

BOARD OF WORKS MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2009  
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Herbert, Steve Simmonds and Herb Hunter.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

All board members were present for roll call.

Minutes were approved, motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Steve Simmonds. All ayes. So passed.

The Housing repair and improvement grant has one home completed and three others under repair. Since the allotted money has not all been used three more home applications have been brought to be approved and signed.

Mayor Herbert stated that he would abstain from voting on #H because the applicant is a relative.

**Motion by Steve Simmonds and seconded by Herb Hunter to approve applicants #F, #G and #H. Ayes Herb Hunter and Steve Simmonds. Mayor Herbert abstained on #H and ayes on #F and #G. Nays none. So passed.**

Kathy Reynolds had received a letter from Attorney Bill Robbins requesting the City to waive the building permit fee of \$170 for the Habitat for Humanity Home.

**Motion by Steve Simmonds and seconded by Herb Hunter to approve the request and waive the building permit fee. Ayes Herb Hunter, Steve Simmonds and Gary Herbert. Nays none. So passed.**

Jeff Smith Wastewater Superintendent made a request to purchase an All Weather Composite Sampler. He had two quotes: 1. Gripp Inc. for \$4,484.62 and 2. BL Anderson for \$5,215.50. He recommended the lowest quote.

**Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Steve Simmonds to approve the request and the lowest quote. Ayes Steve Simmonds, Herb Hunter and Gary Herbert. Nays none. So passed.**

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen came before the Board to request the promotion of probationary firefighter Charles Gunter to the rank of First Class Firefighter effective October 26, 2009.

**Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Steve Simmonds to approve the promotion request effective October 26, 2009. Ayes Steve Simmonds, Herb Hunter and Gary Herbert. Nays none. So passed.**

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen and Assistant Police Chief Stacey Chasteen wanted to publicly Thank, the EMA for the 800 MHZ radios their departments received.

Scott Chasteen Fire Chief stated they had filed for a grant from the REMC roundup and received \$3000 for airbags. He had received three quotes: 1. Towers Fire Apparatus w/trade-in \$3,082; 2. Mid America Fire & Safety LLC w/no trade-in \$3,604.50 and 3. Five-Alarm Fire and Safety w/no trade-in \$3,761. He recommended approving the lowest quote w/trade-in.

**Motion by Steve Simmonds and seconded by Herb Hunter to approve the lowest quote. Ayes Herb Hunter, Steve Simmonds and Gary Herbert. Nays none. So passed.**

Police Chief Brian Heaton told at the September meeting that he was not prepared with the quotes for the vehicle purchases but would have them for the October meeting. In the absent of the Police Chief, Policeman Dave Wilson came before the Board with the information to request Police Vehicle Purchase for 2009. Renner Motors Inc. of Columbus had sent a fax stating it was their understanding that a Greensburg local dealer was interested in providing police cars and if this should change then they would be glad to give a quote.

He did not have a quote listed from Bloomington Ford and had papers that had no name of who a quote was from, but had a one sheet paper listing that quote as Don Meyer Ford.

For equipment he had an inventory list page but no name of what company and on the one sheet paper listed as B & L Communications with a price and Galls nothing.

He did have actual quotes for financing from First Federal 3.00% and MainSource 3.79% and Fifth-Third declined on their letter heads. On a blank sheet of paper listed was (4) cars at \$87,897; equipment at \$49,304.67 for a total of \$137,201.67.

The Board requested Dave to check back with Bloomington Ford and Galls.

The Clerk-Treasurer requested all quotes be on Company letterhead paper and given to all the Board members and herself.

**No action taken.**

Utility Office Manager Donna Lecher went over the financial reports. She stated they are to have a two month operating balance and they do not have. Usage has been down due to partly the wet summer and residential customers did not water as much and Delta Faucet was a big factor. There was a joint meeting of the Board of Works and the Water Board about the rate study and after the rate study was completed, it was never acted on. The original increase figure was 4% per year. Things have changed since the study was done through March 2008. Umbaugh's will need to come back and update the study from March 2008 through August and possibly September 2009. The cost would be \$2500-\$3000 per utility. The Water Board has approved the cost for an updated rate study and she would like to have the approval for the cost for an updated rate study for the Wastewater from the Board of Works. This study would be for a five year period.

**Motion by Steve Simmonds and seconded by Herb Hunter to approve the updated rate study cost. Ayes Herb Hunter, Steve Simmonds and Gary Herbert. Nays none. So passed.**

**Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Steve Simmonds to approve the cost of inventory software for the Wastewater in the amount of \$1687.50. Ayes Steve Simmonds, Herb Hunter and Gary Herbert. Nays none. So passed.**

Darren Burkhardt of HNTB gave a status update report on current projects.

Tim Coriden City Attorney stated he has attained all necessary signatures for the easements and the Water Board needs to approve.

Mark Klosterkemper brought contracts for signing for the Schneider Engineering to do the design work for the downtown before they can apply for a grant. HOTTCITY and the DCGC are working together on this.

**Motion by Herb Hunter and seconded by Steve Simmonds to approve using funds from Edit for the necessary cost of \$6,000 - \$6,500 for the engineering. Ayes Steve Simmonds, Herb Hunter and Gary Herbert. Nays none. So passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER \_\_\_\_\_

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ATTEST:

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Clerk-Treasurer

