

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MUNCIE, INDIANA

1. Time & Place
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Members Present
4. Approval of the Minutes for June 7, 2023
5. Register of Claims
6. Street Closure Application, Urban Light Community Church (7/7/23)
7. Noise Exemption Authorization, Urban Light Community Church (7/7/23)
8. Noise Exemption Authorization, Megan Berland (7/8/23)
9. Street Closure Application, Fire Up DWNTWN (8/5/23) by Cheryl Crowder
10. Muncie Police Chief, Nate Sloan
11. Adjournment

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CITY OF MUNCIE, STATE OF INDIANA
JUNE 14, 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 June 7, 2023:** President Ted Baker entertained a motion to approve. Lola Mauer moved to approve minutes from the June 7, 2023 meeting as printed. Linda Gregory 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 15 \$100,000 YMCA EDIT Capital Campaign.
 - ✓Page 15 \$100,000 Muncie Community Schools EDIT Family Navigators Grant 22-23.
 - ✓EFTS \$24,823.69 Superfleet Mastercard Police fuel.
 - ✓EFT \$74,078.05 Alternative Service Concepts GL/WC claims.
 - ✓EFTS \$205,010 First Merchants Trust Economic Development Revenue Bond 2013.
 - ✓EFTS \$140,000 Regions Bank 2014 A&B Bond.
 - ✓EFTS \$74,775 Park Bond Series 2020

He advised he brought forth an invoice that came late yesterday for the new amphitheater at Ball State. The invoice needs to be paid in which they will do a second run with the Boards approval. It is for the Don McLean September 2nd concert at Canan Commons. President Baker asked where the funds are coming from. Controller Wright informs EDIT. President Baker entertained a motion. Linda Gregory made a motion to approve register of claims **325 Records** for a total amount of **\$1,006,600.86** as presented as well as the invoice presented today. Lola Mauer provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. **Street Closure Application, Urban Light Community Church (7/7/23):** Leslie McCrory, Associate Pastor at Urban Light Community Church is requesting a street closure for their annual Block Party they have had for the past 15 years. It is scheduled for July 7th from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM in a very safe and secure environment for children and families. Questions called. Lola Mauer moved to approve the street closure application. Linda Gregory provided a second; assuming no alcohol will be involved. McCrory answers no. Linda Gregory claims she tries to ask that of everyone because if they're not anticipating it then maybe they should and make arrangements as needed. Motion passed by voice vote.
7. **Noise Exemption Authorization, Urban Light Community Church (7/7/23):** Leslie McCrory, Associate Pastor at Urban Light Community Church is requesting a noise exemption relating to the same event they just discussed for the street closure. Same date and time. The noise will mostly be DJ music. McCrory advises it is for a cakewalk. President Baker confirms all paperwork is in order. Lola Mauer moved to approve the noise exemption authorization. Linda Gregory provided a second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.

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- 8. **Noise Exemption Authorization, Megan Berland (7/8/23):** Megan Berland requests a noise exemption for a private birthday party at her home. She plans to have a band and is aware that neighbors will be able to hear the music the band is playing in her yard. The time will be from around 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. Linda Gregory asked if there was any effort made to notify neighbors that she is going to have this event. Berland answered yes. Linda Gregory jokingly asks if the neighbors are invited because that may help. Lola Mauer moved to approve the noise exemption application. Linda Gregory provided a second. Motion passed by voice vote.

- 9. **Street Closure Application, Fire Up DWNTWN (8/5/23) by Cheryl Crowder:** This request is for the second annual Fire Up Downtown event which they are all very excited about. The time will be from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The request is for Walnut Street from Main to the roundabout and then Jackson, Adams and Walnut Street from Mulberry to High Street. President Baker praises how amazing it was last year. Crowder informs they are looking forward to a similar one this year. President Baker states he was impressed with the variety of things going on and thinks that helps in making it successful. Something for everybody. Linda Gregory moved to approve the street closure. Lola Mauer provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.

- 10. **Muncie Police Chief, Nate Sloan:** Just wants to present the new form as it relates to someone requesting police services such as a block party that needs security. The process before was just taking the phone calls whenever people requested it but that has since gotten a little out of hand being reason they are implementing the new form. In addition, there have been many problems in town, especially with kids, congregating outside of noise exemptions. Therefore, there may be an increase in those being filed because MPD has addressed the neighborhoods about these problems. There have been a lot of complaints about noise ordinance violations that are happening at 1:00, 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning at random places such as gas stations or vacant lots. They have seen as many as 150 – 200 kids. Nothing good happens from having that many unorganized people in an area and just wanted to Board to be advised of those sort of problems and they may foresee more applications for noise exemptions. President Baker states he would like to take some time to review the noise ordinance as well and requested he and the Police Chief sit down sometime soon to talk about that. They want to support the police department, community and neighborhoods in this so there has to be a happy medium somewhere. Chief Sloan adds that when that kind of problem comes up they might only have 10 officers from minimum staffing on the road. Then a problem comes up involving 200 people. Many people assume or suggest they just write tickets but they do not have a lot of time for that in regard to 200 people. There are curfew laws but the police department can't stop everything they are doing and write 50 17-year-old kids curfew tickets. Overall, be advised that is going on.

- 11. **Adjournment:** There being no further business President Baker adjourned meeting at 9:12 a.m.

We will meet next Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Board of Public Works and Safety



Ted Baker, President

Lola Mauer, Vice-President



Linda Gregory, Secretary



Lacey Jones, Recording Secretary