

MINUTES
WHITLEY COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 24, 2023

WHITLEY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
1st FLOOR-COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS	PRESENT	ABSENT	STAFF	
Theresa Baysinger	X		Nathan Bilger	Scott Wagner
Frank Kessler	X		Brent Bockelman	Tamela Tincher
Jon Myers	X		Cami Hippenhammer	Dale Buuck
Michael Schrader	X		Tiffany Deakins	Brad Allen
Kim Wheeler	X		LEGAL COUNSEL	
Jill Western	X		Andy Boxberger	
GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE			GUESTS ON-LINE/PHONE	
Chip Hill				

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Wheeler called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Wheeler read roll call. All members present and absent are listed above.

BUSCHE PROJECT/100S SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Bilger discussed a meeting that he and Chip Hill had with Wessler Engineering to give them the go ahead to proceed. He discussed meeting with Brad Allen to discuss location of lift station and right-of-way needs in the future. Discussion was made of locating the lift station to the west, in the low area, to allow for less depth and closer to the current project property. Concerning rights-of-ways on 100 South and 300 East, it was discussed and proposed to acquire 40 ft right-of-way on the south side of 100 South and west side of 300 East. Discussion was made about locating the lift station outside of the 75 ft drainage easement. Cost of the acquisition was discussed and not available at the time. Mr. Myers made a motion to pursue the proposal to acquire the right-of-way property on 100 South and 300 East. Seconded by Mr. Schrader. Motion passed by a roll vote of 5-0.

UNION TOWNSHIP MOU UPDATE

Mr. Bilger stated that the MOU in place now was reviewed in 2019 and no copy of executed agreement could be found. With the Township Trustee and President of the RDC have changed, now is a good time to update the document. The history of the MOU was discussed including conversation about SDI, the Union Township fire department, and direction for the funding. Mr. Schrader suggested tabling the decision until a discussion with the Union Township Trustee can be scheduled to get additional information on the use of the funds. Mr. Schrader made a motion to table until a meeting with Brandon Forrester can be scheduled. Seconded by Ms. Baysinger. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Mr. Myers suggested having Mr. Schrader be on a subcommittee to meet with Brandon due to his experience with the fire department. Ms. Baysinger also volunteered to be on the subcommittee. They agreed to meet with Mr. Forrester and report back to the Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

Mr. Bilger discussed the proposed solar project and explained the area and properties included in the plan. Further discussion was made regarding the process of approval.

Mr. Buuck discussed the retainage remaining for work being done by Bercot at the Gateway project. He asked the Commission if it would be okay to pay the retainer amount even though, with it being so late in the year, some final grading and seeding may need to be finished in the spring. Mr. Boxberger suggested having an agreement in writing that these items will be taken care of. The commission was in agreement to go ahead with payment, with the inclusion of the confirmation of responsibility.

Mr. Boxberger discussed the agreements needed for the jail funding. He stated that the County now had the agreements and that the closing was planned in February.

CLAIMS

Claims were presented for review. The claims consisted of:

Payroll Authorization	\$600.00	<i>Mr. Kessler/ Mr. Schrader</i>
Hilb Group	\$500.00	<i>RDC Member Bonds</i>
Carson, LLP	\$1848.00	<i>Legal Service thru Dec 31, 2023</i>

Discussion was made regarding the obligations being met by Chromasource for the reimbursement of training funds. It was decided to hold the claim for further information from Chromasource.

Mr. Schrader made a motion to approve the claims as presented; Mr. Kessler seconded. Motion passed, 5-0.

MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were not available at the time of the meeting and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

With there being no further business, Mr. Wheeler declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 A.M.

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ATTEST:

Kim Wheeler, President

Michael Schrader, Secretary