

July 10, 2014

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Jeffries, Curtis, Hoehn, and Higgins attending. Board member Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Givens; Attorney Higgins; Andy Sucharitakul – The Lochmueller Group; Ed Adams; Tom Hogan – Johnson Controls; Nancy Sexton; Sheryl Stanton; Justin Thomason; Mike Webster – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, James Cox.

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 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 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 requested action on the claims presented.

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

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 they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

**Chairman Curtis** stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray reported he had a long, productive meeting with Johnson Controls and The Lochmueller Group on the expansion plans, as well as the plans for the plant. Again, it was very productive. He continued his report by stating the materials have been ordered on extending the line down to College Ave. for the new police and fire station. It will then tie in to the 4<sup>th</sup> Street line and hopefully help with pressure in that area.

Supt. Gray concluded his report by stating they have been receiving harassing phone calls at the office, 20 to 40 times a day, asking for one certain employee. He added whoever it is has an Indiana accent and goes by the name David. He is using 30 different phone numbers and therefore, they can not get them all blocked. He concluded by stating he filed a complaint with the FBI today.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated she is not sure of the PER acceptance that is listed ?

Mr. Sucharitakul stated they submitted the PER for the north water main expansion. The application was submitted to SRF for funding, and they need these documents to submit along with that. This will authorize the submittal of the PER and to be able to go after funding.

James Cox arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Sucharitakul added the goal is to get grant money to fund this.

Board member Curtis moved the SRF Loan Program Signatory Authorization Resolution be accepted, signed, and they authorization application. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Board member Curtis moved the SRF Loan Program PER Acceptance Resolution be approved.

Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated they now have a letter of engagement with Umbaugh, to conduct a rate study, in stages, for the water improvement projects they have going, in case they would need to raise rates to fund them.

Board member Curtis reiterated that this is for the north water main expansion project, as well as the plant improvements. He then moved the Board retain Umbaugh for rate study for the proposed improvements. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

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

Sheryl Stanton approached and stated she has already had one leak and adjustment this year. At that time, they brought in a plumber and thought they had everything fixed. It seems they missed the toilet and now their bill is \$897.62 and she is requesting an adjustment.

Supt. Gray added the leak is fixed but this is their second adjustment. It is legit.

Mayor Tucker questioned the address.

Ms. Stanton replied 528 Mill Street.

Board member Curtis moved the adjustment be allowed. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Attorney Higgins stated they need to make sure everything is fixed, as they are only allowed two adjustments in a calendar year.

Supt. Gray recommends they hold off until the next billing cycle.

Attorney Higgins added this is for the customer's protection.

Board member Curtis added they will not have a late fee.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Hoehn – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

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

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was an Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Councilman Hoehn asked what just happened here with Supt. Gray not being able to make the adjustment at the office ? Was it over the limit they approved for him ?

Board member Curtis replied it was the second adjustment, and it was under the \$1,000 limit.

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

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Jeffries, Curtis, Hoehn, and Higgins attending. Councilman Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Beloat; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Givens; Attorney Higgins; Andy Sucharitakul – The Lochmueller Group; Ed Adams; Tom Hogan – Johnson Controls; Nancy Sexton; Webster – Mount Vernon Democrat; and James Cox.

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Councilman Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman 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 requested action on the Executive Session minutes from June 30.

Councilman Jeffries moved the minutes of the Executive Session be approved. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

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 they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

**Street & Light Chairman Hoehn** stated he has no report.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

**Police & Dog Chairman Jeffries** stated he has no report.

Chief Beloat stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

**Fire Chairwoman Higgins** stated she has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

**Sewer Chairman Fuelling** was not present.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

Attorney Higgins stated they closed on the Kieffer property yesterday.

Mayor Tucker stated today at the Board of Works meeting they voted to proceed with the east side gravity flow sewer project. He added June 20 they found out SRF will allow them to use their left over funds for the project, close to \$1M left over. So again, they voted to proceed with that. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated they are ready for the final reading of the Ordinance Amending the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana 2014 Salary Ordinance for Positions with the Motor Vehicle Highway Department and the Park & Recreation Department.

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis - yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 14-11.

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

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Councilwoman Higgins questioned the status of the alcohol ordinance concerning parks ?

Councilman Hoehn stated that has caught him off guard tonight.

Attorney Higgins replied she was not present at the meeting where that was discussed. If someone could get with her on that she will start on it.

Councilman Hoehn stated he will do that. He added he thought the ball was still rolling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

**1<sup>st</sup> District Councilman Jeffries** stated he has no report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Fuelling** was not present.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilman Hoehn** stated he has no report.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Councilman Curtis** stated he has no report, but he would like to thank Attorney Higgins for all of her work on the Stellar presentation. She did a great job, thanks again.

Mayor Tucker stated he echoes that.

**Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins** stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker stated he would like to meet with Department Heads after the meeting to discuss budgets, Council is invited to stay over as well. He then stated the week of August 11 they should hear about the Stellar grant.

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

Councilman Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Jeffries.

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

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John Tucker, Mayor

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Cristi L. Sitzman  
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