

October 16, 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, Hoehn, Curtis and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Larry Williams; Nancy Sexton; Mary Ann Fuelling; Judy Heberer; Cindy Naab; 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 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.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented. Seconded by Board member 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.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray stated Valero Renewables is going to be building a new truck load out facility and they are going to need a ¾” meter. He added this will be an addendum to their original water agreement, which was started under Aventine. He stated they need to pay the tap fee yet, and this will be for normal usage, around 160 gallons per day. He added Attorney Higgins has prepared the addendum, again, as Aventine had the original agreement, it does cover any successors, so there is an agreement in place. He concluded by stating the addendum has been sent to them.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Chairman Curtis moved the Board grant the request for the ¾” meter. 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 – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Gray continued his report by stating he can not keep the backhoe running. He has put enough money in it to repair it, that he could have purchased a new one. He added he would like to start shopping around for a new one.

Chairman Curtis stated Supt. Gray needs to get the info together on a new one, plus he would also like to see what Supt. Gray has spent on repairs on the backhoe in the last 12 months.

Supt. Gray concluded is report by stating their annual training through IRWA will be held in Columbus, IN on December 7 – 9. He would like permission for himself and two others to attend, arriving back on December 10.

Chairman Curtis moved they be permitted to attend and use the city credit card and a city vehicle. 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 – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously. He then 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 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 ?

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.

John Tucker, 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, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloat; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Larry Williams; Nancy Sexton; Mary Ann Fuelling; Judy Heberer; Cindy Naab; 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.

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

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 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 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 final reading of the Ordinance Establishing Appropriations and Tax Rates for the City of Mount Vernon for the Year Ending December 31, 2015. She added they had the public hearing at the last meeting, and there were comments.

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

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 14-20.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the final 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 Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on final 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 – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 14-21.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the second reading of the proposed Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Mount Vernon, The Town of Cynthiana, the Town of Poseyville and Unincorporated Posey County Chapter 153 – Zoning Code, Section 153.147-Use Unit 2 Area-Wide Special Exception Uses, 153.270-Definitions, Appendix A: Use Unit by Zoning District. She reminded Council that Mrs. Bourne of the Area Plan Commission was at their last meeting present this and it is in reference to residential storage structures.

Councilman 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 – yes; 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 – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

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

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 14-22.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the proposed Ordinance Establishing a Policy Allowing the Acceptance of Credit Cards for the Payment of City of Mount Vernon Water, Sewer, and Trash Services. She stated she sent them an amended version of the ordinance which added the language in Section II (E) Bank card or credit card, in such amounts and under such restrictions as required or permitted by the bank card or credit card vendor or issuing financial institution.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass on first 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 – yes; 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 Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

Councilman Fuelling asked if all of the parking issues have been taken care of now ?

Councilwoman Higgins replied she believes all is good right now.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

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

1st District Councilman Jeffries stated it is getting dark earlier and if someone should notice that a street light isn't working, they need to call City Hall about getting it fixed – it takes about a week.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report other than a heads up to drivers that on October 20 the railroad crossing on west 4th Street will begin to be repaired. The repair should take about three days hopefully – it's a good thing. He then asked about Mike Gangstad and the gravity flow sewer project in the annexed area east of town.

Mayor Tucker replied Mrs. Willis is working on getting a meeting scheduled with everyone on that. Supt. Givens stated October 21 or October 22 is when he would like to do that, but he does not think it will be possible really. He added they need a 48 hour meeting notice, they could possibly try the following week.

Councilman Jeffries stated just make sure that enough time is given for the notice.

Mayor Tucker agreed that the news media needs 48 hours notice.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated October 23 work should begin on the Lower New Harmony Road railroad crossing – and decent weather is predicted.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated Christmas on Main Street is coming up and she will be requesting street closures, etc. She added the planning is getting hot and heavy now and this year will be bigger and better and will be an all day event. The event is December 6.

Mayor Tucker added that is awesome.

Mayor Tucker stated there will be a press conference tomorrow morning at 10:00 am at the Courthouse. This announcement will be huge for the community and for quality of life here in Mount Vernon – it concerns the Stellar Project.

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