

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING
JULY 3, 2001
TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Bailey, Bob Bostic, and John Pratt

Brendan Bridges was sworn in as a new police officer.

Jeff Smith, Wastewater Superintendent, spoke of his desire to obtain a GPS System. This system is an information and mapping system to help locate areas of concern. The system will map sanitary sewers and storm sewers, then the intersection of the two sewers will be able to be seen and problems may be foreseen. Within this system, location of water meters can be input, as well as gas lines, cable, etc. EPA is mandating that every city have a plan in place by 2003. Jeff is asking to purchase 2 flow-monitoring systems today. **Motion by John and seconded by Bob to purchase the 2 flow meters requested by Jeff. So passed.**

Mike Wells, Fire Chief, reported on estimates for the floor recovering at the fire department. Levensteins dropped in price from their previous quote. Also, outlined in Levenstien's quote is that a lined dumpster will be present to dispose of the asbestos in the flooring, as well as the fact that a permit from the state is necessary. Levensteins has experience in getting the state permit and will acquire the permit for the fire department. The asbestos will be removed in one day. Mike expressed the need for the floor replacement. Levenstein's quote dropped significantly from their first quote. The total quote has reduced from \$10,637 to \$5,288. **Motion by John and seconded by Bob to accept Levenstein's quote to replace the flooring at the Fire Department. So passed.**

Mike also informed the board that Dr. Gregorio's office building will be demolished on July 22nd and invited them to the site. The fire department will use this time to practice simulated rescues.

Donna Lecher, Office Manager, presented the board with information pertaining to automatic payments for monthly utility billings. Donna contacted various banks concerning this service and Union Bank has presented her with an outline of service. The banking program that Union Bank would administer would make them the clearinghouse for all deductions. Customers can have their monthly utility bill payments deducted from their personal checking accounts. Union Bank will charge the city a total of \$14.95 per month for the service. Bob was curious as to why other banks had not gotten back with her and he also requested for Donna to get quotes from banks such as Fifth Third, Irwin Union, etc.

Donna also requested the authorization to purchase a new printer for the water office. They currently only have one laser printer and she would like to purchase an additional printer. She presented quotes from Staples, Greentree and Computer Solutions. Terry

Duffy from Computer Solutions would install the printer. **Motion by John and seconded by Bob to grant approval to purchase the printer from Staples. So passed.**

Motion by John and seconded by Bob to approved the July adjustments to the water bills. So passed.

Darren Burkhart gave an update on the Wastewater improvement project. He reported that 80-95% of the electrical duct bank has been installed, the new sludge storage tank installation has begun and the new final clarifier no. 3 concrete wall has been started. He also reported on work planned to start next month. The completion date is being estimated for October 8th, which is ahead of schedule.


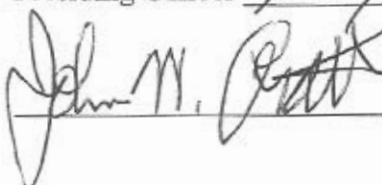
Gary reported that police officer, Jeff Porter, has resigned. His resignation opens up a sergeant's position. Keith Gay recommends that Larry Dance be promoted to sergeant. **Motion by John and seconded by Bob to promote Larry Dance to sergeant. So passed.**

Keith explained the new police officer hiring policy to the board. A newly hired officer signs an agreement saying that he will stay with the department 3 years or he has to reimburse the city \$150 per month for the remainder of the three initial years. Eric Blodgett has completed his first year probationary period this month. Keith is pleased to report that Eric is a competent officer and recommends that he be promoted to a first class police officer. **Motion by John and seconded by Bob to promote Eric Blodgett to first class officer status. So passed.**

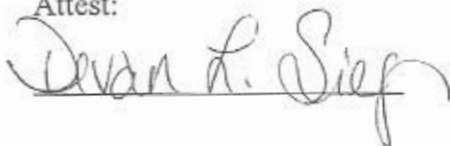
Gary contacted INDOT concerning the subject of Tea money. Very few problems have been reported. A priority study will be done by Bonar and presented to the board. **Motion by John and seconded by Bob to have Bonar perform the priority study. So passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 A.M.

Presiding Officer

Attest:



**** Notes were taken by the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer in Clerk-Treasurer's absence****