

October 16, 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 members Jeffries and Curtis attending. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Givens; Sherry Willis; representatives of The Lochmueller Group; and arriving during the meeting, Lois Gray – Posey County News.

Mayor Tucker stated 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 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 requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Jeffries moved the claims presented be allowed for payment, with the exception of Custom Sign and Gottman Electric, which he would like to table until the next meeting. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Board member Jeffries stated he would like to talk to the Azalea Trail folks about possibly relocating the sign as well as talk to the Park about accepting responsibility for the maintenance of the sign. He added he is getting conflicting stories on that.

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 Beloit stated he would like permission to send Officer Bohleber to the ILEA in Plainfield on October 19 and 20 for the last Advanced Drivers Instructors Training School.

Board member Curtis moved permission be given as well as use of the city credit card and city vehicle. 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.

Chief Beloit then stated he would like to set an Executive Session for October 29 for the purpose of interviewing candidates for a position on the department, as well as discuss department promotions.

He suggested 1:00 pm.

Board concurred.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated on October 23, Straeffler Pump is putting on a pump seminar. Registration begins at 7:00 am, the seminar begins at 8:00 am and ends at 4:00 pm. The classes are two hours each and end at noon, followed by lunch and then door prizes. He has called and reserved two to three spots and they can get some of their required CEU's as well. It will be held in Chandler.

Board member Jeffries moved permission to attend and take the city vehicle be given. 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.

Supt. Givens then stated they have the smoke test results and the street department and Jamie Miller helped a lot in this process. He added the results are self explanatory and the good news is there was no smoke coming from any downspouts. He added the issues that have come up he will address via a letter to the homeowner.

Lois Gray arrived at the meeting.

Supt. Givens then stated he needs to get the information together and then have a meeting on the results.

Board member Curtis replied that sounded good.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

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 for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated Mrs. Willis is in the Audience as the Building Commissioner and asked that she approach the podium.

Mrs. Willis presented this update on the Main Street properties:

On December 27, 2013 the City accepted bids at their Board of Works meeting for demolition of buildings downtown. The following bids were accepted:

Dore	\$193,400
Aigner	\$172,800
National Salvage	\$284,000
Russell Excavating	\$275,000
Earth Services	\$135,000

City Attorney Beth McFadin Higgins reviewed the bids and Dore, Aigner, National Salvage and Earth Services met the legal requirements for bidding.

I received a letter from Earth Services to extend their bid an additional 60 days beyond the initial 60 day period for demolition.

I also received a letter from Earth Services on 5-6-2014 to extend their bid 365 days beyond the initial 60 day period for demolition.

On October 16, 2014 I received a letter from Earth Services stating that they are a registered E-Verify contractor.

I am requesting that the Board of Works accept the low bid of Earth Services for the buildings downtown.

Board member Jeffries moved the Board accept the low bid of Earth Services for \$135,000 and proceed with the demolition of the downtown buildings. 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.

Mrs. Willis thanked the Board and then stated they had an insurance audit this summer and based on the audit they are looking at a web based management tool, of which they had a demonstration today. She stated she believes this tool would be a very beneficial work flow tool and help with their insurance audits.

Board member Curtis added this was originally developed for schools and they have expanded now to municipalities. He stated this is a small group that can custom build a system for the city that would really help with preventive maintenance. It tracks equipment purchases, maintenance, how old the equipment is, work requests, complaints, who took the complaint, and when.

Board member Jeffries added it sounds like a unified system for all fleets.

Board member Curtis stated for \$3,000 a year that is a deal – there is no on going contract, and they train the city's personnel.

Board member Jeffries added it will take time to build up the data base.

Board member Curtis then stated it is easy to track and he feels it is worth proceeding.

Mrs. Willis agreed and added all they can do is start and then build.

Supt. Givens stated the cost is low, no contract, doesn't seem like they would be losing anything.

Board member Curtis added it also archives and reports.

Board member Jeffries added they need to be careful with what they put in – put garbage in, get garbage out.

Board member Curtis stated everyone at the presentation today seemed favorable and excited.

Mrs. Willis agreed and added she would like permission to move forward.

Board member Jeffries replied it is worth a shot and at only \$3000 per year it would pay for itself in the long run.

Board member Curtis agreed. He then moved the city proceed with the system, as presented by Facilities Management Express. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Mr. David Goffinet of The Lochmueller Group asked that before they take the final vote, they are actually present to discuss something very similar to this.

Board agreed to table the vote until they hear from The Lochmueller Group.

Mr. Goffinet stated they asked to be on the Agenda today to discuss asset management – all assets in all departments. Assets are anything that can be counted like signs, etc. He added they can get the history, track the work done on the asset, etc. He stated Lochmueller is developing new collaborative tools that they need to test on their system to see if it works. This would be free to the city and basically a dry run for Lochmueller. He added they have chosen Mount Vernon for this test because

Mount Vernon is close to their office and they have been blessed to do work for the City. He then stated they do not want to over-promise anything, but again this will cost the city nothing. They will be focusing on three main areas: sign inventory, culvert analysis, and street and road management. He added again, Lochmueller is looking for an effective tool and this will be GPS/GIS driven, it can be mapped and recorded. He stated eventually they would like to be able to sell it to other communities, using Mount Vernon as the demo. He added they will only be concerned with a quarter of the city and again, they will be focused on sign, culverts, and streets in that area. All the work that Lochmueller does will belong to the city at no cost, but again, they need to be able to show it to other communities. He added they need to be sure that their system is user friendly, etc. They have to be able to test it somewhere. They will gather the data, the departments won't have to bother with that.

Board member Curtis stated he sat in on the presentation today from the other company and there may be SOME overlap here – maybe with work orders – but the other company was dealing more with machinery, vehicles, and problems that come up with those.

Mr. Goffinet replied he understands and added they will only be testing signs, etc. He then stated he supposes they could overlap some down the road. He added they will also be able to interface with Think Map as well.

Board member Curtis stated he believes this is what they are currently doing at the waste water treatment plant. Again he stated, he doesn't see that much overlap.

Board member Jeffries stated Facilities Management is a “property book”, and there doesn't seem to be much overlap.

Mr. Goffinet asked if Board would object to their coming in early November – in vests, with flashlights, tape measures, and iPods.

Board member Curtis stated maybe they could work together to be sure there is no overlap in workload – but he doesn't see any conflict.

One representative of The Lochmueller Group stated \$3,000 is very low, they may want to check for hidden fees.

Board member Jeffries concurred.

Board member Curtis stated they will look at that and he understands where Lochmueller is coming from.

Board member Jeffries added he hopes they are not low balling the city.

Board member Curtis asked if they need to give permission to move forward.

Mayor Tucker replied not yet.

Board member Jeffries asked which quarter of town they will be using.

Mr. Goffinet replied mainly areas on the fringes of town with culverts – and again, all of the information they get will be the city's when they are done.

Mayor Tucker asked Comm. Dieterle if he was OK with this ?

Comm. Dieterle replied yes.

Board then consented to let The Lochmueller Group to proceed and to show their work on the City of Mount Vernon to other communities.

Mayor Tucker then stated back to the vote on Facilities Management, they have a motion and a second. All those in favor of proceeding with Facilities Management should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported 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 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