

May 21, 2009

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Fuelling and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Waters; Supt. Gray; Comm. Maynard; Joe Winiger; Randy Yeida; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated Chief Beloat is still off from surgery, so they will begin with the Fire Department.

Chief Waters reported Unit #1 was towed away today. It stated the estimated cost of repairs is between \$10,000 and \$30,000. He then stated they are not sure what the problem is, though there is water in the oil. He added the cab will have to be moved, a pretty extensive project.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated Supt. Givens was not present.

Comm. Maynard stated about a month ago while doing some storm sewer work, a mailbox was backed into – a concrete mailbox. He added photos were taken and estimates were received, but the contractor was wanting half of the money up front, and the other half when the job was completed. He added he thought the estimate was pretty high, so another contractor was contacted. He then stated he signed an agreement saying the city would pay approximately \$900 towards the replacement of the mailbox, and therefore, he thought the issue was resolved. He stated the homeowner has since called the Clerk-Treasurer's Office and the Mayor's Office wanting his money. He then stated he is NOW going to yet another contractor as he informed the homeowner that the city does not pay half up front and then the remainder when a job is finished.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied the only time the city has done that is in the case of a major equipment purchase and some money is put down as a down payment.

Board member Fuelling asked if Comm. Maynard is saying they are now on the third contractor ?

Comm. Maynard replied he has personally only talked to one, but now the homeowner wants the city to pay him his half. He told the homeowner the city will fix what they broke, but nothing else.

Comm. Maynard continued his report by stating he received a call right before the meeting about one of their dump trucks. He added as the Board may recall, a new dump truck has been ordered, but will not be received until July. He stated the call was about the frame breaking on one of the old trucks as it was out in a field on a job. He added at this point, he is not sure it can be fixed, or the cost to fix it. He stated they may be running on just one dump truck from this time forward due to the incident, and he would also like to have the other truck inspected as if this had happened while driving down the highway, it could have been quite devastating.

Board member Fuelling asked if the old trucks are similar ?

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Comm. Maynard replied yes, they are almost identical.

Board member Fuelling asked if they could make one better truck out of the two old ones?

Comm. Maynard replied stated he is not sure but he will know at the next meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens reported semis on their way to SABIC keep turning into the drive at the plant. He added it is not easy to get them back out as there is no turn-around, they have to back out onto the highway. He wondered if SABIC could be contacted about possibly putting up a sign, or the sewer plant could put one up. He stated the situation is getting out of control and it is dangerous.

Mayor Tucker stated it does need to be addressed and they should look into the possibility of a sign.

Board member Higgins stated she will contact SABIC first and see if she can get them to put a sign.

Supt. Givens continued by stating on Tuesday, the 19th, he, Mr. Moss, Mr. Epison and Mr. Carroll attended Vac Con training in Evansville and they learned a lot about the truck and the maintenance needed on the truck. He then stated he needs to have his Class 4 operator's license renewed as it expires June 30, 2009. He asked for permission to have Miss Bennett issue the check for the renewal. Board member Fuelling moved approval to issue the check be given. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Givens continued by stating he is 3 ½ hours short on his technical hours and June 10 in Chandler, there is a class for \$50.00 that he could take to get those hours in. He added he will take the work truck and only need the credit card for lunch.

Board member Higgins moved permission to attend and use city vehicle and credit card be given.

Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Givens then stated their primary tank was down, they dropped it and found the chains were off the sprocket. He added it is now back together but not yet filled. He stated a valve needs fixed and if they do not do it now, then they will have to do it the next time, nothing major.

Supt. Givens added Shephard Services comes down every year to service their air conditioners and one of the compressors is out, though it may be under warranty, it needs replaced. He stated he has been sweating, that is how hot it is and Ms. Bethel's office's AC may need replaced as well. He then stated E & S lift station, they had a three phase change over done and the invoice was never sent, it has since

been received and they should be receiving payment. He concluded by stating Phase I has started and it is moving along well.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Gray stated they had the dedication on the new building this morning with about 80 in attendance. He added there were tours as well and everything went good. He stated the Cooper family was there and they also had some good media coverage.

Mayor Tucker stated JCI and Supt. Gray should all be commended for a job very well done.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is opening bids received on the silo demolition.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe opened the bids as follows:

Summit Civil Services, accompanied by Cashier's Check
\$432,000.00

Klenk Company, accompanied by Cashier's Check
\$345,100.00

Empire Dismantle Corp., accompanied by Bid Bond
\$562,000.00

Denney Excavating Inc., accompanied by Bid Bond
\$338,000.00

Board member Fuelling moved the Board acknowledge receipt of the bids and that they be forwarded to Attorney Higgins for legal review, as well as review by him. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is quotes received for the demolition 212 Kimball Street.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe opened the following:

Russell's Excavating & Septic Tanks, Inc.
\$2,250.00

McGennis Excavating, LLC
\$2,450.00

Keith Kuhn & Sons
\$2,300.00

Board member Higgins moved the Board acknowledge receipt of the quotes and that they be reviewed by Attorney Higgins, as well as Bldg. Comm. Willis. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Randy Yeida stated he is the owner of Kodiak Hoops, as well as the old Hironimus Building. He stated Vectren set poles through his sewer line at the old Hironimus Building. He added Alstadt Plumbing was then called and they cleaned out the lines at which time they were televising the line and found the problem. He added Vectren said they would fix the problem, so he got a price and Vectren gave the go-ahead for the repair – it was fixed today. He state they re-routed the line around the pole, closed the old tap in up – so now, he has to pay a tap fee and he feels Vectren should pay that fee, they made the mess in the first place, not him.

Supt. Givens agreed a tap fee does have to be paid now, \$4,200.00 and normally the requestor would come to the Board first for approval, but this was an emergency situation. He added he asked Mr. Yeida to come before the Board as he does not have the authority to bill Vectren himself as Supt. He stated the old tap was closed up.

Mr. Yeida stated he did not do this, Vectren put the pole there and he is in the middle. He added he has talked to man by the name of Cy Young in customer service at Vectren.

Board member Fuelling stated Vectren ran the pole into his sewer line and Alstadt found it.

Mr. Yeida replied yes, and he has had several other expenses as a result of this incident in late 2007.

Supt. Givens stated Alstadt verified the pole went through the line.

Mayor Tucker stated the Board is aware there is still the matter of the outstanding \$4,200 tap fee, and that things were done backwards in this case.

Mr. Yeida stated it was not his fault, and he does not feel he should pay the tap fee.

Board member Fuelling stated he his not sure what “pressure” the Board has, to make Vectren respond.

Mayor Tucker suggested Supt. Givens, and Mr. Yeida make an appointment with Attorney Higgins to sit down and possibly make a call or draft a letter to Vectren.

Mr. Yeida stated he feels they should be sent a bill, that would take care of it, that is how he handled all of his other bills. Via the fax machine.

Board member Fuelling agreed it is time to get Attorney Higgins involved. He added he will be glad to sit down with her and coordinate this effort, and he will then get back with Mr. Yeida.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer

