

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
December 14, 2020**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met on December 14, 2020 in regular session electronically through Zoom. President Stephen Wood called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m.

Answering roll call were: President Stephen Wood; Secretary Frieda Bretzinger; Board Members Rick Odle; Ernest Watson, Jr; City Attorney Jacob Ahler; Police Chief Matt Anderson; Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Street Supt. Andy Daniels; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge. Board Member Ernest Watson, Jr began attendance after the meeting started. Absent were Fire Chief Kenny Haun.

Also present was Andrew Robarge with Commonwealth Engineers.


The minutes of the November 9, 2020 board meeting were not presented for approval at this meeting.

Promotion of Officer Mason Walker: Anderson is requesting 3rd Class Officer Mason Walker be promoted to 2nd Class Patrol Officer effective immediately as he has completed all required training. There was a motion by Wood, second by Odle, to promote Walker to 2nd Class Patrol Officer. Roll call vote: Wood-aye; Odle-aye; Watson-absent. The motion passed by majority, with Watson absent.

Commonwealth Invoice for Main Lift Station and Unsewered Areas: Lockridge presented a Commonwealth invoice in the amount of \$10,944.51 for final design, making the final design about 67% complete. (Watson is now present). There was a motion by Odle, second by Wood, to approve the payment. Roll Call Vote: Wood-aye, Watson-aye, Odle-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Contract Amendment with Commonwealth: Lockridge told the board that this amendment is to cover the changes made to the project. This includes revising the location and site piping requirement of the new lift station, revise Washington Street area design from pressure sewer to gravity sewer with lift station and revise Owen Street area design from pressure sewer to gravity sewer. This amendment will be an additional \$149,000.00. There was a motion by Wood, second by Odle, to approve the amendment subject to USDA approval. Roll Call Vote: Wood-aye, Watson-aye, Odle-aye. The motion passed unanimously.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Odle, second by Watson, to adjourn. Roll Call Vote: Wood-aye, Watson-aye, Odle-aye. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.


Stephen A. Wood, President

Attest:


Frieda Bretzinger, IAWC
Secretary