

April 7, 2011

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 pm 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 Supt. Givens; Comm. Maynard; Chief Waters; Chief Beloat; Beth Baro – Willow Tree of Posey County; Ed Stenho – American Environmental; and Pam Robinson – Posey County News.

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 Mayor Tucker, who then 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 they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloat stated he would like approval to proceed with getting prices on new vehicles. He added they are thinking of purchasing a small SUV for second shift so there would be a four wheel drive vehicle on every shift. He stated he is having maintenance issues with some of the older cars, and there is money in his budget for the purchased. He added this would be a direct buy, no financing involved.

Board member Higgins moved permission to get prices on a new vehicle, possibly an SUV, 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. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Waters stated he needs permission to purchase new tires for the front of the main pumper, at a cost of around \$1,400.00, for two.

Board member Fuelling moved permission for the purchase be given. 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. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated, for Board member Fuelling's reference, the new motor that was put in Mr. Moss' truck has had to be replaced again. He added it is running well now and he is glad they had the warranty on it. He continued his report by stating on April 19, he would like permission to attend a Pre-Treatment Program with Dennis Givens. He added the cost of the program is \$150, it will be held in Greenwood, IN, and he may end up not going, but Pre-Treatment Dir. Givens needs to go to get his credit hours. He then stated they will not need a hotel, they will go up and back in one day.

Board member Higgins moved permission to attend and use the city 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. He then asked if there were any questions.

Board member Fuelling asked if Supt. Givens has done anything yet about the Morrow property ?

Supt. Givens replied they have not televised the line yet, there has been too much rain to get the truck in the yard. He added they will do that, but they need to wait awhile.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any other questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Maynard stated he used one of his old traffic counters on the Kimball Street area, and on March 24 they counted 62 semis going northbound in a 24 hour period. He added they did a visual count today for verification and counted 57.

Board member Higgins stated the other study that was done March 7 – 9 only counted 24. She wondered if this was during the period of the flooding of the Ohio River when nothing was coming off the river.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

Board member Fuelling stated, to Chief Beloat, he checked on putting signs up at Southwind Plaza indicating the left lane ends. It can be done. He then stated then the trucks coming out of the port road would be able to use that left lane to get access safely to the highway, going west. He added INDOT indicates it would still have to be discussed, but it might warrant a look.

Board member Higgins added the option of an access road behind the funeral home and Arby's is off the books now, it is not even a possibility.

Board member Fuelling stated he will let Chief Beloat know what INDOT says about the signs, and he wants to thank Comm. Maynard for doing those counts.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is action on the bids received for the LTCP, Phase 2. He added Attorney Higgins says the bids are legal, and they have just received word from Bernardin Lochmueller that they bids meet specifications. He stated they were also able to cut off an additional \$320,000 from the price, not to mention the \$6.5M grant the city received. He added they are not ready at this time to award the bid, but they need to recognize the low bidder.

Board member Fuelling moved Keiffer Brothers be recognized as the low bidder, that their bid meets specifications and legal requirements, that \$320,000 has been cut from the original bid price on construction costs, and that they will be awarded the bid when the time comes. 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 was a request from Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated their next meeting falls on a city holiday, Good Friday. She asked that the meeting be moved and that paychecks will allowed to be issued on Thursday, April 21.

Board member Higgins moved the meeting be moved to Thursday, April 21 at 9:00 am and that paychecks be issued on that day as well. 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 stated in the Audience is a representative of American Environmental.

Mr. Ed Stenho stated he is present about a possible agreement/contract between his company and the city's street department. He stated are needing to remediate the petroleum station located at 503 E. 4th Street, and take water from the ground there for testing. He added they are asking to be permitted to tap into the storm sewer on Canal Street and discharge the water they extract, under the city's State permit. He added they have received an approval letter from the State, and they will be discharging very clean water – cleaner that was is currently going into the storm sewer. He then stated their discharge will be tested once a month as well. He added Attorney Higgins had raised some issues and he responded to them. He then stated there really is no other option other than for his company to trench and run a pipe all the way down the street, therefore, they feel the best option would be to tap into the city storm sewer.

Supt. Givens has been to one of their trailers in Evansville, and seen their operation.

Supt. Givens stated he wanted to be involved in the project and would like a key to the trailer in the event of an emergency.

Board member Higgins asked if this is an experimental kind of testing ?

Mr. Stenho replied no, they have several of these trailers up and running around the state. He added Mount Vernon is not a guinea pig for this. He added they rarely have problems, and if they would get a hit, they would shut off their operation and figure it out before they proceed. He then stated they are talking about a very small amount of flow.

Board member Fuelling asked if there was a petroleum leak at this location in 2005 ?

Mr. Stenho replied yes.

Board member Fuelling asked if the company was fined for that ?

Mr. Stenho replied there are no fines, unless they were doing something illegal in the first place. He added in this case, no one knew it leaked.

Board member Fuelling asked if they are going to be getting core samples and how they get the gas out of the ground ?

Mr. Stenho replied they use essentially a vacuum on a pipe.

Board member Fuelling asked if it will be moving underground ?

Mr. Stenho replied yes.

Board member Fuelling asked if they will actually be getting petroleum gas out of the ground water ?

Mr. Stenho replied no, they will be lowering the concentration in the air.

Supt. Givens asked how long the trailer will be there ?

Mr. Stenho replied between three and five years is the average.

Comm. Maynard asked if they will patch the street when they are done ?

Mr. Stenho replied yes and they will also be obtaining a street cut permit.

Comm. Maynard added that is an old brick sewer and asked if they will also fix any damage ?

Mr. Stenho replied yes, and added someone from the city will be there as well when they are tapping.

Supt. Givens asked if they have signed any kind of agreement with Attorney Higgins ?

Mr. Stenho replied he has never seen an agreement, but he would like to see one. He would like to see something in writing actually as he assumes the city would as well.

Board member Fuelling moved they approve the request to do the BP underground remediation, and discharge into the city storm sewer, pending written contract being signed. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were 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.

Mr. Stenho left the meeting.

Beth Baro stated she is with Willow Tree of Posey County and they would like to use the riverfront April 15th (rain date of April 16th) for a public awareness event for National Crime Victims' Rights Week. She added they will have a small exhibit of figures with a narrative for each one representing a woman killed in the State of Indiana due to domestic violence. She then state she has also talked with Park Dir. John Tate and she believes they will only need the park from around 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

Board consented to request and asked if she will need any roads blocked ?

Ms. Baro replied no.

Board again consented to request and added it will be the first event held in the new Phase 1 area.

Ms. Baro thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business, he, Mrs. Willis and Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman have been meeting with Insight about possibly switching in Insight phone service. He added they have found that switching will save the city between \$6,000 and \$7,000 a year, not to mention give them more benefits and features such as caller ID, digital voicemail, etc. He asked for approval to proceed.

Supt. Givens questioned how this would effect their phone system ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied Mr. Tate also has a phone system and the representative from Insight will need to get with both of them.

Board member Fuelling moved the city proceed with the switchover to Insight phone service, and that Insight get with Supt. Givens and Dir. Tate about their systems, and that the city proceed without them, if that is the case, and that Mayor Tucker be authorized to sign the contracts. 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 if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. 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 and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer