

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
October 13, 2025**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall on October 13, 2025. Board President Jeffrey S. Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Answering roll call were: President Jeff Phillips; Secretary Shelby Keys; Board Members Ernest Watson, Jr and Jeff Rayburn, City Attorney Todd Sammons, Police Chief Matt Anderson, Fire Chief Kenny Haun and Street/Water/Sewer/Sanitation Supt. Bryce Black and Assistant Superintendent Josh Eldridge.

Also in attendance were: Ryan LaReau with Commonwealth Engineers, Kevin Arnold, Russ Overton, Jim Miller and Jake Parker with the Foundation for Fair Contracting.

The minutes of the September 11, 2025 regular board meeting were presented for approval. There was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Lead Service Line PER Task Order: Ryan L with Commonwealth said the project was presented to the State Revolving Funds and they approved funding the project. The scope is to design a project up to \$2,000,000.00 and will include preliminary design, final design and easement assistance. \$65,000 for engineering services. 100-110 services estimated to be covered. There was a motion by Watson, second by Phillips, to approve the project and have the mayor sign the task order. The motion passed by majority, with Rayburn abstaining.

I-65 Water & Sewer Improvements Pay App 1: Black said this payment in the amount of \$923,485.94 covers mobilization, erosion control, construction/engineering and pipework. There was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson, to approve the payment. The motion passed unanimously.

7th St. Bid Opening: 2 bids were received. Phillips opened the bids and Ryan LaReau with Commonwealth Engineers read the following:

Milestone Contractors: 1700 E Main St. Griffith, IN 46319
Base Bid: \$197,050.00

Town & Country Paving: 6049 Work St. DeMotte, IN 46310
Base Bid: \$86,595.00

These bids will be taken under advisement for review and presented at the next council meeting with a recommendation.

Lead Service Line Contingency Project: 4 bids were received. Phillips opened the bids and Ryan LaReau with Commonwealth Engineers read the following:

Grimmer Construction: 2619 Main St. Highland, IN 46322
Base Bid: \$1,130,351.00

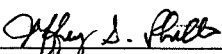
Atlas Excavating: 4740 Swisher Rd West Lafayette, IN 47906
Base Bid: \$697,000.00

Yarberry Company: 9940 S 1000 W Anderson, IN 46017
Base Bid: \$861,525.00

Rex Construction: 700 Schiller Ave Schererville, IN 46375
Base Bid: \$765,400.00

These bids will be taken under advisement for review and presented at the next council meeting with a recommendation. LaReau noted the city is using contingency funds for this project, these bids will be spent with money left remaining and it may not be for the entire bid price.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Rayburn, second by Watson, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Jeffrey S. Phillips, Mayor

Attest:



Shelby E. Keys, Clerk-Treasurer