

July 9, 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 member Curtis attending. Board member Jeffries was not present. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Moss; Gene Carroll; Jim Elpers – Elpers Trucking; Jace Redman – MV Miles; Janet Johnson; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Jeremy Coe – Cabelas King Cat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting order by stating members were mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of the 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 Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there were any questions?

There were 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 Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there was 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 new vehicles are in. One is being used and the other is getting equipped. He then stated they are still working on the background checks from the hiring process and after that is complete, they will set up interviews. He concluded his report by stating Lt. Lemberg is putting together prices and a plan for training and he will get that to them as soon as it is complete.

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 he has some follow up issues from the last meeting – the utility truck, the line at College Avenue, etc. He stated in reference to the College Avenue line, they did find the existing manhole that was covered up. They dug it up.

Supt. Moss added a riser should bring it to street level.

Supt. Givens stated Supt. Moss has pictures of the lift station on Parke Street as well. They have the money for these projects, they need to get them done.

Supt. Moss stated the lift station at Park Ridge and Smith Road has some issues. He added he and Mr. Carroll took pictures of that as well. The lift station actually puts more water in their system.

Mr. Carroll added it takes in way too much water.

Supt. Moss this is located in front of the Roger Waters home.

Mr. Carroll added there is also water running over the electrical box – it is pretty dangerous.

Supt. Moss agreed and added water shoots through the walls.

Board member Curtis stated there is no argument there, it needs updated. Sawmill, College...He added they have a study going on and they should have information back in the next few weeks. He stated it makes sense to get this information along with the report on the flow meters, etc. and then lay out a plan.

Supt. Givens stated he has talked with some pump vendors but only K & M would actually come down and look at it and give a quote - between \$50,000 - \$75,000.

Board member Curtis stated he hasn't worked with wastewater as much as he has with the water. He asked if cant get another quote.

Supt. Givens stated there are several other vendors but he wanted someone they have previously worked with. K & M has the best pumps and he was the only one proactive in getting information back to him.

Board member Curtis stated he would like to compare first. He added he isn't questioning the need for the upgrade, just how they need to go forward.

Mayor Tucker agreed and added it should be a priority. He stated Supt. Givens should try to get three quotes and bring them back to the meeting. Start the ball rolling. Safety of the employees is of course a priority, as well continued service to the customers.

Board member Curtis agreed and added the money is there so they need to get on it. He stated Supt. Givens needs to get the numbers ready for the next meeting.

Supt. Givens stated he wants a firm price for the whole job.

Supt. Moss added that sounds good.

Supt. Moss brought up the service truck. He stated sometimes they have to call J & J out to pull their pumps.

Mr. Carroll added or they have to use their backhoe - which is not ideal or safe.

Board member Curtis asked how often they pull pumps.

Supt. Moss replied it has been awhile, but you never know.

Supt. Givens stated they have 16 lift stations - they all need pulled out to be inspected and checked.

Board member Curtis asked how often.

Supt. Givens replied between 10 and 30 times - if they had the right equipment they would pull them more often.

Supt. Moss agreed they needed to be doing preventive maintenance. This truck has the boom, lights.....it is safer with all the equipment that it has.

Mayor Tucker added Supt. Givens checked on the maintenance at the last meeting.

Board member Curtis agreed they had discussed that at the last meeting.

Jim Elpers added it comes with 75' foot of cable. He added Evansville has three or four of these trucks and they come with all the safety devices.

Board member Curtis asked if this is the Cadillac ?

Mr. Elpers replied it is the top of the line unit, yes. There are cheaper ones, though they may not last as long.

Board member Curtis asked if he sells the cheaper ones though.

Mr. Elpers replied yes.

Board member Curtis stated he realizes there will be wear and tear, but do they really need to spend \$110,000 on this truck ? They won't wear it out. He then asked how many work orders they have that would require this truck ?

Supt. Givens replied they are doing one or two a week.

Board member Curtis stated maybe that unit that they are working on once or twice a week needs replaced. He stated they need more than what they have, but he isn't sure they need all of this.

Supt. Moss added they need this to pull the jet machine.

Board member Curtis replied if that is the main reason, then you don't need this truck.

Mr. Elpers stated this type of truck has many uses. It saves a lot of lifting and back injuries. Mayor Tucker added that is a good point. They need the right equipment. Maybe something in between, price wise.

Board member Curtis stated that option hasn't been explored. He questioned the price of other equipment that can do the same job.

Supt. Givens stated they have never had a true working utility truck so they don't know how much they would use it.

Board member Curtis replied it is the same with every other department – you can make a recommendation based on past performance.

Mr. Elpers stated they have less quality products and he can do whatever the Board wishes.

Board member Curtis stated he likes Mr. Elpers' equipment and he isn't questioning the quality.

Mr. Elpers stated again, he will be glad to do whatever the Board wants.

Board member Curtis stated going from nothing to \$110,000 – that is quite a jump.

Supt. Givens stated the main cost is the bed of that truck.

Mayor Tucker stated this is something that if they purchased they would have for many years.

Mr. Carroll stated this is something they have needed for a long time.

Board member Curtis it would be utilized very lightly compared to what kind of use it is actually built for. He then asked that Supt. Moss and Mr. Carroll take him out next week and educate him on what they do and why they need this truck.

They agreed that was fair.

Mayor Tucker stated they can get back to this at the next meeting.

Board member Curtis stated he just needs to justify that amount of money.

Mr. Elpers left the meeting.

Supt. Givens stated College Avenue – the trouble now is actually in a different spot than previously. He is having a hard time getting a quote. In fact he has heard nothing back in three weeks. Best Equipment can come down and bring some different nozzles. That way we can try them before we buy. Help to determine the route they need to go.

Supt. Givens concluded by stating Mike Brandsasse needs four things for the lab. He had the list but must have left it at the office. He believes the most expensive was around \$4,000.00.

Board member Curtis stated if you have to have things, try to get them locally first of all. Second, if he needs it to run tests that is a necessity.

Supt. Givens stated he is using old, obsolete stuff.

Board member Curtis stated they need to replace and purchase on a regular basis so it isn't an emergency.

Jeremy Coe arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Tucker stated consensus was to purchase if it is needed. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legal's for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated in the Audience is Jace Redman.

Mr. Redman approached and stated he is here for the 4th Annual Miles for MV Athletics. He added this year's event will be held on August 15 in the morning and they will be using the same course as always. They will ask for barricades Friday evening and they will set them up and take them down. Their insurance is through the school, so they are covered there. They also will not be crossing 4th or Main Street.

Board member Curtis asked if 7:00 am to 11:00 am sounded OK ?

Mr. Redman replied they will actually be done around 9:00 am.

Board member Curtis moved permission be given to use the streets for the event. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there were any questions ?

There were 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.

Board member Curtis reminded Mr. Redman to make sure he gets a copy of their insurance to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Janet Johnson stated on September 26 they are having a small backyard wedding at their house. She would like permission to block Locust Street between 6th and 7th Streets for the day. The entire day would be great. She added she has talked with the neighbors and they are all fine with it.

Mr. Redman left the meeting.

Board member Curtis moved permission be given. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then asked if there were any questions ?

There were 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. Johnson thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Jeremy Coe approached and stated he is Cabelas King Cat, Cat Fish Tournaments. He added they are focusing on the rivers, and as Mount Vernon is right on the Ohio River, they are interested in having an event here. He added there are several teams from the area and they typically have around 20 tournaments a year. They tend to draw big crowds.

Board member Curtis asked about numbers.

Mr. Coe replied around 45 boats on a one day tournament. A two day tournament will draw around 55 to 60 boats. He stated one day events are held on Saturdays and two day events are Friday and Saturday. They also do a kids rodeo on Saturday morning for those age 0-12. He added there is a hosting fee that is required for advertising purposes: \$5,000 for a one day event and \$10,000 for a two day event. He concluded by stating an approximate economic impact for an event like this is around \$200,000.00.

Mayor Tucker stated at River Days they had a tank that featured every fish that was native to the Ohio River and it was a big hit. He added he really likes this and he can find the money if the Board and Council want to move forward.

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 Mayor Tucker, who then 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