

September 3, 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; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Moss; Gene Carroll; Brittany Johnson – Chamber of Commerce; Larry Gobel and Scott Titzer – Infinity Molding; Tiffany Clark; Brittany Belcher – Cynthia's Peace; Kay Kilgore; 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 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 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 be allowed for payment, after review. 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.

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

Chief Beloit stated he would like the Board to accept the recommendation of the interview board, as a result of the Executive Session.

Board member Jeffries moved the Board accept the recommendation of the interview board. 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 he and Chief Dixon has been discussing the issue they are having with the new building and their cell phones. Since the building is metal they have no cell service inside of the building. They would like to split the cost of a booster, which would cover 10,000 sq feet, but they would need to use the city credit card to make the purchase. He added the cost of the booster is around \$460.00.

Board member Jeffries moved permission to use the card the booster 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.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Moss stated the utility truck will be delivered around November 30, 2015. in reference to the UV lights, he will let Mr. Carroll update the Board.

Mr. Carroll stated when Lochmueller did their walk through this was discussed. The UV lights help with their kill ratio on what they are letting back out into the river. They have never worked right. He added he is not sure why they have not been fixed. He does have a quote, from a company in Canada as vendors for this type of equipment are hard to locate. He further stated they are getting false readings and most all of the lights are on all of the time and therefore are their useful hours. He added at least 50 to 60 bulbs need to be replaced at a cost of \$341.00 per bulb. He would like to replace them all, over a period of time.

Board member Curtis added they are also not functioning right, they are on all the time.

Mr. Carroll added they get false negatives which results in overkill.

Board member Jeffries asked if they are under warranty ?

Board member Curtis replied no, not any longer.

Mr. Carroll replied this will be a two day service call at a cost of \$1200 per day, plus the overnight.

Board member Curtis stated they really have no choice, they have to do this.

Mr. Carroll stated they acted like they could get on it pretty quick.

Board member Curtis agreed they should probably wait to replace all of the bulbs until they out why they are not functioning properly.

Mr. Carroll stated one whole panel has been out since the beginning.

Board member Curtis stated all that was gone over with the engineering company.

Board member Jeffries stated if they are on all the time, he can only imagine that the Vectren costs are up as well, those UV lights really draw some juice. He then stated they need to get those folks down here and get this fixed.

Mr. Carroll agreed and added it is going on three years now.

Board consented for them to move forward with the evaluation with the firm from Canada.

Supt. Moss continued by stating Mill Creek Lift Station was cleaned by Thompson Pump and it looks real good and it is cleaned up. But now, they have had a sensor go bad. A tech needs to check it out. He added he and Mr. Carroll looked at it and tried to fix it, but they couldn't.

Board member Curtis relied that is routine maintenance.

Supt. Moss the cost for them to just look at it is \$1548.00.

Board member Jeffries added again, that is routine maintenance.

Board consented to the repair.

Supt. Moss then stated in reference to the safety equipment they ordered after the last meeting, three of the four items are in, the fourth is on backorder.

Board member Curtis stated they just need to follow protocol.

Mr. Carroll added they will be doing some training. Ms. Bethel has gotten quotes on that and they are working on getting it scheduled. The training on confined space is mandatory, but they haven't had that.

Board member Jeffries again stated, these are routine operations.

Mr. Carroll added they all need certified.

Board member Curtis stated make it happen.

Board consented.

Board member Curtis asked how quickly they can get this done ?

Supt. Moss replied as soon as possible, Monday or Tuesday.

Mr. Carroll added the confined space training is an eight hour course, done by On Site Health & Safety.

Supt. Moss stated the Smith Road Lift Station is still in progress. He added they are making specs to get it done the right way. As a result, they have work order #4 with the general service agreement.

Mr. Carroll added they will put together a spec sheet because the quotes were pretty varied.

Supt. Moss stated they should have something back within two weeks.

Board member Jeffries moved work order #4 be approved. 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.

Supt. Moss stated there is a sinkhole in the 200 block of Water Street. They have televised the line and it needs replaced.

Mr. Carroll added the taps into the city line are coming apart.

Board member Curtis stated just lining the line won't work.

Mr. Carroll stated the city responsibility is the main line.

Supt. Moss added the problem is with the laterals.

Board member Curtis stated they may need to look into that and get back with them.

Supt. Moss replied the sinkhole is bad. He added he filled it with grindings yesterday.

Board member Jeffries stated sinkholes need to be addressed. They need to get some information together and report back to the Board.

Board member Curtis asked if they can start on it right away ?

Board member Jeffries stated the infrastructure is old.

Supt. Moss stated they will need Don Rye on the backhoe to dig it up for them.

Board member Curtis asked if it will be fixed within the next seven days ? He added if not, they need to do what they can to make it safe for River Days.

Mr. Carroll stated so far that grindings seem to be holding.

Comm. Dieterle added they have a steel plate they can put over it as well.

Board member Jeffries agreed that at this point, they just need to make it safe.

Supt. Moss mentioned Infinity Molding, they are present for a new sewer tap.

Mr. Gobel stated Supt. Moss came out to their facility, as well as Pre-Treatment Dir. Givens. He added they have sent a letter to IDEM and they are fine with the request.

Mayor Tucker reminded the Board that they are located outside the city limits.

Mr. Gobel stated they also have the paperwork from Attorney Higgins. He added this is not a new tap.

Board member Curtis moved they approve the sewer tap, pending completion of all legal documents.

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. He then asked if there were any questions of Supt. Moss ?

There were none.

Mr. Gobel and Mr. Titzer left the meeting.

Comm. Dieterle stated he needs permission to use the city credit card tomorrow. The guys will be going to Mitchell for CDL class, taking the packer truck, and just need the card for lunch.

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. He then asked if there were any other questions ?

There were none,

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated under the Audience portion of the Agenda, a couple of people have asked to be on the Agenda, and first up is Kay Kilgore.

Ms. Kilgore stated she is the Chairman of River Days and she is here to request road closures for their event, coming up next weekend. She then went over the map for the closures for each day with the Board and department heads. She stated on Saturday for the parade, line up will be at 5:00 starting at 10th and Harriet, parade at 6:00 on Main to the riverfront.

Ms. Kilgore added Saturday is the pet parade, from 3rd and Colledge to Water Street. She would ask for a patrolman as last year they had issues on 3rd Street with traffic. The car show will be on Sunday this year on Main from 4th to Water, and everything should be opened back up again around 6:00 pm on Sunday.

Board member Curtis moved they grant the request, per the maps, as presented for those four days for River Days. 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 next on the Agenda is Cynthia's Peace.

Brittany Belcher stated she is with Cynthia's Peace. They are requesting, on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month, to come in to town and pick up cigarette butts, beer bottles, trash, etc... They walk the town and clean up all the trash. They will contact local churches for possible help and anyone is welcome. She has talked with the Solid Waste District and they will let them recycle through her. She added they are seeking the city's approval to do this.

Board member Jeffries stated that is a great idea.

Board member Curtis stated they just need to follow the traffic rules.

Miss Belcher stated they will reach out to the police department as well to hopefully have them talk about trash safety. They would start at the riverfront and go all over town.

Board member Curtis stated they may want to talk to the Park Department as well.

Mayor Tucker asked when they would start ?

Ms Belcher replied the second week in October, then consistently.

Board member Curtis stated this is something they don't need Board permission to do.

Miss Belcher replied they are just trying to cover all of their bases. She then thanked the Board for their time.

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

Tiffany Clark approached and stated she is the owner of Silverwood and she some others in the audience are here today(Deans Diner and Rumours) to discuss the food trucks that have been coming in to town. She stated the Board works hard to make great things in happen in Mount Vernon, as well as Ms. Johnson with the Chamber. These food trucks have impacted her personally. She has lost \$1200.00 in two days of revenue. She added she employs local people and between the three

businesses here today, they employ 26 people. She then asked if anyone on the Board could make it if they took that kind of income from them ? She stated as local business owners, they have had amazing support, but how do they make up the loss of their revenue from these trucks ? She then stated they have discussed that the first thing they would have to do is cut their charitable donations.

Ms. Clark went on to say that no one wants to see the riverfront fail. The local businesses can help draw support to the riverfront. They have good ideas to keep the money here in Posey County. Now, the food trucks are taking the revenue with them to Warrick and Vanderburgh Counties. The small business owners don't feel the food trucks are good for Mount Vernon. Not now. When small businesses are succeeding, then bring them in. She then stated the next time this comes up, they wish the Board would reconsider. They aren't Hawg N Sauce. Mr. Schelhorn has a great thing going. We don't all bring in \$100,000 a year.

Board member Jeffries stated the city, this Board, did not bring the food trucks in. In fact, the city had no action to take, the city does not regulate that.

Ms. Clark replied it was her understanding that this Board did.

Board member Curtis stated he agrees with Board member Jeffries. They don't need this Board's permission. As far as ideas, if they have them, bring them. The Board would love to hear them. He then stated the Board welcomes their ideas and will help in any way they can. Again, they would love to hear them.

Ms. Clark stated they were interested in a food crawl.

Board member Curtis stated he would entertain those ideas.

Ms. Clark state Franklin Street in Evansville is a prime example, and a great idea. The city's local businesses are losing revenue because of the food trucks.

Board member Jeffries stated the trucks are temporary, they are here today and gone tomorrow. These issues need to be discussed with the Chamber. The trucks were brought in by the Chamber. That is what the Chamber is there for. An actual conversation needs to be started with them on this.

Ms. Clark stated they still have a loss of revenue. This affects the staff, their revenue, their business...the riverfront helps all of us.

Board member Curtis stated they need to be working with the Chamber. They have some great ideas.

Board member Jeffries stated he supports the local businesses however he can.

Ms. Clark replied that she appreciates that.

Board member Jeffries stated he hears what she is saying, but he is not sure what this Board can do.

Ms. Clark replied they want it stopped. It is damaging local business.

Board member Jeffries stated this is raising awareness.

Ms. Clark asked what Board approved the food trucks, they will talk to that Board.

Mayor Tucker stated the Board was approached by the Chamber about the food trucks. It sounded good. They even discussed including local businesses for a food day. He hears all the time from outside engineers he brings to town, how very fortunate Mount Vernon is to have the restaurants we have here – independent restaurants. The food trucks were just an idea to build on. They sure didn't want to put a hardship on any local business.

Ms. Clark stated no ones feels this was done maliciously. Their point is they are losing revenue.

Board member Curtis stated this is not the Board that stops food trucks. We can't help with that. He added they need to bring the Board the ideas they have and the Board will help all that they can.

Ms. Clark replied she understands. She just wants a level playing field for everyone. She added her point is they need to find a way to do it without it being a detriment to local business. They have ideas. This Board, as their city leaders, need to tell them about this.

A representative of Deans Diner stated the local businesses should have been asked first.

Ms. Johnson stated this is her fault. She did the food trucks. She added she reached on to some of the food truck vendors on Facebook.

Ms. Clark stated they are losing revenue and it stings.

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

Someone asked what the city was going to do about the gypsies on the waterfront with their food trucks. She has heard six more of them are coming in. Where does it stop ? She then stated food generates more money in Mount Vernon than anything else.

Mayor Tucker replied the city can not tell them no – if they aren't breaking any rules.

Ms. Johnson stated she appreciates their comments. She added she chose Mount Vernon to be her home, the place she wanted to raise her kids, etc. She stated the food truck idea was so hopefully other businesses, etc., would see the potential here. Trying to be progressive. She then stated she was hoping the food trucks would be seen by people coming through town and realize that Mount Vernon was open for business. Ms. Clark bringing in the Donut Bank is great. Waters Edge is closed on Mondays and they put up a tent and had a crab boil. She talked with the owner and was told their tent did a great business. She added they need to look into the future. She then stated she wants to thank everyone that does have a small business here.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else 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 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

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman

Clerk-Treasurer