

May 14, 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 Curtis and Jeffries attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Givens; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Bldg. Comm. Willis; Susan Harrison; Tina Parker – Posey Humane Society; 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 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.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Curtis moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. 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.

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

Chief Beloit stated he would like approval to make a change to their Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) – the hiring process. He added they would like to change it to allow persons still in good standing at the academy be exempt from the agility and written testing.

Board member Jeffries stated his one caveat to that would be to have them sign something stating that they have had injuries since the last testing...

Board member Curtis asked the time limit on that ?

Chief Beloit replied three years. He added they would still be required to take the physical and mental examinations. He stated Attorney Higgins is OK with this, though she will be adding some language to it as well.

Board member Curtis suggested adding the word MAY, they MAY be exempt.

Board member Jeffries moved the Board authorize a one time exemption from the SOP, pending permanent change to MAY exempt applicants who are/have attended the academy or are licensed in the State of Indiana, from the agility and written testing requirements. 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.

Chief Beloit concluded his report by stating the two new vehicles he ordered are in at Expressway.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Chief Dixon stated due to the impending demolition of the old City Hall, the old radio tower has to go. They are no longer using it and the MSD of Mount Vernon has voiced an interest in it. Board member Curtis moved the old radio tower be declared surplus/junk/salvage in order to remove it. 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 Dixon continued by stating also because of the demolition the storm siren will need to be removed from service. The MSD of Mount Vernon has graciously agreed to let the city put it on Hedges hill. He added he has a quote for a new siren and components - \$20,000.00; not including the cost of hook up. He then stated the school has offered to put it on the hill and supply the power.

Board member Jeffries asked if got a cost to move the old siren ?

Chief Dixon replied he isn't sure, it is pretty old, but he can do that.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Supt. Givens stated from their last meeting, he has gotten some quotes on a utility truck for the maintenance guys, but he does not have them all together. He then stated he has mainly been working on their permit, which is due October 2015. He added he will have the information for them at the next meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated the yard waste site is open on Leonard Road. He continued by stating he has the paving quotes from E & B Paving for the 2015 paving as well as three lots downtown – \$290,300.00. He added they may begin paving next week.

Board member Jeffries asked the hours at the yard ?

Comm. Dieterle replied Wednesday 8 am – 4 pm; Saturday 8 am – 4 pm; Sunday noon – 4 pm.

Ms. Willis added the hours are also on the city website.

Board member Curtis stated in reference to the paving of the lots downtown, they will have boat parking, but how they lay those lot out will determine how many they can actually get in there.

Board member Jeffries added they are going to want to look at that and be specific.

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, with the first item being opening bids for the sale of the St Dept truck No 5.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman opened the following bids:

Roger Bebout	\$200.00
John Reynolds	\$400.00
John Jones	\$350.00

Comm. Dieterle added it looks like Mr. Reynolds will be the lucky new owner.

Board member Jeffries moved the truck go to Mr. Reynolds. 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 the next item is a Resolution to Authorize Appraisals of Main Street Real Estate. Attorney Higgins stated the appraisals will be for 125 Main Street.

Board member Curtis moved the Resolution be accepted. Seconded by Board 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 Sitzman added it will be numbered 15-13.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is authorization to sell six parcels of real estate at public auction and advertise the sale.

Bldg. Comm. Willis stated the city has acquired several parcels after the tear down of structures. Once torn down, a lien is filed on the demolition and the city acquired them through tax sales. She added she would like to move forward with selling them for possible rebuilds. There are seven total; six for auction and one on a separate sale.

Board member Jeffries who is conducting the auction ?

Attorney Higgins replied Sohn Auction. She added there are specific statutes that have to be followed for a municipal auction. After considering the statutes, it appears the best option is a public auction.

She added the city will give notice to adjacent property owners as well. These will be cash purchases and opened and closed that day preferably.

Board member Jeffries replied this is nothing new. He then moved Ms. Willis be authorized to proceed with the sale of the following parcels at public auction, June 24, 2015:

831 Mulberry

1100 Canal

404 W 9th

203 W 8th

900 E 3rd

1329 Locust

and for private negotiated sale to adjacent property owner:

212 S Kimball

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.

Attorney Higgins stated the final item is the Sanitary Sewer Utility Easement approval for WSI. She added this is for the East Side Gravity Flow Sewer Project – no cost to the city.

Board member Curtis moved they approve the agreement, at the cost of \$1.00 with WSI for the East Side Gravity Flow Sewer Project. 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.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any other Legals.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated she would like authorization to request an advance draw on the city property tax settlement.

Board consented.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Audience portion of the Agenda.

Susan Harrison stated she is representing St Johns Episcopal Church. On Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 5pm to 10pm their congregation is sponsoring an outdoor event called "An Evening of Community Spiritual Revival". They will have a tent set up, porta potties, music, etc.

Board member Jeffries stated as a member of the congregation, he will recuse himself from the discussion and the vote.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added in reference to insurance purposes, they will need general liability.

Board member Curtis added they need to make sure they have lights or flashing lights of some kind since they will be going until after dark.

Ms. Harrison replied their insurance carrier says we don't need any special rider for the event since they won't be having alcohol. They are asking that 6th Street be blocked from Mulberry to the north/south alley behind the parish hall from 9am to midnight.

Board member Curtis moved the request be approved, pending proof of insurance. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then 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.

Ms. Harrison thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Tina Parker stated the Posey Humane Society would like to have their annual bucket shake at 4th and Main, May 30, from 8 am to noon. They discovered it is too hot in June to do this. She added they have the insurance through Schultheis. They raised around \$1,100.00 last year and have found that this is a pretty good fundraiser for them.

Board member Jeffries moved permission be given. 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.

Ms. Parker thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mrs. Willis stated upstairs at City Hall Annex where the Code Enforcement Office is located, there are several old wooden card catalog file drawers. She would like permission to declare them junk/surplus to make more room up there.

Board member Jeffries moved they be declared surplus/salvage in order to be disposed of. 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.

Comm. Dieterle stated on behalf of the American Legion, he would like permission to block Walnut Street to E. 2nd Street to the alley at the 5/3 drive thru entrance for a “block party”, on Saturday, May 16, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Board member Curtis moved permission be given, along with proof of insurance. 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.

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 Jeffries moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

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

ATTTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer