

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY
September 8, 2025**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall on September 8, 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- Absent; Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Chrissy Martin, Board Members Ernest Watson, Jr; and Jeff Rayburn; City Attorney Todd Sammons; Police Chief Matt Anderson; Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Street/Water/Sewer/Sanitation Supt. Bryce Black.

Also, in attendance were Andrew Robarge, Isaac Wellsand, and Dene Mattocks.

The minutes of the August 11th, 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.

7th St. Bid Authorization:

- A. Andrew Robarge from Commonwealth stated that the design work has been completed and reviewed with Bryce, and bids are ready to be advertised for asphalt work. A motion was made by Mayor Phillips to advertise paving bids, Rayburn seconds, the motion passed unanimously.

LSL Replacement Proposal & Task Order- CEI:

- A. Andrew presented the task order for the lead line replacement project; the City received a grant to help with the inventorying of lead service lines, and then a subsequent grant to perform a preliminary engineer report was submitted to the SRF and a funding offer was provided to the City for the work, the offer is a 0% loan. The loan they are proposing is for an approximately 1-million-dollar project. For the task order 2025-07, includes design work, bidding assistance, and easement assistance for the project, and INDOT permit will be required for the work. The current task order is for \$90,000, should it exceed that, it would come before the board to be granted. Watson made a motion to accept the task order 2025-07 for Commonwealth Engineering, not to exceed \$90,000, Rayburn seconds, the motion passed unanimously.

Water Utility Improvements: CEI DRF #66:

- A. Black said that Asset Management planning on the Water Tower project and additional services on the contingency lead service line project, these are two separate invoices that total \$1601. A motion was made by Rayburn to accept and a second by Watson, the the motion passed unanimously.

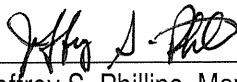
LTCP Phase IIb & III: CEI DRF #14:

- A. This covers bidding and negotiation for construction engineering through July of 2025. covers asset management planning, hydraulic modeling, flow metering and permit assistance. Two separate invoices that total \$72,563. There was a motion by Watson, second by Rayburn, to approve the disbursements. The motion passed unanimously.

410 Cullen Property- Isaac Wellsand:


- A. A discussion was had about the history of the property, and the work that has been done thus far, as well as current day updates. He would like a permit to continue work, or have the City purchase the property.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Watson, second by Rayburn, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.



Jeffrey S. Phillips, Mayor

Attest:



Christina Martin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer