

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY MEETING
May 4, 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 did roll call. Those present were Mayor Yates, Paige Smith, and Spencer Kingery.

The minutes of April 20, 2026 meeting were presented for review. There were no additions or corrections. Motion to approve minutes as read by Spencer Kingery seconded by Paige Smith. Minutes were approved as read and carried. (3-0)

The next order of business was regular claims for May 4, 2026 totaling \$392,807.17. Motion to approve the claims made by Spencer Kingery, seconded by Paige Smith. Mayor Yates asked if there was any discussion regarding the claims. Spencer Kingery asked about the payment for the Broadway Broadband contract from the ARPA funds. The contract states monthly updates for completion and dates expected to be finalized. Spencer Kingery stated that he would like to subtract the payment amount for Broadband and accept the claims for \$244,128.24 which was the new amount not including the payment of \$148,678.90. The board discussed holding payment until the city receives updated information regarding the completion of phases for the fiber project. Spencer Kingery made a motion to include no payment to Broadband until the City receives the updates and the reports for completion of the contract. Motion to amend, accept, and approve the claims total of \$244,128.24 made by Spencer Kingery, seconded by Paige Smith. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Other Business:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Blue Fox excavation permit request for the 911 E. Columbia St. was presented for approval. Motion to approve the permit made by Paige Smith, seconded by Spencer Kingery. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Sign permit request for 215 E. Main St. for First Financial Bank was presented for approval. The bank will be replacing the signage out front and the project should take no more than 2 days to complete.

The sign will be replaced in June. Motion to approve the permit made by Spencer Kingery, seconded by Paige Smith. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Community Development Director Julia Leahy requested approval for sidewalk closure for 107 S.

Washington in front of the Opera House for May 15th for a sidewalk pottery demonstration by Middle School students. Motion to approve the permit made by Paige Smith, seconded by Spencer Kingery. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Request for temporary construction trailer for street parking May 5th-May 12th for 217 E Franklin St. was presented for approval. Motion to approve temporary parking for a construction trailer made by Spencer Kingery, seconded by Paige Smith. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Approval of Advertisement to bid for IPC water tower rehabilitation project was presented by Dave Buck of BF&S. The IPC water tower leak was a temporary fix during the winter, but the tower has not had a rehabilitation since it was built. \$700,000 has been set aside from the RDC to aid in the cost of the rehabilitation. Motion to approve the advertisement for bids made by Spencer Kingery, seconded by Paige Smith. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

BF&S supplement to task order regarding the water tower project was presented for approval. The supplement includes proceeding with additional 2 items not previously listed in the original task order. It would include recoating and rehabilitation repairs. Motion to approve the task order supplement made by Paige Smith, seconded by Spencer Kingery. Motion carried and passed. (3-0)

Future Business and announcements:

Chief Mullin announced that the DPD has the first ever K-9 unit certified for the city. Sargeant Alex Parkinson explained that the k-9 unit is from Redemption Ranch in Plainfield that specializes in rescuing dogs to train them as working dogs as single purpose or dual purpose. The new k-9 for the city will be a single purpose dog that will be used solely for drug detection and finding lost people. The dog and training for the handler are free to the city. Sargeant Parkinson explained that there would be other expenses tied to having a k-9, but the department has received some funding with the assistance of Clerk-treasurer Price. K-9 Remington and Officer McLeland have started their training as of May 4th and will complete the training in May with hopes that Officer Remington will be working by the first part of June. Chief Mullin will introduce the K-9 policy to the board of works through email to review. Anyone wishing to contribute to the new k-9 unit, may contact the PD or Clerk's office.

Miscellaneous Business:

None

Board Comments/ Requests:

None

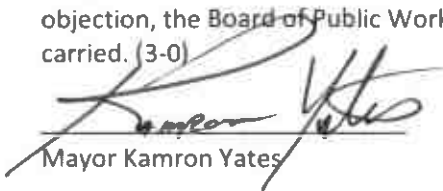
Clerk-Treasurer Comments/Requests:

Clerk-Treasurer Price commented that health insurance rates for city employees have once again been increased with another 25.6% making the total increase more than the last 2 years combined. She stated that she reached out to ASTRA which carried all city policies for assets and will have a meeting with them Thursday, May 7th regarding the insurance. The adjusters may have some positive answers regarding increases without having to change anyone's primary care doctors. She will keep the board informed of the findings.

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 5:55p.m. Motion passed and carried. (3-0)


Mayor Kamron Yates


Julie Price-Clerk/Treasurer, Attest