

February 19, 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, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Board member Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Asst. St. Comm. Miller; Dr and Mrs. Scott Norris; Jeff Woodford; Ed Adams; and Lois Gray – Posey County News.

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 Higgins 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 everything is running as well as can be expected, considering the weather. They have the year end report before them but the highlights are that they replaced 400 feet of new main and had 32 main breaks in 2014.

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 they have the paperwork for the water connection for Consolidated Grain & Barge, at the port. She added again the paperwork is all in and the agreement just needs signatures. Board signed the agreement.

Attorney Higgins stated Umbaugh has sent a proposal concerning arbitrage services on the bonds for the water and sewer. She added they need to show to the IRS that the City isn't making any money on

the tax exempt bonds. The report needs to be completed by a national accounting firm. The Board of Works approved their half of the expenditure at today's meeting.

Board member Curtis moved the Utility Board accept the Umbaugh agreement for arbitrage services, splitting the cost with the sewer. 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 – absent; 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 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 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, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Councilman Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Asst. St. Comm. Miller; Dr and Mrs. Scott Norris; Jeff Woodford; Ed Adams; 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.

Councilman Curtis 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 unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Asst. St. Comm. Miller stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Police & Dog Chairman Jeffries stated they are 90% moved into their new facility.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

Fire Chairman Hoehn stated he has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Fuelling was not present.

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 of Additional

Appropriations in the COIT Fund for \$50,000, to help with the employees' health insurance premiums.

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 – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 15-5.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the second reading of the proposed Ordinance to Amend the City of Mount Vernon Code of Ordinances, Title VII-Traffic Code, Chapter 74-Traffic Schedules, Schedules I(A)-Stop Intersections and I(B)-Multi-Stop Intersections. She reminded Council is the intersection at 9th and James.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Higgins.

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 – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Curtis moved the rules be suspended. Seconded by Councilman Jeffries.

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 – absent; 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 – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 15-6.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the second reading of the Ordinance Amending the Schedule of Rates and Charges To be Collected by the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana from the Customers Served by the Municipal Water Utility of the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana.

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 – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is a Resolution of Temporary Loan for the Park & Recreation in the amount of \$100,000.00., from EDIT, as discussed at their last meeting. Said loan is to be paid back before December 31, 2015.

Councilman Hoehn moved the Resolution pass. 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 – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 15-7.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is an Ordinance to Rezone 105 Lawrence Drive from O (office district) to RS (residential single family). She stated Mrs. Bourne from the Area Plan could not make the meeting this evening, but the Norris' are here if there are any questions. The request passed unanimously by the Area Plan Commission. The purpose of the rezoning is the Norris' believe they have a buyer and the buyer cannot get a residential mortgage on a commercial property.

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on first 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 – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the final item is the Bond Ordinance, which is the first step in issuing BANs for the water project.

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 – absent; 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 ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Attorney Higgins stated sent Council a letter concerning their appointment to the City of Mount Vernon Economic Development Commission. She added they have one required annual meeting and then would only meet as needed.

Councilman Curtis stated he has not talked to anyone.

Councilman Jeffries stated nor has he, or even gauged anyone's interest at this point.

Councilwoman Higgins asked if they can have their appointment at the next meeting.

Attorney Higgins replied that is fine.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for District Reports.

1st District Councilman Jeffries stated it is cold and snowy and other than that he has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling was not present.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he would like to thank all city employees for making things safe for everyone during this winter weather. He added really appreciates it.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker stated if there were no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Councilman Jeffries moved the meeting be adjourned. seconded by Councilwoman Higgins. 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