

January 22, 2015

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; John Gerton; Capt Angel; Officers Young and Givens; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and Mike Webster – The Posey Observer.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting as well as those of the Executive Session 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 Jeffries moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. 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 have the Swearing In of the newest police officers.

Officers Casey Young and Colton Givens came forward and were administered the Oath of Office by Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

After being congratulated by Mayor Tucker and the Board, Officers Young and Givens, and Capt. Angel left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Jeffries 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 reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated the Police Department has started up a Facebook page. He added they have had a lot of interest so far, with 6,500 views since January 4. Lt. Lemberg and himself are doing it and if anyone has any suggestions, just let one of them know.

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 annually the Sewer Dept., Street Dept., and the Fire Dept. attend the pipeline seminar and he would like permission to attend again on February 5, and take the city vehicle.

Mayor Tucker asked where it is being held ?

Supt. Givens replied Evansville. He added it is the 811 Call Before You Dig seminar.

Board member Curtis moved the city employees be permitted to attend and use city vehicles.
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.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has request from Phil Wells of TMI to paint a pedestrian crosswalk at W 2nd and Chestnut for their employees who have to park on the north side of W 2nd and walk to work. He added this is primarily in the mornings as there have been quite a few close calls. If nothing else, maybe this will make drivers aware there are pedestrians in the area and they will slow down.

Board member Jeffries replied that is good, though they may have to do something else.

Board member Curtis agreed it is a start.

Mayor Tucker added with signs and a crosswalk that should be a good idea

Board consented to the request.

Comm. Dieterle continued his report by stating the limb yard behind the jail is being vacated, as their lease is up. He added he is getting quotes on grinding some of that up. Russell's Excavating estimated is will cost around \$9,000.00 for the stuff in the center.

Mayor Tucker stated they have to do it a they took on that responsibility.

Comm. Dieterle stated it has to be cleaned up by May 1. He then stated they dropped 14 trees today at Riverbend Park. Now they need to get barges down there to protect against erosion.

Mayor Tucker stated he would like to the Comm. Dieterle for taking care of that. It surely was quite a job.

Board member Jeffries agreed that some of the trees were in precarious positions and he is sure they had to work extra hard and safely.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda. The first item is a Resolution Authorizing Appraisals.

Comm. Dieterle stated they are looking at 8 acres on Leonard Road for their limb yard. He added it is owned by Bradley, who wanted \$110,000.00 for the property. He stated they offered \$95,000.00 and it was accepted. They will move forward if the appraisals come in where they need to and then the city will take over the taxes on the property.

Board member Jeffries asked if that is located in the county ?

Comm. Dieterle replied yes and added barely.

Mayor Tucker stated this is a great location and the area is industrial as well.

Comm. Dieterle stated there is a good base underneath as well.

Board member Jeffries stated this is a much better location than the previous location, for the limb yard.

Mayor Tucker stated hopefully they will have the appraisals back by February 18.

Board member Curtis moved the Resolution Authorizing Appraisals be approved. 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.

Clerk-Treasurer added it will be numbered 15-1.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item has to do with the LARE grant application and the city matching funds. He stated this has to do with the erosion at Riverbend Park, per a presentation that was made last year to the Board of Works. He added the city will be providing the 20% matching funds from EDIT, line 431.

Board member Jeffries moved they proceed with the grant application and endorse the terms of the letter of 20% for the feasibility study. 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 in the Audience is John Gerton.

Mr. Gerton stated he and his wife will be having an Open House for the dealership and they would like to use the city lot behind Alles Brothers for a display area. It will be the last full week of February, with the Open House to be held on the 28th. He added they will also have no problem getting their certificate of insurance to the city.

Board member Jeffries asked if this will have an impact on Earth Services ?

Mr. Gerton replied he isn't sure and added he is not sure how much of that lot Earth Services will need for any of their equipment. He stated he will only need the half closest to their dealership.

Board member Curtis stated he will talk to them about possible orange fencing.

Board member Jeffries stated he has no problem with the request.

Mayor Tucker stated he will contact Earth Services tomorrow.

Board member Jeffries moved the request be approved, subject to no conflict with Earth Services, and pending receipt of insurance. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if they need any part of College ?

Mr. Gerton replied no, Alles' will be open and they don't want to cause people a conflict.

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.

Mr. Gerton thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Supt. Givens stated late last year he had told the Board about a problem with the Water Street Lift Station – the discharge pipe rusted and J & J took care of that for them. Well, the other pipe busted this week and J & J will be taking of that repair as well. He just wanted the Board to be aware.

Chief Dixon stated this has also just come up with the police and fire station building. The gutters need to be replaced, they are in very rough shape He added he has a quote from Gutter Tech for seamless gutters (\$2,898.00). TMI will be responsible for some of this, so it will not actually cost that much.

Board member Jeffries asked if this will come before them as a Change Order ?

Chief Dixon replied no.

Board member Curtis added it will be an additional expenditure as this was not included in any of the contracts.

Chief Dixon again stated TMI will be responsible for a portion of that.

Board member Curtis moved they go ahead with Gutter Tech, on the old portion of the building, not to exceed \$2,898.00. 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 stated they have a lot of old guns in the evidence room – abandoned firearms. He stated they can declare them as abandoned and then use them for trade in on the purchase of additional weapons.

Mayor Tucker stated there is a state statute that allows for this. He believes it is IC 36-1-11.

Chief Beloit stated he will provide them with a list at the next meeting and an estimate of the value.

He then stated he is sure the value is almost equal to the amount of the purchase of new ones.

Board member Jeffries asked that he get the list to them by the next meeting.

Chief Beloit stated he has also checked with the Prosecutor's Office to make sure none of the firearms are needed in any ongoing cases and they are not.

Board member Jeffries stated he is in favor of liquidation and monetizing of those things they no longer use, if they can.

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 and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer