

June 11, 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; Asst. Chief Harms; Supt. Givens; Comm. Dieterle; Bob Beste; Shane Claybrooke; Corey Woolsey – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Andy Hoehn.

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 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 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 they finished their testing for a hiring list. They had 20 applications turned in; 17 showed for the testing, and 10 will now have background checks done.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Asst. Chief Harms stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated in the claims today is the NPDES renewal for their permit. He added he will mail it off tomorrow. He then stated when they purchased the pull behind jet machine about a year ago, they realized they needed a bigger truck to pull it. They have currently been using their dump truck to pull it. He added he has quotes from Elpers and Kahn Truck Equipment Company out of St. Louis. Expressway Ford was not interested in quoting.

Andy Hoehn arrived at the meeting.

Supt. Givens stated both quotes are pretty high, and he is not sure if they are at a price that it may need to be quoted – one was \$120,000 and the other was \$115,000. He added he would prefer the chassis come from Mount Vernon, but again, Expressway Ford would not give a quote on the truck.

Board member Jeffries asked if they need a winch arm, etc., or just a truck big enough to haul the machine ?

Supt. Givens replied they really need the winch, especially when it comes to getting in peoples yards.

Board member Curtis stated it looks like a nice set up, but it is also a lot of money.

Board member Jeffries stated there is a noticeable difference in the estimates.

Supt. Givens replied Elpers got Kahn's specs. They also switched from gas to diesel.

Board member Curtis asked if this vehicle will replace another vehicle they have ?

Supt. Givens replied no.

Mayor Tucker stated Elpers is located in Evansville and Kahn is in St. Louis, where would they have to take it for service ? St. Louis ?

Supt. Givens replied he was told St. Louis, but he can definitely check on that.

Board member Jeffries agreed he needs to find that.

Supt. Givens added they are also the higher bidder anyway.

Board member Curtis questioned a warranty ?

Supt. Givens replied that information is included in their packets.

Board member Curtis stated he would like to review the information and get back to this at the next meeting.

Supt. Givens replied that is fine.

Board member Curtis questioned the 30' reach on the crane – is there any smaller version of that ? He wondered if there was, it could possibly lessen the price some, although he would still want it to do the job that they need it to do.

Supt. Givens stated he prefers the bigger reach as a shorter winch really limits them.

Mayor Tucker stated this is something they will have for a long time.

Supt. Givens replied yes.

Board member Curtis stated he wants to be sure Supt. Givens gets what he needs, just make sure he gets the right size.

Supt. Givens stated Elpers brought a demo out with all the bells and whistles – the guys really like it.

Board member Curtis stated Elpers is cheaper at \$115,000 and they are closer to home.

Board member Jeffries agreed, especially when it comes to service.

Mayor Tucker stated they Board can review the two quotes and come back at the next meeting for a decision.

Board member Jeffries added they will know in two weeks about Kahn's service – is it can be done locally or not. He stated if not, he would definitely rule them out.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated he needs approval to close Water Street from Main to Walnut on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 3:30 to 4:30 pm for a wedding. He added they will leave the north side of the street open for folks at the Landing to be able to get in and out.

Board member Curtis stated so no parking on the south side ?

Comm. Dieterle agreed and added it won't really be a problem if cars are there, and again, it will probably not even be a full hour.

Board member Curtis moved approval for the closure be given, as stated above. 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 continued his report by stating he has a quote on a new striping machine. Theirs shot craps on them last summer and they had to finish painting lines on the street. The paving has just finished up and they need to get lines back on the roads. His quote is from PMSI out of Evansville for \$3,650.00.

Mayor Tucker stated they obviously need this, it will save them money, and in the end, pay for itself. Board member Curtis moved they accept the quote of PMSI out of Evansville for \$3,650.00. 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.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda, and the first item is possible action on the bid for the East Side Gravity Flow Sewer Project, with a note that the project may possibly be put on hold in order to re-bid for more bidders.

Supt. Givens stated they of course opened the bids at the last meeting – the only bid that came in was 60% (\$ 456,667.00) higher than the engineers estimate. He added Attorney Higgins and Mr. Gangstad feel that we should reject the bid and re-bid the project early next spring. He added SRF says the funds will still be available, though he would like to see that in writing. He stated this is a project they are still going to do, but it needs to be at a reasonable cost. He concluded by stating he will update the folks in the area to make them aware.

Board member Curtis asked how many funds were available for the project ?

Supt. Givens replied not enough to cover the entire cost.

Mayor Tucker added he believes just over \$900,000 is left in the account.

Board member Jeffries stated he understands they are hoping to attract competitive bidders by re-bidding the project, but have they looked at the scope of the project or are they going to leave that alone ?

Board member Curtis replied he is not sure, but he does not foresee any major changes in the scope. He would just like to see more bidders. He wondered if there were any major discrepancies in the line items, and there were some that were way out of line. He added they have asked Mr. Gangstad to review their work, etc., but they feel it is not on their end, they didn't estimate to low, this was just a very high bid. He concluded by stating there are no bells and whistles to this project, it is just a sewer line.

Supt. Givens stated he will get confirmation from Shelly Love before the bid is rejected, that the funds will still be available.

Mayor Tucker agreed they definitely need that and added Lochmueller's estimates have always been right on. Timing is of the essence.

Board member Curtis added there is no guarantee that there will be more bidders.

Supt. Givens added there are also price increases in materials to consider.

Board member Curtis stated they can wait two more weeks for confirmation from SRF.

Board member Jeffries agreed and added that it may NOT pay to wait.

Supt. Givens stated if they bid this again, they could have the same thing happen again, especially if they did it right now.

Mayor Tucker stated they want to proceed with the project, but at a prudent cost.

Board member Jeffries again stated he wants to see confirmation on the funds in writing.

Mayor Tucker asked Andy Hoehn's feelings on the issue.

Mr. Hoehn stated it is unfortunate that the numbers are out of line, but he questioned the timeline of the project. He added if they could maybe bid again in August, late summer, they could still get the project in this year. If SRF guarantees the funds. He added Mr. Gangstad knows construction and to re-bid now would not be a good thing. He stated he agrees it is out of line and it is sad, but he realizes they need to be smart with the money too.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any other questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is a Letter of Engagement with E&SSI (Environmental & Safety Solutions) on the Main Street Properties (201 – 213 Main Street), at a cost of \$1,500.00. He added Board needs to accept the Engagement Letter and authorize him to sign.

Board member Jeffries moved the Board approve the Letter of Engagement and that Mayor Tucker be authorize to sign. 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 Bob Beste is in the Audience this afternoon.

Mr. Beste approached and stated he is representing the Lions Club and needs permission for the annual fireworks display, which will be held on July 3. They will need the same street closures as they have had in the past.

Board member Curtis asked if they had a rain date ?

Mr. Beste replied not right now. They will be blocking Water Street from Mulberry to College.

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.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Shane Claybrooke approached and stated he has owned the Ice House at the corner of E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Owen since 2012. He has paved part of the right-of-way on the Owen side – about a 50' section. He added he would like to do the rest of it north to the alley and use as parking, but he doesn't have control over the parking. He stated he talked with Attorney Higgins who referred him to the Board. He would like to have control of the easement to continue with his plan. He wanted to have a 100' driveway to load trailers, etc and make a loop to make it easier. There are people that park on it sometimes – some even over night. He then requested that car to be towed, but it is not technically his property.

Board member Curtis stated it sounds like he is wanting customer parking only,

Mr. Claybrooke replied yes and added it is a 140' lot and it is half done. He would like to do it all but not until he has control of it.

Board member Jeffries stated he would like to look at the area to see what exactly Mr. Claybrooke wants.

Mayor Tucker questioned the residents next door.

Mr. Claybrooke replied they are not the problem.

Mayor Tucker asked if he could come back in two weeks so that Board member Jeffries can take a look at it, as well as Comm. Dieterle. He added they may to include Attorney Higgins as well to be sure it is all legal.

Mr. Hoehn questioned the Area Plan Commission or the Zoning Appeals, if he had been there.

Mr. Claybrooke replied he believes that yes, he went to the Area Plan.

Mr. Hoehn suggested he check with them too concerning any property line issues.

Board member Curtis suggested he call Mindy Bourne to verify.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business, he has been getting complaints of semis on Smith Road. Board member Curtis added Lawrence Addition is ridiculous. He added he sees one everyday. He stated Google Maps routes them down Roosevelt. Maybe a police presence would help, get the word out more, or even pull people over but not ticket them.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were 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