

November 13, 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 Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Nancy Sexton; Larry Williams; Tom Hogan and other representative of Johnson Controls, Inc.; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

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 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 Fuelling 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.

Water Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray 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 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 they have the amended water service agreement for Valero, which they already approved. The agreement just needs Board signatures.

Board signed agreement.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

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 ?

Board member Curtis stated as the Board is aware, they have been working with JCI on possible upgrades to the water department. He added JCI has been working on the scope of work and the cost,

in an effort to try to be comfortable enough to move ahead. He then stated at this point, he is not comfortable enough to move forward. He added he feels they need to move ahead with the regular bid process. JCI did the engineering on the project, but he feels at this point, they need to look in a different direction.

Board member Jeffries asked if they need to look in a different direction because of the scope of work ?

Board member Curtis replied not really. He stated they thought the project was around a \$12M project, though the scope was actually closer to \$18M. He added they looked at it again and cut the project down to a minimum – the tower, two trident filters, the UV filters, and work that needs to be done in the plant itself. He stated they then ended up in the \$12.4M range. Again, they took a lot out of the project, but to him, it is still too high.

Board member Jeffries asked where they go from here ? What about storage ?

Board member Curtis stated he feels at the minimum they need the two filters, and they have known for some time that they needed extra storage, which has already been cut out of the previous work they have had done. They need that storage now, especially with new industries coming in, and the potential for more. He added they also need to provide better distribution and pressure. But, at the minimum, they need the UV, two filters, and more storage. He then stated he recommends they go on and take care of the engineering work that was done, as JCI said from the beginning of the process that the plans would be ours. He added there are a number of people from JCI present tonight. They have always worked with the city and this is not a reflection on them. He just does not feel comfortable in proceeding.

Attorney Higgins stated they will purchase the bid documents on all projects and work can carry forward. They will proceed with the traditional bid process.

Board member Jeffries agreed that would be the best thing and the most fiscally prudent. He added a project of this magnitude should utilize the public bid process. He added he agrees with Board member Curtis.

Board member Fuelling also agreed.

Board member Jeffries stated they need to put together a scope.

Attorney Higgins replied they has already been done.

Board member Curtis added JCI was contracted to do that. He wondered how quickly they would be able to move forward ?

Board member Jeffries stated there is a good chance the bids could come in lower.

Attorney Higgins stated the project will be bid just like any other public works project. Umbaugh is standing by, bond counsel is also on stand by.

Board consented to bid the project.

Attorney Higgins stated the \$700,000 contract they have – there is a time period that has to be paid within. Supt. Gray is aware of that, or it could be turned in with the bond.

Board member Curtis stated Supt. Gray is aware, and he has the funds to pay it.

Board member Fuelling agreed to bid the project, as did Board members Jeffries and Higgins.

Again, it was consensus of the Board to continue with the traditional bid process.

Attorney Higgins questioned timing – are the plans, etc ready for delivery ?

JCI replied they will be in a week or two.

Attorney Higgins stated she was asking for the rate consultant, as they needed a timeline.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any other Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business is a decision on the Thanksgiving Day meeting, November 27.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be canceled. 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 if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Board member Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Fuelling. 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

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following 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 Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Nancy Sexton; Larry Williams; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and Supt. Givens.

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.

Councilwoman Higgins 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 they 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 Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairwoman Higgins stated she would like to thank the police and fire for the cold, cold Halloween.

Chief Dixon stated they had 500 bags of candy left over, the weather was definitely a factor. He added they took the extra candy to the children's ward of a local hospital.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

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 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 the first item is the 2nd reading of the Ordinance Establishing a Policy Allowing the Acceptance of Credit Cards for the Payment of City of Mount Vernon Water, Sewer, and Trash Services.

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 Fuelling moved the rules be suspended. 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.

Councilman Fuelling 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 14-23.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is a Resolution for Temporary Loan for Park & Rec from EDIT.

She reminded Council that this was actually approved at the joint Council/Park Bd meeting. The amount is \$60,000, to be repaid by the end of the year, or when settlement is received.

Councilman Fuelling moved they adopt the Resolution. 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 relied it will be numbered 14-24.

Attorney Higgins stated she will get with Park Board President Bennett and Supt. Harshbarger concerning putting together a reduction plan. Hopefully she will be able to get that to the Council in January.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item, omitted from the Agenda, is the Ordinance Fixing the Annual Salaries of the Mayor, Clerk-Treasure, and Members of Council and the Board of Works, for the year 2015, payable from the General Fund, Water Utility and Sewage Utility. She added as it was not sent to them prior to the meeting, they can table until the next meeting or act on it. She reminded them they will be down to only about two meeting before the end of the year, and barring sickness and weather conditions, they may want to take action this evening.

Councilwoman Higgins moved the ordinance pass on first 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.

Councilwoman Higgins moved the rules be suspended. 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.

Councilwoman Higgins 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.

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

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business is action on the Thanksgiving Day meeting.

Councilman Fuelling moved the meeting be cancelled. 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.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilman Jeffries stated he has been walking around at night looking at street lights and compiling a list of ones that are out, etc to give to Comm. Dieterle He added he has walked 13 miles so far.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn was not present.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has had several comments on more lost semis out in Lawrence Addition. It creates a very difficult situation and he does not believe they are doing it intentionally. He added he has contacted GAF as well as Countrymark so they can address the situation with the drivers and he also believes that all maximum weight limit signs are up.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she would like to thank Evansville Western Railroad for the repair of the track on W. 4th Street. They are very smooth. She then stated December 6 is the 5th Annual Christmas on Main Street and it is bigger and better than last year. It will be an all day event including an antique sleigh and gingerbread competition.

Mayor Tucker stated he would like to commend Councilwoman Higgins and Larry Williams for their hard work on this, the 5th year for Christmas on Main Street. This is a great thing they are doing the kids and they do a fantastic job. Thank you.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Councilman Fuelling 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, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer