City of Crawfordsville
Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Minutes

The Board met on Wednesday May 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers with Mayor Barton, Susan Albrecht, Clerk - Treasurer - Terri Gadd and City Attorney - Kent Minnette present. Also present were Scott Hesler - Street Department, Mike Norman - Police Department, Larry Patton - Fire Department, Gary Weliver - Storm Water Department, Phil Goode - CEL&P, Brandy Allen - Planning Department, Fawn Johnson - Park & Recreation, Larry Kadinger - Waste Water Department, Brenda Tarter - Mayor's Assistant, Jon Streetman - The Journal Review and Frank Phillips - The Paper of Montgomery County.

Susan Albrecht moved to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2013 meeting. Mayor Barton seconded. Motion passed.

Susan Albrecht moved to approve the claims from the week of May 13, 2013. Mayor Barton seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business

New Business

Board members discussed a request for a noise ordinance abatement form the American Legion. They are hosting a benefit on Saturday, May 11th, 2013 from 4:00 pm. to 10:00 p.m. The event will be held in their parking lot and members were concerned with the noise of the band violating the ordinance. Discussion arose. Susan Albrecht moved to approve the request. Mayor Barton seconded. Motion passed.

A public hearing was conducted in regards to the unsafe building order filed against 514 E. College Street. Counselor Minnette swore in Building Inspector, Jeff Davenport, and Code Enforcement Officer, Barry Lewis, in and questioned them regarding the history, safety and possible health hazards related to the property. Discussion arose, Susan Albrecht moved to approve the designation of 514 E. College Street as unsafe and if no satisfactory resolution has been made in thirty days, bids will be opened for demolition. Mayor Barton seconded. Motion passed.

A public hearing was conducted in regards to the unsafe building order filed against 209 Woodlawn Place. Counselor Minnette questioned Building Inspector, Jeff Davenport, and Code Enforcement Officer, Barry Lewis, regarding the history, safety and possible health hazards related to the property. Discussion arose. Mayor Barton commented on the multiple fires at the home. Mayor Barton moved to approve the designation of 209 Woodlawn Place as unsafe and if no satisfactory resolution has been made in thirty days, action will be taken to remedy the situation. Susan Albrecht seconded. Motion passed.

A public hearing was conducted in regards to the unsafe building order filed against 513 E. Franklin Street. Counselor Minnette questioned Building Inspector, Jeff Davenport and Code
Enforcement Officer, Barry Lewis regarding the history, safety and possible health hazards related to the property. Discussion arose. Susan Albrecht moved to approve the designation of 513 E. Franklin Street as unsafe and if no satisfactory resolution has been made in thirty days, action will be taken to remedy the situation. Susan Albrecht seconded. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Patton presented Jeremiah Thompson as a new hire to the Crawfordsville Fire Department. Discussion arose. Susan Albrecht moved to approve the hiring of Jeremiah Thompson. Mayor Barton seconded. Motion passed.

**Miscellaneous**

Code Enforcement Officer, Barry Lewis, approached the Board regarding 510/512 W. Market Street. Mr. Lewis advised half of the home had been condemned by the Board of Health and the other half was full of trash and junk. Counselor Minnette recommended pursuing an unsafe building designation. Discussion arose. Susan Albrecht moved to authorize the Crawfordsville Street Department to clean and secure the property and to place a lien against the property for the related costs. Mayor Barton seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Lewis advised the property at 919 W. Wabash Avenue had a tree with a very large limb hanging over the sidewalk. The limb is split and Mr. Lewis is concerned it will fall on the sidewalk. Mr. Lewis stated the homeowner indicated he would take care of the limb, but it would take some time. Discussion arose. Mayor Barton moved to follow the situation for two weeks and come back before the board. Susan Albrecht seconded. Motion passed.

**Department Heads**

Fire Chief Patton thanked Mayor Barton and Terri Gadd for their help with the recent swearing in ceremony at the Crawfordsville Fire Department.

Police Chief Norman asked the Board to declare one parking meter as surplus. Chief Norman explained they would like to donate the meter to the local American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. Susan Albrecht moved to declare one parking meter as surplus. Susan Albrecht seconded. Motion passed.

**Adjournment**

With there being no further business, Susan Albrecht moved to adjourn. Mayor Barton seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Signed by me this _____ day of ______________, 2013.

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Mayor Todd D. Barton

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ATTEST:
Terri Gadd, Clerk/Treasurer