

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MUNCIE, INDIANA

1. Time & Place
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Members Present
4. Approval of the Minutes for May 24, 2023
5. Register of Claims
6. Street Closure Application, Soup Kitchen of Muncie (7/21/23)
7. Street Closure Application, YART Brink of Summer Artswalk (6/1/23)
8. Street Closure Application, Urban Light Community Church (7/7/23)
9. Public Comments – Rick Yencer
10. Adjournment

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CITY OF MUNCIE, STATE OF INDIANA
MAY 31, 2023 MINUTES

1. **Board of Public Works and safety, City of Muncie, State of Indiana, met in City Hall Auditorium, at 9:00 A.M.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call Members Present:** Ted Baker – Lola Mauer – Linda Gregory
4. **Approval of the Minutes for May 24, 2023:** President Ted Baker entertained a motion to approve. Linda Gregory moved to approve minutes from the May 24, 2023 meeting as printed. Lola Mauer provided a second. Motion passed by voice vote.
5. **Register of Claims:** Craig Wright, City Controller, brings attention to a few claims:
 - ✓ Page 4 \$8,389.78 Sidney Electric Relocate outlet, install 3 new data lines, install new lights in elevator pits.
 - ✓ Page 7 \$11,000 US Architects ARP Muncie Crisis Center.
 - ✓ Page 14 \$32,922 Riverbend Flats CD FY 21 Home, Home Investment Partnership Program 2021.
 - ✓ Page 14 \$38,386 Riverbend Flats CD FY 22 Home, Home Investment Partnership Program 2022.
 - ✓ Page 14 \$34,073.60 Humana Insurance Fire Medicare Ins Supplement.
 - ✓ Page 15 \$32,476.40 Humana Insurance Police Medicare Ins Supplement.
 - ✓ EFT \$69,692.83 UMR

President Baker asked for questions or comments and entertained a motion. Linda Gregory makes aware it was a light week with the claims being about a third of what they were last week. Linda Gregory made a motion to approve register of claims **209 Records** for a total amount of **\$378,784.42** as presented. Ted Baker provided the second. Motion passed by voice vote.
6. **Street Closure Application, Soup Kitchen of Muncie (7/21/23):** SteVen Knipp, Vice-President, explains this used to be an annual event, until Covid shut it down, called Sumerfest. It is a big outdoor block party where they have a DJ, barbeque, and cookout type food while the Soup Kitchen brings in various service providers to set up and help the impoverished and unhoused community be connected to other resources in the community. A police and firetruck are brought out as well as people from those departments to meet and talk with the guests and children. In addition to the MLK Freedom Bus, which is no longer in commission but mentions they are working on it being there. It is a great opportunity to help our community with extra resources so they can thrive. The event is scheduled for July 21st from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM on E. Charles Street from S. Hackley to S. Beacon. Mr. Knipp notes there isn't a lot of traffic on that road and the traffic that does come through there is usually heading to the Soup Kitchen. Linda Gregory confirms this is information and not fundraising. Mr. Knipp answers this is not a fundraising event but a service event and thanks her for asking that question. Questions called. Linda Gregory moved to approve the street closure. Lola Mauer provided the second. Motion passed by voice vote.
7. **Street Closure Application, YART Brink of Summer Artswalk (6/1/23):** No representation appears for discussion. Due to the date of event being tomorrow, it is made aware this request has been approved in years past (and according to the ordinance, if representation has been made in years past then it is not necessary at future times). This street closure is on Walnut

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from Charles Street to the roundabout. Linda Gregory moved to approve the street closure. Lola Mauer provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.

8. **Street Closure Application, Urban Light Community Church (7/7/23):** Due to an incomplete application and no representation at the meeting, application tabled until further notice. The event is not scheduled until July so President Baker notes there is plenty of time to address this.

9. **Public Comments – Rick Yencer:** Informational questions/statements. It came to his attention that the City is starting to move on building new firehouses and there has been talk about it being build-to-operate deal, much like the County Jail. He hopes the government would consider taking public bids and using local labor and suppliers. The jail has turned out to be a problem with a bad roof, electrical failures, a recording system that does not work, and the taxpayers are on the hook, not the developer that owns the building or takes money for twenty (20) years. He just wants to know if there has been an RFP on the firehouses to do design. Along with where they are in the construction timeline because he has not heard anything out of the administration yet. It is something to think about down the road when doing business here locally because he has not seen a lot of local business done by this government lately.

10. **Adjournment:** There being no further business President Baker adjourned meeting at 9:08 a.m.

We will meet next Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Board of Public Works and Safety



Ted Baker, President



Lola Mauer, Vice-President



Linda Gregory, Secretary



Lacey Jones, Recording Secretary