

WATER BOARD MEETING
 JUNE 19, 2012
 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Chuck Storie.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT - Board President, Chuck Storie; Board Members: Tony Higginbotham, Frank Massey and Robin Meyer; Rick Denney, Water Plant Superintendent; Tim Coriden from Coriden Law Office; City Engineer, Gary Murray; and Donna Lecher, Utilities Office Manager.

ABSENT - John Wall

The Minutes from the May 15, 2012 meeting were **accepted as presented**.

New Business

1. **CHEMICAL BIDS**– Two bids were received: Jones Chemical & Brentagg Mid South. Rick opened the bids. **Robin made motion, with Tony seconding, to take the bids under advisement; Rick is to prepare a sheet tallying the bids and is bringing before the next Board meeting for approval. All ayes and the motion carried.**
2. **UTILITY TRUCK** – Rick stated Truck #21 is in desperate need of replacement. Rick said he got a quote for a new bed with installation and added it to all of the quotes below:
 - FORD – Don Meyer Ford \$38,538.30
 - DODGE – Acra Automotive Group \$36,135.00
 - CHEVROLET – Tom Sibbitt Chevrolet Buick \$38,373.60
 Rick stated the truck was in our Capital Improvement Plan and recommended the Dodge. Donna stated payment will be made from the Depreciation Fund. **Robin made motion to accept the low bid from Acra Automotive Group, Frank seconded. Ayes - Chuck, Frank & Robin; Tony abstained. Motion carried.**

Rick reported on the number of carp (the number of nuisance ones, not the grass carp) at the reservoir. He said he contacted a fishery out of Ohio (Jones Fish Hatcheries, Inc.-who submitted a proposal) and they said there are two ways to get the carp out of there:

- Fishing
- Electro-shocking (then dip them out with a net)

Rick said electro-shocking only goes 6-8 ft. deep and the reservoir is 16-18 ft. deep. He also mentioned Option 1 is - \$2,500.00 for one day. Option 2 is \$5,000.00 for two days plus lodging. He said the reservoir is 39 surface acres and he felt that two days wouldn't put a dent in the problem. Rick recommended doing a carp derby, catching carp only, on the first Saturday in July, 2012. It will be the City's responsibility to get rid of the fish no matter which way we go. Rick is going to check on ways of disposal. **After discussing the issue, Tony made motion to fish with the same terms and conditions as the board previously approved. Frank seconded all Ayes and motion carried.** Rick said he will get it set up for the first Saturday in July.

3. **ENERGY SYSTEMS GROUP** – ESG is a performance based contractor, a division of Vectren. Gary Murray stated ESG presented their proposal to the Board of Works and to the Council (at the June 4, 2012) meeting. He explained to the Board that the City received grant money at the beginning of the year from the Office of Energy

Development to have an energy assessment done of all of our (the City's) buildings. ESG took the energy audit and identified three areas they thought would save enough money to pay for the projects. If it didn't, they (ESG) would make up the difference. The three projects are: Residential water meters, Commercial water meters and a major overhaul of the HVAC to this building (City Hall). The Council and Board of Works approved the study and had them get started with the preliminary analysis at no cost. Robin asked how the energy audit tied in with the water meters and that we have been working on the meter project for 18 months, we know we need to change our meters. Gary said it would be for the installation of the meters and they would serve as the general contractor. We would not have to bid the services. ESG said the assessment could be done in 30-45 days. Gary said we can go ahead and recommend what system to go with. Robin felt the meter committee should meet as soon as possible to discuss this as this project has gone on way too long. Tony asked if the Board is going to get to see the pros and cons from both systems after the committee has made their decision. Robin said the committee will bring a recommendation to the board and say why they were chosen.

- 4. **MAYOR GARY HERBERT – ISSUES THAT HE WISHES TO PRESENT TO BOARD-** The Mayor stated Indiana statute calls for the Council to determine the number of members (Water Board) and the length of their terms. They do not have to live in city limits, but the Ordinance calls for no more than three of the same political affiliation. Mayor Herbert stated that as of the Primary in May (2012) we have too many of one party. He asked Chuck Storie to stay and John Wall to step down. The Mayor is going to appoint someone before next month's meeting. We have an opening for a Democrat as of the last time they voted in a primary. Those interested in serving on the Board can call the Mayor's office. The board thanked John for his service.

Dr. Bonnett addressed the Board regarding fishing at the Reservoir. He recommended the City have some kind of containers for the public to put their fish in so they won't put them back in or throw them along the highway and said a bounty for catching them would make them try harder. Discussion was held for prizes for fishing competitions. Tim Coriden said we can't use public funds for prizes. \$100.00 first, \$50.00 second prize was suggested with Robin, Frank and Chuck personally donating the cash.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

PRESIDING OFFICER

Rob M
Frank Massey

Ch Storie

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Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Lechy
WATER BOARD SECRETARY