task order for approval. The agreement follows Indiana code for validation of water loss and to complete the annual report to meet state requirements. Motion to approve the task order made by Paige Smith, seconded by Spencer Kingery. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Dave Buck with BF&S engineering was in attendance to present the 2026 Oxidation Ditch Rehab agreement for approval. He stated that there is equipment with need to be replaced for the wastewater plant. The timeframe for the project is slated for fall with approximately 3 months to complete. Motion to approve the agreement made by Spencer Kingery, seconded by Paige Smith. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Community Development Director Julia Leahy requested that the garage sale permits be waived during Old Settler's. Motion to approve the waiver of garage sale permits during Old Settler's made by Spencer Kingery, seconded by Paige Smith. Julia Leahy asked if waiving them during the bacon fest could also be included. Spencer Kingery amended the motion to waive garage sale permit requirements during Old Settler's and Bacon Fest, seconded by Paige Smith. Julia Leahy asked if the board may consider getting rid of the garage sale permit fees. Clerk-Treasurer Price stated that she believes the permits were voted on and put in place to avoid perpetual garage sales and year-round garage sales on properties. Spencer Kingery stated that would be something the council should look in to and possibly change the amount charged or discuss the permits. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Other Business:
None
Future Business and Announcements:
Mayor Yates stated that the stated that he met with the county commissioners and it was approved to apply a 10-ton weight limit to the Hamilton Street bridge. The signs will be posted soon.

Miscellaneous Business.
None

Board Comments/ Requests.
Spencer Kingery stated that the RR crossing on Main Street needs some work due to a pothole. Mayor Yates commented that Norfolk-Southern RR would be responsible for repairing the RR tracks and the city unfortunately cannot do any repairs to the pavement. He is hopeful that they will repair it, but with the bridge work on Old State Road 25 being done, it may be an issue that is delayed until the bridge reopens due to shutting down another road for traffic.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments/Requests.
None

Public Comment.
None

There being no other business, Spencer Kingery moved to adjourn. Seconded by Paige Smith. Without objection, the Board of Public Works & Safety meeting was adjourned at 5:54pm. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Mayor Kamron Yates

Julie Price, Attest