

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MUNCIE, INDIANA**

1. Time & Place
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Members Present
4. Approval of the Minutes for September 6, 2023
5. Register of Claims
6. Recommend Award for Aultshire Paving and Drainage
7. Noise Exemption Authorization, Sight and Sound Productions Inc.
8. Zane Bishop
9. Adjournment

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CITY OF MUNCIE, STATE OF INDIANA
SEPTEMBER 13, 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 September 6, 2023:** President Ted Baker entertained a motion to approve. Linda Gregory moved to approve minutes from the September 6, 2023 meeting as printed. Lola Mauer provided a second. Motion passed by voice vote.
5. **Register of Claims:** Craig Wright, City Controller, wished to bring attention to a few claims:
 - ✓ Page 7 \$21,843.76 Kenmore Neighborhood Association ARP Neighborhood Assistance.
 - ✓ Page 11 \$18,500 IWORQ Systems MVH iworq computer system Oct 23 thru Sept 24.
 - ✓ Page 11 \$ 37,875.01 VS Engineering Tillotson Ave. project.
 - ✓ EFTS \$20,000 First Merchants Trust MIRLF loan.
 - ✓ EFTS \$136,567.42 UMR

President Baker asked for questions or comments. Linda Gregory refers to a few categories that are now in the negative compared to what was originally appropriated. She is aware the procedure to allow those funds to accumulate toward the year of the year follow by the Administration submitting a resolution to Council to appropriate the funds. She asks if any of them are in danger of not having adequate funds. Controller Wright answers they will just moves some line items around as long as it is done by December 31. President Baker asks about **Page 5**, for Center Township Fire Dept. with a bill from 1/10/2020 and 11/5/2019. Controller Wright explains Stycker Medical Corp. consists of the cots used on the ambulances but will follow up. President Baker entertained a motion. Lola Mauer made a motion to approve register of claims **265 Records** for a total amount of **\$479,787.86** as presented. Linda Gregory provided the second. Motion passed by voice vote.
6. **Recommend Aware for Aultshire Paving and Drainage:** Adam Leach, City Engineer, explains after last week's bid reading there was a few irregularities so contact was made with the contractors to have them correct it. The responsible bidder was JG Case construction and after recalculations, the actual bid was \$1,427,560 and is still the low bidder. All paperwork was completed appropriately and there was also what they would call a bust in regards to E & B Pavings which provided an increased quote for the contract amount of \$1,538,806. J G Case is still the low bidder as they were both responsive as well as their contracts already being reviewed by legal counsel. He makes the recommendation to award the Aultshire paving and drainage improvement projects to J G Case. This will be contingent upon also the Muncie Sanitary District Commissioners approving the contract as this is a tri-party contract. Linda Gregory moved to approve the paving award to J G Case. Lola Mauer provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
7. **Noise Exemption Authorization, Sight and Sound Productions Inc.:** Jacob Struble, Manager at Sight and Sound, explains they do a lot of events for the community consisting of very big and loud stages but this is not one of them. This is for a big event/sale/giveaway for \$30,000 to

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thank the community for 30 years at their Williamsburg location. There will be a stage and they are doing everything they can to keep it quiet such as electric drum sets and no big stacked amplifiers. There will be announcements and giveaways at different times of the day and there might be a time where they crank a sound system to provide a demo to a customer. They just want to make sure to have all their ducks in a row and advised should be finished up by 9:00 PM but there are people driving 10+ hours just to attend. He would hate to turn someone away if they wanted to play on the stage so that is why he listed 11:00 PM on the application. He continues to explain that the stage will be in place on Thursday in case the event is rained out on Friday and Saturday but only planning for the weekend dates. They are just being flexible. He does this for a living, designing sound systems, and notes he doesn't want to irritate the neighbors. All of the speakers will be facing Lowe's and confirms a great relationship exists there because they enjoy the loud music when things like this go on. President Baker refers to the new form with the Police Chief Signature approval line and Linda Gregory recommends approval if he can obtain that signature before the event. Lola Mauer provided the second. President Baker adds that the new form does not have to be filled out in its entirety, just attached to the application already on file. Linda Gregory touches on the fact the Board does not want to approve for multiple days resulting in Mr. Struble to ask about future applications and how to file for that. She responds the Board has to be a little flexible. He is fully aware of procedures having used to be the representative for his fraternity on these matters. The issue is having long 3-days parties at fraternity's that wake up entire neighborhoods. The Board agrees and thanks him for doing this the right way. Motion passed by voice vote.

8. **Zane Bishop:** At Walnut and Columbus, the YMCA is building their new facility. That construction has closed the sidewalk and bike lane along that side of the street. That is a key route between downtown and Minnetrista, between the MITS station and Central High School as well as part of the Muncie Arts and Cultural Trail. There is a sign detour marked for people walking and biking, however, it is not accessible. It requires going over and back down off multiple curbs, over grass, and between two (2) lines of fencing that is very narrow. It is not hardly accessible for one person that is able-bodied to walk through, let alone group of students or anyone with any ability impairments or anyone biking. He hopes the City can address this. As far as he is aware of, the closure and detour did not come before the Board of Works. Linda Gregory confirms it did not. Mr. Bishop continues and states there is a center turn lane along Walnut that is seldom used and only for a brief stretch along with a much-underutilized parking lane. The City has funded parking for employees there for City Hall. The City has been involved with the McKinley development and been supportive of the YMCA's project and MCS (Muncie Community Schools). He hopes they can address this somehow, imperatively and urgently first with the detour to make it accessible. Second, as this project is expected to run through at least the end of 2024, he believes there should be a temporary bike route (at least on a trial basis) along Walnut Street. There is plenty of unused area and this is a key development area and a future improvement that was planned for the Muncie Arts and Cultural Trail that is currently just a signed route. He hopes the City can address this as urgently as possible. President Baker will follow up on that.

9. **Adjournment:** There being no further business President Baker adjourned meeting at 9:14 a.m.

We will meet next Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Board of Public Works and Safety



Ted Baker, President



Lola Mauer, Vice-President



Linda Gregory, Secretary



Lacey Jones, Recording Secretary