

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
MUNCIE, INDIANA**

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CITY OF MUNCIE, STATE OF INDIANA
FEBRUARY 12, 2025
CLAIMS PACKET & MEETING 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 February 5, 2025:** President Ted Baker entertained a motion to approve. Lola Mauer moved to approve minutes from the February 5, 2025 meeting as printed. Linda Gregory provided a second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
5. **Register of Claims:** Craig Wright, City Controller, wished to bring attention to a few claims:
 - ✓ Page 6 \$40,567.87 Indiana Michigan Power traffic signals & street lights.
 - ✓ Page 9 \$16,311.57 S&S Field Service Fire truck #2 repair.
 - ✓ Page 13 \$13,091.35 Brandeis Machinery & Supply MVH one man patcher repair.
 - ✓ Page 16 \$50,000 Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition EDIT program support for IRACS.
 - ✓ EFT \$56,708.29 UMR
 - ✓ EFTS \$66,515.06 IU Health Workplace Services

Mr. Wright mentioned that Fire Chief Burford was informed the cost to fix the aerial truck was originally quoted for replacements amounting to \$500,000 so luckily were able to fix that for significantly less. Questions called. Lola Mauer referred to EDIT under Board of Works on Page 16 and asked what the professional services are. Mr. Wright replied predominantly grant writing. Linda Gregory moved to approve register of claims of **344 Records** for a total amount of **\$535,331.37** as presented. Lola Mauer provided a second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
6. **Contract for Till Pond Design Build with FlatLand Resources:** Adam Leach, City Engineer, explained the professional services contract is for design build of a recreation area at Till Pond located at Tillotson Ave. past 12th Street/Memorial Dr. The BOW recently went through the RFP process and FlatLand Resources was selected as the most responsive. They have since negotiated this contract amounting to **\$931,094.40** with \$500,000 is being paid for by a recreation grant done through the state parks. The remaining \$431,000 is going to be paid out of the Muncie Redevelopment Commission or EDIT. The location of this area used to be a trailer park so it is kind of tucked back in the woods a little. The contract will authorize the construction of a parking lot and a half-mile trail for people interested in nature hiking/jogging. There will also be fishing piers as this is meant to be more of a natural area park rather than a traditional city park. President Baker applauds this and how it is a great addition to our community. Linda Gregory questioned the construction schedule. Mr. Leach replied, with his consent, work has already started on clearing to hopefully not interfere with bad habitat which is always a touchy subject here in Indiana. They anticipate, depending on the weather and any unknown conditions they come across, construction being complete by the end of the year. Linda Gregory notes it would open the following year. Mr. Leach

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confirms. Lola Mauer moved to approve the contract with FlatLand Resources. Linda Gregory provided a second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.

- 7. Agreement with Make My Move:** Mayor Dan Ridenour stated they started this program in 2022 and this will be the third renewal. In providing some numbers, the funds are first put up through EDIT which will then be reimbursed by the state for half of the funding. Since 2022, we have had 188 people move to Muncie. These people keep their jobs and work remotely somewhere else. The largest states we've received citizens from have been Pennsylvania, California, and Texas. The focus is a lot on Ball State grads since they most likely are from the area and have a familiarity with Indiana and are often interested in moving back. This is for higher-income remote workers and the economic impact of those 188 is \$4,393,525 which includes income taxes, property taxes (because even renters pay property taxes through their rent) as well as a certain percent of services that a person's salary would do within the community. That is all factored in to that \$4.393 million. Last year, alone, was about \$1.6 million. There is interest in obtaining another 25 movers, most of which will come with spouses or partners and some with children that will help benefit our school system. President Baker referred to the \$155,000 being what the City pays. Mayor Ridenour explains Some of the incentives are covered by other entities such as Ball State, the Chamber, and even some restaurants, but the City portion is actually higher when added all in. Again, the state pays half. The state also helps in marketing such as creating the website and taking care of the push and making initial contact. It then comes through the Mayor's Office to handle it from there to locally connect those people. Linda Gregory questioned if the people moving here are either renting or buying their home. Mayor Ridenour replied most people start renting with the intent of buying. The retention rate is 87% which is a pretty good number. People are moving here and staying in our wonderful community, overwhelmingly seeing the same value as we do. Linda Gregory moved to approve the remote worker contract as presented. Lola Mauer provided a second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 8. I.T. Proposal:** Adam Williams, City I.T. Department, explained this is a renewal of the antivirus called **Endpoint** with a more expansive service upgrade with an increase in cost. It is a **3-year** agreement with the cost spread over those years amounting to **\$79,141.77** (or \$26,380.59 per year). It is a software license agreement term so they wanted to bring it before the Board for affirmative authorization. Lola Mauer moved to approve the I.T. proposal. Linda Gregory provided the second. Questions called. Motion passed by voice vote.
- 9. Adjournment:** There being no further business President Ted Baker adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

We will meet next Wednesday, February 19 at 9:00 a.m.

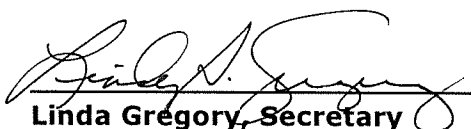
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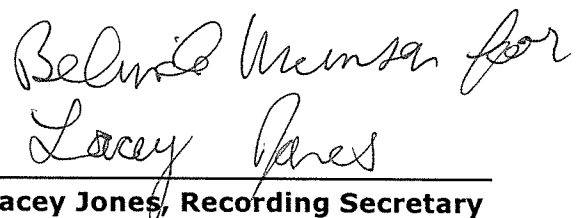
Ted Baker, President



Lola Mauer, Vice-President



Linda Gregory, Secretary



Lacey Jones, Recording Secretary