

January 22, 2015

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; Supt. Givens; Tom Hogan – Johnson Controls; Ed Adams. Larry Williams; Nancy Sexton; Jeff Woodford; Mike Boerner – Consolidated Grain and Barge; 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 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 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 report of the Water Chairman.

**Water Chairman Curtis** stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray stated he received a notice from Invoice Cloud on the credit card billing system. They will be down some time in February for training and they should be up and running with that in mid March at the earliest.

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 ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated Mike Boerner is here from CGB concerning the water request they had discussed a few meetings ago. They are asking for a new water connection at the Port and she believes they may have the location worked out now.

Mr. Boerner replied yes, they have that figured out.

Supt. Gray added CGB will be boring under the road, the water department will be making the tap, and they will have two meter pits. He then stated there is no pressure problem in the area.

Attorney Higgins stated she can now work on finalizing the agreement.

Board member Curtis moved they approve the new water service, subject to completion of paperwork and a signed agreement. 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 Council voting as follow:

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

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Supt. Givens stated he has also met with Mike Boerner and wondered if he needed to come to the Board of Works about the sewer tap ?

Attorney Higgins replied they will need a sewer agreement for a new service, which she will prepare for the February 5 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 ?

There was none.

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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

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; Supt. Givens; Tom Hogan – Johnson Controls; Ed Adams. Larry Williams; Nancy Sexton; Jeff Woodford; Mike Boerner – Consolidated Grain and Barge; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and Mike Webster – The Posey Observer.

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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 Chairwoman Higgins** stated the intersection at Smith and O'Donnell they discussed at the last meeting – she and Comm. Dieterle have looked at that and there is 3-way stop sign there. So, it is marked. They are still working on a solution for that area.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

**Police & Dog Chairman Jeffries** stated next week is Thank You Blue Week. Get your blue lights.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

**Fire Chairman Hoehn** stated they are getting to completion on the Police and Fire Station Building.

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 stated they have the Financial Report and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman she received the In Lieu of Taxes check from Countrymark today.

Attorney Higgins asked if it was for both 2014 and 2015 ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied she is not sure but it was around \$70,000.00.

Attorney Higgins replied that is for 2014. They still owe for 2015, before March 1 of this year.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated she would get with Mrs. Collier.

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 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 153.181-Purpose, Section 153.183(J)-Parking Surface, and Section 153.245-Variations. She added the parking lot surface ordinance that has already passed two readings, and also unanimously by the Area Plan Commission.

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis. Mayor Tucker asked if there were 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 15-2.

Attorney Higgins stated next is the first reading of the Ordinance to Amend the City of Mt. Vernon Code of Ordinances, Title VII-Traffic code, Chapter 74 – Traffic Schedules – Schedule VII ( C ) – Weight Regulations. She reminded Council this is in reference to getting the truck traffic off of Kimball Street.

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were 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.

Attorney Higgins stated she will forward the ordinance to the Port for their information.

Councilman Hoehn asked that Councilwoman Higgins and Comm. Dieterle be prepared to get in the necessary signs.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana Authorizing the Reimbursement of Certain Expenditures Made Prior to the Issuance of Long-Term Financing. She explained that they will be closing on the bonds the first part of April (on the water project). If the Water Department expends any funds before that they can, by passage of this Resolution, be reimbursed to make themselves whole again. She added that at the next meeting they will have first reading on the rate ordinance and the Johnson Controls agreement.

Councilman Curtis moved the Resolution be approved. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were 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 15-3.

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 Curtis stated in reference to 9<sup>th</sup> and James Streets that they discussed at the last meeting with the MSD of Mount Vernon and the residents of W 9<sup>th</sup> Street, the school has agreed to re-route the bus. It will no longer go west on 9<sup>th</sup> Street, it will be east. The school is only requesting that a 3-way

stop be put in at 9<sup>th</sup> and James. It is a really shot section of street but with lots of traffic. He added he feels this is nothing but a good solution.

Councilman Fuelling added it sounds very reasonable.

Councilman Curtis further stated Mrs. Harle is fine with it as well and feels it is a good idea. He asked that Attorney Higgins prepare the ordinance the their next meeting.

Councilman Hoehn asked why a 3-way stop ? Won't a 2-way work ?

Councilman Curtis replied to block James; there is already a stop sign on James.

Councilman Hoehn stated he did no realize there was already a stop sign on James.

Councilman Jeffries stated that sounds totally reasonable.

Mayor Tucker added that route is also close to the Safe Routes to School.

Councilman Curtis agreed it is a good idea.

Council consented to have Attorney Higgins draft the ordinance for the next meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Councilman Curtis stated Mr. Evans with the MSD want to discuss the possibility of the city employees utilizing the clinic they have just opened at Hedges, and also possibly sharing purchasing, etc. He added they have reached out, and the city employees would be able to use their clinic.

Councilman Jeffries stated when he was still on the school board they had discussed this and the possibility is there to lower health insurance costs. He added it wouldn't hurt to look into this, as there is nothing to lose.

Mayor Tucker asked if Councilman Curtis would follow up with this ?

Councilman Curtis replied yes, and added as well as other co-operative efforts to save money.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> District Councilman Jeffries** stated he would like to thank Sherry Willis and Vectren – 25 lights that needed repair have all been repaired. The exit from the Port is getting truck use, but they are also still using Kimball. He added the State Street exit may need to be changed due to traffic patterns, and they may need a yield sign there. It kind of narrows.

Councilwoman Higgins stated she really does not care to use yield signs.

**2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Fuelling** stated there are some areas around one town, one of them being around Pop's Barn on Wolflin, where people making the curve are cutting to the inside corner. It was suggested that lines be painted there because if someone were to have an accident and there is no line, they could not be ticketed for being left of center. Again, there are other areas in town like this.

Councilman Curtis stated someone else brought them up to him as well.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilman Hoehn** stated he has no report.

**4th District Councilman Curtis** stated traffic is running smooth !

**Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins** stated next week is Thank You Blue Week and this has now even been heard about as far away as Chicago. Mount Vernon is out of the blue bulbs, but some people are putting up blue ribbons instead. They hope to make this an yearly event – the last week in January. She then stated Indiana's Bicentennial is next year and there will be a torch relay going through all 92 counties. Posey County will actually get two stops and Mount Vernon's stop is during River Days – September 11, 2016, and will be the third stop of the relay. They will also have with them a mobile museum on the history of Indiana.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Councilman Fuelling 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

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