

September 18, 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, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Board member Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; St. Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Givens; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and Jamie Grabert – Mount Vernon Democrat.

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 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.

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 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 will defer to Supt. Gray.

Supt. Gray stated he gave the Board information on Invoice Cloud, who in conjunction with Boyce (Keystone) can set the department up with on line payments. He added this would be utilized through the city web page by installing a button that says PAY BILL HERE. He then stated they do not offer this service currently, and there would be a convenience fee that the customers would have to pay. There is also a \$300 limit.

Board member Higgins stated they have had a lot of requests for this service.

Chairman Curtis stated in reference to paying at the office with a credit card, there would also be a fee involved in that that the city would be responsible for, but it could be substantial.

Supt. Gray stated he is checking in to that with the individual credit card companies.

Board member Higgins questioned the possibility of installing an iPad at the office for on line payments to be made in the office.

Supt. Gray replied they could do that.

Chairman Curtis stated the fees that would be involved for paying by credit card in the office would be substantial and they could not afford to absorb that.

Board member Jeffries asked if it works like he pays his bill and then the company pays the city ?

Supt. Gray replied no, this actually propagates to the city billing system, through a third party.

Board member Jeffries stated that step takes some liability off of the city.

Supt. Gray the cost to set up is minimal, at \$50 per year. They can pay extra for billing history, or they can start history from when they start the system up.

Board member Hoehn asked if that means he could go on line and see his billing history ?

Supt. Gray replied yes, via the city website. Folks would set up an account with user ID and password and then they would have access to their account history. The history can again, be imported, or they can start when they start the system up.

Board member Hoehn asked why there is \$300 limit ?

Supt. Gray replied he is not sure.

Board member Hoehn stated if he has a \$900 bill, can he go in three days and pay \$300 at a time then ?

Supt. Gray replied he is not sure, but he would assume so. He then stated there would be a little more bookkeeping involved on their end involving transferring to sewer, trash, etc. but he added he feels it is a pretty good deal.

Board member Hoehn asked if Supt. Gray likes it ?

Supt. Gray replied yes, and he would like to move forward with it.

Attorney Higgins stated they will need a Resolution to satisfy State Board of Accounts requirements.

Chairman Curtis stated they can wait until the next meeting for some more information, and for the Resolution.

Board member Jeffries added this will be a nice service for the residential customers.

Chairman Curtis thanked Supt. Gray for his information.

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

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 sent the Board a copy of a Letter of Engagement from Bingham Greenebaum Doll, Sue Beesley. She added this is due to the possible water project and they need to get bond counsel in place. She then stated right now they are at a standstill and need to get itemized costs from JCI and then get that information to Umbaugh for the rate study. She added this is the same bond counsel they have used in the past.

Board member Curtis moved they approve the letter of engagement with Bingham Greenebaum Doll, if needed, once the project is identified and the cost determined. 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.

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 ?

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 Hoehn.

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
Mayor

ATTEST:

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, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Councilman Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloat; Chief Dixon; St. Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Givens; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and Jamie Grabert – Mount Vernon Democrat.

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Councilman Jeffries moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. 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 unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Hoehn stated they have done some paving on the east side – it looks nice and it is smooth.

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.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

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 the first item is the second reading of the Ordinance to Amend the City of Mt Vernon Code of Ordinances, Title VII – Traffic Code, Chapter 75 – Parking Schedules – Schedule I – No Parking Zones, Schedule II – Limited Parking Zones and Schedules III – Parking Meter Zones. Board member Curtis moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman 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 Council voting as follows:

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

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Curtis moved the rules be suspended. Seconded by Councilman 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 Council voting as follows:

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

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on final 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 – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 14-18.

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

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 ?

Councilman Curtis stated they need to watch for the sides going up on the police and fire station building, hopefully next week.

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

1st District Councilman Jeffries stated he has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling was not present.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated they had a road repair in the district. When some trees were and shrubs were removed there was a need for a banister on the roadway. He added he believes that project is now finished already and it is much safer. He would like to thank Councilwoman Higgins for bringing this up.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated River Days #7 is in the books – it was a very chilly weekend, but River Days 2015 is now already in the works as well.

Mayor Tucker stated he has spoken with Rodney Buchanan with Evansville Western Railroad and the track on w. 4th Street will be replaced, not repaired. He added Mr. Buchanan has gotten the OK for the project from INDOT and as soon as the materials are received, they will get right on it. He then stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

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

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 them meeting.

John Tucker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer