The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Connersville held their regular meeting on Monday, November 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Diana Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance and Reverand Eric Hopkins offered an invocation before the start of the meeting.

Mayor Chad Frank presided and called the meeting to order with Board members Becky Gibson, Diana Phillips and Jim Barrett present. City Attorney David Butsch was also present.

Jim Barrett made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2024, regular meeting, Becky Gibson seconded the motion. All Board members voted "yes."

Mayor Chad Frank requested approval of the Offutt's Park Improvements awarded to Dave O'Mara Contractor for \$725,000.00. Diana Phillips made the motion to approve, Becky Gibson seconded the motion. All Board members voted "yes".

Mayor Chad Frank requested approval of <u>Resolution 2024-26</u>, the 2025 Holidays. Jim Barrett made the motion to approve, Becky Gibson seconded the motion. All Board members voted "yes".

Mayor Chad Frank requested approval of the Opioid Settlement Funds questionnaire to help award the applicants. Diana Phillips made the motion to approve, Jim Barrett seconded the motion. All Board members voted "yes".

Street/Utility Director Jeremy Wilson requested approval of Butler, Fairman, Seufert's change order, Progress Estimate, O'Mara's Invoice, Affidavit – final wavier of lien, and Certificate of Substantial Completion. Jim Barrett made the motion to approve, Becky Gibson seconded the motion. All Board members voted "yes".

Street/Utility Director Jeremy Wilson requested permission to hire 3 to 4 employees at the Utilities, pending on if another person retires. Becky Gibson made the motion to approve, Diana Phillips seconded the motion. All Board members voted "yes".

Fire Chief Scott Jones requested approval of Chad Ripberger's resignation. Jim Barrett made a motion to approve, Diana Phillips seconded the motion. All Board members voted "yes".

Fire Chief Scott Jones requested approval to hire Colt Overbey to replace Ripberger. Diana Phillips made the motion to approve, Jim Barrett seconded the motion. All Board members voted "yes".

Police Chief Randy Bolos requested permission to apply for the JAG grant. They would like a CVSA, a computer voice system analyzer, plus instructions. Jim Barrett made the motion to approve, Diana Phillips seconded the motion. All Board members voted "yes".

Police Chief Randy Bolos requested permission to hire Paige Dunaway and Kaleb Dare. Their perf date is December 18^{th,} and they will be attending the ILEA in April. Jim Barrett made the motion to approve, Becky Gibson seconded. All Board members voted "yes".

EMS Chief Clint Hardin requested permission to apply for AFG grant. He is asking for 3 new power cots, which is \$50,198.07 each. Diana Phillips made the motion to approve, Jim Barrett seconded the motion. All Board members voted "yes".

The following Department Heads presented their monthly reports:

Cable TV – Director John Pause

Parks - Superintendent Maria Steele

EMS – Chief Clint Hardin

Police - Chief Randy Bolos

Ordinance Enforcer – Randy Wulff

Utility/Street - Director Jeremy Wilson

Fire - Chief Scott Jones

Jim Barrett made a motion to approve the City of Connersville claims of \$194,716.08, the City's payroll claims of \$505,758.50, and the Utility claims of \$145,627.13. Becky Gibson seconded the motion. All Board members voted "yes."

Mayor Frank announced that Market Street Plaza is almost complete, they will continue to work on the electric through the winter. He has asked the contractor doing the concrete to wait until spring, so it has 30 days to cure.

Diana Phillips made a motion to adjourn with Jim Barrett seconding. All Board members voted "yes."

Chad A. Frank, Mayor

Diana Phillips, Board Member

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Jim Barrett, Board Member

Rebecca Gibson, Board Member

ATTEST:

Rosemary Brown, Clerk Treasurer