

July 10, 2014

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 member Curtis attending. Others attending were Chief Beloat; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Givens; ACO Givens; Judy Thomann and Andy Sucharitakul – The Lochmueller Group; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies 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 Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who 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.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Curtis moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then 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.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments

Chief Beloat state he would like permission to attend the Association of Chiefs of Police Fall Conference in Indianapolis, September 14 – September 16.

Board member Curtis moved permission to attend be given as well as use of the city credit card and city vehicle. 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. He then asked if there were any questions of Chief Beloat ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated they closed on the Kieffer Property yesterday, the grass and weeds were also taken care of, with the help of the street department. He then stated Huntingburg is having a class for some CEU's on July 16. He added it is a four hour class and he would like to send those with licenses to attend, if they are available. At this point, he can't say how many or who.

Board member Curtis moved permission for the designated employees to attend be given, and that they be allowed to take the city vehicle. 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. He then asked if there were any questions for Supt. Givens ?

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals ?

There were none.

Board member Jeffries arrived at the meeting.

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

Judy Thomann and Andy Sucharitakul with The Lochmueller Group approached and stated they have an update on the eastside gravity flow sewer project.

Mayor Tucker stated the city was informed June 20 that SRF has approved the use of the left over funds in their account for this project.

Mr. Sucharitakul stated they did a preliminary study early on, basically a feasibility study. The results were presented and discussed at a meeting a few weeks back. He then stated they need to do some preliminary design for elevations, inverts, pipe elevations at the lift stations, etc. He added they want it to be as much gravity flow as possible. Expressway has a lift station that will stay in place, but the lift stations on Leonard Road are small and they would need to do a survey and preliminary work to see what needs to be done there. He then stated they have a schematic drawing but they need more detail Board member Jeffries asked what the bottom line is ?

Mr. Sucharitakul replied they would like a contract for design on the preliminary work, then hold a public meeting to get public input, and then proceed further.

Ms. Thomann added they want to be able to service current businesses and future growth. Mount Vernon will be Stellar and therefore make it a great place to locate and open a business, they want to be ready for that. Businesses need wastewater service and part of this agreement covers the schematics – the city can also stop the project at any time. The Lochmueller Group wants to serve the city's needs. She added they have talked with Mayor Tucker about his and he wants the project to move forward, but before it can, they need to get some engineering done on the project. She then stated in the beginning, Councilman Hoehn wanted a schematic to see if the project could even be done, and the answer was yes, it can.

Board member Curtis stated he agrees with Ms. Thomann that the schematic is not enough.

Board member Jeffries asked if that was strictly a feasibility study ?

Ms. Thomann replied yes.

Board member Jeffries asked what the bottom line is ?

Ms. Thomann relied \$123,690.00 if they move forward, for the complete project, the whole ball of wax.

Mayor Tucker added this is also part of what SRF would fund.

Supt. Givens asked if the price would change because the project changes ? Meaning, will be people be forced to tie on because they are within 300 feet of the sewer, and according to ordinance, they would have to tie on.

Board member Curtis agreed it says they would have to tie if they are within so many feet of the city sewer.

Ms. Thomann replied yes, but added she worked for IDEM for many years, and IDEM will not enforce that, they want that to be more of a local decision. It is a state statute but they do not enforce it, unless there are pollution issues or something like that.

Board member Curtis agreed it would be local enforcement.

Board member Jeffries agreed the municipality should be in charge of enforcement.

Board member Curtis asked how many businesses will this effect ?

Supt. Givens replied there are around 20 businesses or so out there.

Board member Curtis added this project is important for growth.

Board member Jeffries stated he concurs with this. The area is prime for growth, it is located between two highways and the port. He added they should build this in a way that they can expand north if need be, etc. They should not piecemeal this.

Board member Curtis stated this can be coordinated with the other work they are getting ready to do, and see if the system can handle the extra flow.

Ms. Thomann agreed.

Supt. Givens stated he is not against this, but he thought the business owners in the area wanted to be kept informed. He also wondered if the ordinance would have to be changed. He then stated he has some mixed emotions.

Board member Jeffries stated he realizes the folks in the area are worried about overhead, and he gets that. He then stated one business out there has to tie in, for a lot of reasons.

Board member Curtis stated he thought part of the issue was also boring.

Mr. Sucharitakul relied that is correct, but they can work with that with additional manholes.

Board member Curtis stated he realizes there are concerns.

Mayor Tucker stated most of the businesses out there are mom and pop businesses and are concerned with their overhead.

Board member Jeffries agreed and added they really do need the improvements out there for the future expansion.

Supt. Givens stated he feels it is a must to proceed with the contract, but wondered if there would be enough SRF money to cover it.

Mayor Tucker replied the project is estimated to be around \$713,000, and there is almost \$1M left over in funds from the other project.

Ms. Thomann stated they need real engineering on this. They need to be able to tell the details of the project to the public, and have them be accurate.

Board member Curtis again stated they can stop the project at any time as well. He then moved they move forward with The Lochmueller Group's contract for engineering on this project, pending legal review. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

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 under Old Business, they need to approve the minutes of the May 15 meeting.

Board member Curtis was not present at that meeting and therefore, could not approve them, and they are doing this now, because Board member Jeffries was not present for the June meetings.

Board member Jeffries moved the minutes of the May 15 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 questioned Supt. Givens about the pump they had discussed at the last meeting. Supt. Givens stated Thompson Pump does not give trade in allowances, but they also haven't gotten back to him yet. He then stated the sewer department really needs the bypass pump, it is very important to their operation. He added he will also get prices on a new pump.

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 Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Jeffries. 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.

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John Tucker  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Sitzman  
Clerk-Treasurer