

September 17, 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; Bldg. Comm. Willis; Beth Higgins, Mel Levin and Mike Ashworth – Posey County Chamber; Tina Parker – Posey County Humane Society; and Corey Woolsey – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either 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 and that 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 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 he needs permission for Ben Bohleber to use the city credit card and vehicle. He actually has already left as this came up after the last board meeting. He has gone to Plainfield, to ILEA, for training. He will also need to use the card and vehicle again September 30 – October 2, for EVOC training.

Board member Jeffries moved both requests 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.

Chief Beloit continued his report by stating their new hire, Skyler Turner, has had his physical and psychological examinations and they are awaiting the results. Hopefully he will be able to start October 1.

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. Moss reported all of the safety equipment has now been received, and the UV light representative will be down next week to take a look at that situation and hopefully find out what is wrong with the lights. He continued by stating they have safety classes scheduled for September 28 – the confined space entry class is an eight hour class.

Mr. Carroll added that everything is running smoothly, and he is about to enter the second monthly report on line. He then stated the State was down this past week and they were pleased with everything that they saw. Everything is going real good.

Supt. Moss stated the Vac Con truck had to go to Ruxer for some oil leak repairs. They then discovered that the tires have dry rotted. He added he has been with the department 13 years and they have never been replaced that he is aware of. The tires will be replaced once the truck is back from Ruxer.

Mayor Tucker stated they are going a good job down there. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has a street/alley cut for the alley in the 500 block of east 4th Street between 4th and 5th Streets.

Board member Jeffries asked if this is the area behind Canal and Wood ?

Comm. Dieterle replied yes.

Board consented to the cut and signed the permit.

Comm. Dieterle continued by stating he has request on behalf of the Posey County Humane Society for a trash refund, in the amount of \$779.27. He stated they were annexed back in 2008, and as a result started being billed for trash pick up. However, they have never had city trash pick up. He stated he was shown a receipt from a commercial trash collection service from them as well.

Board member Jeffries moved the refund in the amount of \$779.27 for the Posey County Humane Society 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.

Comm. Dieterle concluded his report by stating they need to trade in their loader/tractor. This is the one they use for snow removal, salt, etc..... He added he has three quotes with him today....

John Deere \$45,837 with no trade in allowance

J L Farm Equipment \$34,865 with a trade in allowance

Juncker Brothers \$34,605 with a trade in allowance

Board member Curtis stated the John Deere is considerably higher.

Comm. Dieterle replied the one they are trading in they paid \$44,485 for back in 2003.

Board member Curtis asked if the reason for the trade is maintenance issues ?

Comm. Dieterle replied yes.

Board member Jeffries asked if this was another Case ?

Comm. Dieterle replied yes.

Board member Curtis asked if he had the money in his budget ?

Comm. Dieterle replied yes.

Board member Curtis moved permission to purchase from Juncker Brothers be given, at a cost of \$34,605, the low quote. 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 Comm. Dieterle ?
There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they are ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda, opening bids on the demolition of 709 Main Street.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman opened the bids in the order in which they were received, as follows:

Earth Services	\$14,900.00
Steve Wildeman Excavating	\$ 9,800.00
D K Parker Co., Inc.	\$29,000.00

Board member Curtis moved they accept the low bid of Steve Wildeman Excavating, pending review by Bldg. Comm. Willis and legal review by Attorney Higgins. 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 have some Chamber members in the Audience today.

Beth Higgins approached and stated they would like to give the Board an update from the Posey County Alliance. She then presented the following:

Thank you to the City of Mt. Vernon and the numerous individuals that have supported the new and exciting idea of having food trucks at the Mt. Vernon riverfront. Inviting food trucks to Riverbend Park gives us the opportunity to showcase the amazing transformation of our downtown. Local residents and out of town guests and employees, while visiting the vendors, are beginning to experience the great atmosphere at the riverfront and are seeking out other resources in our community, including other retail establishments, services, restaurants, and hopefully, a housing development. In addition, food truck vendors that do not already have a permanent location in Mt. Vernon may also want to become a party of this exciting growth in Mt. Vernon and locate here. By the works of one event, we all grow !

The Mt. Vernon Downtown Strategic Plan was updated in June 2014 by surveying our community. The #1 goal developed from the study was to "create an environment that attracts and retains businesses" and goal #6 was to, "continue to embrace the river as the centerpiece downtown." The Posey County Alliance of the Southwest Indiana Chamber is excited to use the results of the Strategic Plan to launch new ideas, like the food truck initiative. Success of this new activity has already been revealed. Mary Esker, the owner of Water's Edge on Water Street, said her business was slow the first Monday the food trucks were in Mt. Vernon. However, she stepped up and asked if she could join them at the Riverfront of Monday, August 31st and had an outstanding response and experience.

The next few years are brining many new opportunities to Mt. Vernon and Posey County. The Posey County Alliance of the Southwest Indiana Chamber will continue to promote Posey County. We will focus our efforts, in coordination with others, to give priority to goals in the Vision Section of the Strategic Plan: future residents, future businesses, quality of life, and more eateries.

As we look to the future, attracting residents is tantamount. Statistics show that Indiana's population is again. The younger generation is choosing to live elsewhere. Businesses will follow residents and quality of life will increase, it is a domino effect. The Posey County Alliance of the Southwest Indiana Chamber intends to work hard to change this direction for Posey County by introducing new ideas while embracing our traditions. We look forward to being a catalyst, with other groups and individuals interested in the success of our community, to make Posey County a place to live, work and play !

Board member Curtis stated Ms. Johnson really does a good job letting the Board know that she is working for the City.

Mayor Tucker stated Tina Parker with the Humane Society is here.

Ms. Parker stated the Humane Society would like to have a fundraiser – a Zombie Walk – on October 10. She added they are requesting to block Water Street just in front of the Eagles Home, from noon to around 4:00 pm at the latest.

Board member Jeffries moved Water Street be blocked on October 10, from noon to 4:00 pm, from Main to College, for the Humane Society Zombie Walk fundraiser. 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 there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker 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