

September 4, 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, Fuelling, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Board member Hoehn was not present. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Supt. Givens; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Larry Williams; Nancy Sexton; Ed Adams; Marilyn Allen – Total Benefit Solutions; and Lois Gray – 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 Curtis 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 Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. 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 they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

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

Supt. Gray stated he has been threatening for some time now to hit the Board up for some new vehicles – today is the day. He stated he has three quotes on a new 2014 Ford F150 – D-Patrick \$24,455;

Sternberg \$25,942; and Town & Country Ford \$22,100.

Board member Higgins asked if he is adding to the fleet ?

Supt. Gray replied he will be replacing a 1986 model.

Chairman Curtis added it is in very bad condition.

Supt. Gray agreed and added the specifications are there for the Board to review as well, and all were given the same set of specifications.

Chief Beloit left the meeting.

Chairman Curtis asked if he had money in his budget ?

Supt. Gray replied he has the money.

Chairman Curtis moved the Board accept the low quote of Town & Country Ford on a 2014 Ford F150 for \$22,100. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker stated, for verification, he did check the local dealerships, but got no response.

Supt. Gray replied yes, that is correct, he always checks local first.

Board member Fuelling asked about any other equipment needed for the truck.

Supt. Gray replied he will need the light bar and lettering.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any other questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

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

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

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Gray continued by stating he is also in pretty dire need of a dump truck. He stated he doesn't need a large full size - they use a 550 with a dump bed. He stated he has a quote from Sternberg for an F550 for \$38,717; Town & Country Ford \$34,700; and D-Patrick \$29,972. He added this is just for the chassis.

Chairman Curtis stated there is a \$9,000 difference between the high and low quote – that's quite a spread.

Supt. Gray added they will then put the dump bed on top of that.

Board member Fuelling questioned the status of his backhoe ?

Supt. Gray replied it is really nickel and diming them. It will be next.

Chief Beloit arrived at the meeting.

Supt. Gray added a new backhoe will probably run them around \$120,000.00.

Chairman Curtis moved the dump truck chassis be purchased from D-Patrick, the low quote of \$29,972 for an F 550. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any other questions ?

Board member again asked if he tried to get a local quote ?

Supt. Gray replied yes, he tried.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

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

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

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Curtis asked that he get back with Board on the quotes for the bed.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions for Supt. Gray or Chairman Curtis ?

There were none.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman relied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone 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?

Board member Curtis they need to revisit the water adjustment procedure that they currently use in reference to what Supt. Gray is allowed to take care of in house without coming to the Board. He added they would like to try to eliminate having folks come in for a meeting, as it is hard for some to

be able to do that. He then stated now if it is someone's second adjustment they have to come before the Board, he would like to see Supt. Gray be able to handle those as well. He suggested that Supt. Gray keep a record and report to the Board any adjustments that he has made – checks and balances. He stated there is always the odd situation that arises where he may still want someone to come before this Board, and that is also fine. He wondered if raising the limit on adjustments that Supt. Gray is able to make on his own to \$5,000 would cover it.

Board member Fuelling stated he doesn't feel an amount is really needed, just a record for the Board to review on what adjustments he has made.

Board member Jeffries suggested a quarterly report maybe.

Board member Curtis questioned Supt. Gray on his thoughts.

Supt. Gray replied that is fine with him. Quarterly reporting would be fine with him.

Board member Jeffries suggested the report list the amount of the adjustment, the number of adjustments, address, etc.

Supt. Gray replied most adjustments are usually a couple of hundred of dollars, though he has come across some whoppers.

Board member Curtis reminded the Board folks are still only allowed two adjustments in a calendar year.

Board member Fuelling stated he is fine with that.

Supt. Gray added State Board of Accounts also monitors their adjustments.

Board member Curtis added this is also procedure, not an ordinance. So, Supt. Gray can have no limit on adjustments, up to two per year and will report quarterly. Also, they can vary the report as they go along.

Board member Fuelling stated after they see the first quarterly report, they may want to make changes.

Supt. Givens asked if when someone gets a water adjustment, that does also adjust the sewer as well, correct ?

Supt. Gray replied yes.

Board member Jeffries suggested he only report those adjustments that are over the level they HAD set for him, which was \$1,000.

Board member Curtis agreed that was a good idea. He then moved Supt. Gray be permitted to make adjustments in house, no dollar limit, up to two times in calendar year, reporting to the Board quarterly only those adjustments that have been made that are over \$1,000.00, listing amounts, name and addresses. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any other questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

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

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

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated 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 Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported he 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, Fuelling, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Councilman Hoehn was not present. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Supt. Givens; Chief Beloat; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Larry Williams; Nancy Sexton; Ed Adams; Marilynn Allen – Total Benefit Solutions; and Lois Gray – 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.

Councilman Jeffries moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman 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 the will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

**Street & Light Chairman Hoehn** was not present.

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** stated he has no report.

Supt. Givens stated their current permit expires in 2015. If they renew before February 20, 2015 they can get a three year extension on reporting. They currently do not test daily for phosphorous, but that

will now be required. If the average for the month is below the limit, they are fine – a one day spike won't hurt them. He added they may need to look at adding more chemicals and even possibly adding another step to their process. He then stated they have three year in which to comply, and he will update them as the time gets closer, but again, they may need to look at adding a chemical feed system. Councilman Fuelling asked if he is talking about before sludge goes to the press ?

Supt. Givens replied the effluent.

Councilman Curtis questioned the 36 months.

Supt. Givens replied to apply for a new permit – their current permit expires 12/31/15.

Councilman Curtis asked if he is saying that from the time they apply for the new permit, they have 36 months to get a plan in place for remediation ?

Supt. Givens relid to get the compliance plan ready. They do not currently test for phosphorous now, they send it off.

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

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated as Attorney Higgins is not present yet they will go to the Audience portion of the Agenda.

Marilynn Allen stated she is with Total Benefit Solutions and the work with the city on their employees' health insurance, life insurance, etc. She is here tonight because of the life insurance, their group life insurance – after shopping around she found a better rate through American United Life. Every employee will have \$20,000 life and \$20,000 AD&D for around \$4.00 per month. It is mandatory, and at no cost to the employee. Everyone gets it and it is only offered at the time they are hired. They will also be offering voluntary insurance, at additional cost to the employee.

Councilman Curtis asked if they can take it when them when they leave the city ?

Ms. Allen replied no, it stays here.

Councilman Jeffries asked if he heard right that it was mandatory ?

Ms. Allen replied yes, that is how they get the very good rate that they got.

Councilman Jeffries asked the cost for the employees ?

Ms. Allen relid zero.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Ms. Allen left the meeting.

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

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda. He stated the first item is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Ordinance of the Area Plan Commission to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Mount Vernon, The Town of Cynthiaiana, The Town of Poseyville and Unincorporated Posey County Chapter 153-Zoning Code, Sections 153.100 Flood Hazard (FH) Area of Flood Prone District.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

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 – yes; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Jeffries moved the rules be suspended. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

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 – yes; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Jeffries 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 – yes; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 14-17.

Attorney Higgins arrived at the meeting and stated the next item for consideration is the Ordinance Establishing Appropriations and Tax Rates for the Year Ending December 31, 2015.

Councilman Fuelling moved the ordinance pass on first 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 – yes; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item goes along with the last, it's that time of year again. It is the first reading of the Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages for Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Mount Vernon for the Year Ending December 31, 2015.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilman 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 Council voting as follows:

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

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added these will not be seen again the first meeting on October, when they will have a public hearing.

Attorney Higgins stated the final item is the ordinance concerning parking on lower Main Street, as they have been discussing the past few meetings. She added this ordinance will also be deleting the parking meter schedule from the codification. She then stated she also prepared another ordinance that addresses Schedule II – Limited Parking Zones, which covers entries along Main, Second and Third Streets and the City Parking Lot that accompanied the parking meters and should also be removed. Councilman Curtis stated he feels if they are going to do it, they should clean it all up. There is no enforcement of this right now as there is no need to enforce it.

Councilman Jeffries moved the Ordinance to Amend the City of Mount Vernon Code of Ordinances, Title VII – Traffic Code, Chapter 75 – Parking Schedules – Schedule I – No Parking Zones, Schedule II – Limited Parking Zones and Schedule III – Parking Meter Zones pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Higgins.

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 – yes; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

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 they are now ready for the reports of the Districts.

**1<sup>st</sup> District Councilman Jeffries** stated River Days is next weekend, there are going to be street closures, everyone be aware.

**2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Fuelling** stated he has no report.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilman Hoehn** was not present.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Councilman Curtis** stated he has had several calls this week about residents concerned about grass. It is growing very quickly, it is tall – and folks are throwing it into the street after they mow. Once it rains it is flushed down the storm sewer which causes a back up. He would appreciate everyone being mindful of that and again, he does appreciate everyone taking such good care of their yards. Everyone needs to be considerate and Mount Vernon is a Stellar Community – be mindful.

**Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins** stated River Days #7 is next weekend. This year they have to deal with the Landing being open so they have been working with the tenants.

Mayor Tucker echoed the sentiments about River Days. These are exciting times and Larry Williams and Councilwoman Higgins have done a great job with this event in the past. He and the community as a whole, truly appreciate all of the hard work on this event. He added he would also like to thank all of the committee members – who by the way are all volunteers – thank you.

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

Councilman Jeffries moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.  
Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried and adjourned the meeting.

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John Tucker  
Mayor

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