

June 25, 2015

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Jeffries, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Board members Fuelling and Hoehn were not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Lt. Lemberg; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Givens; Larry Williams; Nancy Sexton; Troy and Brandy Ricketts; Randy Adams; 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 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 Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins 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 report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated not at this time.

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

Attorney Higgins stated they have an engagement letter from Umbaugh for financial services in reference to the bond issue. The Board of Works authorized Mayor Tucker to sign on their behalf today, now the Utility Board needs to give the same authorization.

Board member Curtis moved Mayor Tucker be authorized to sign the engagement letter with Umbaugh, and that he, Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman or Bookkeeper Blackburn be authorized to sign any other documents associated with the engagement letter. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.
Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Water Utility 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 Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.
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

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Jeffries, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Councilmen Fuelling and Hoehn were not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Lt. Lemberg; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Givens; Larry Williams; Nancy Sexton; Troy and Brandy Ricketts; Randy Adams; 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 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.

Councilwoman Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Higgins stated she has no report.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

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

Police & Dog Chairman Jeffries stated he has no report.

Lt. Lemberg stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

Three were none.

Fire Chairman Hoehn was not present.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Fuelling was not present.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

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

Attorney Higgins stated the first item is a public hearing on the Ordinance of Additional Appropriations.

Mayor Tucker opened the public hearing by stating the Additional Appropriations are being requested in the COIT, EDIT, MVHF, and General Funds and cover such items as the relocation of the limb yard, city election, relocation of a storm siren, limb yard clean up, etc. He asked if anyone wished to address the Council on the Ordinance of Additional Appropriations.

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker then closed the public hearing.

Attorney Higgins stated the ordinance is now ready for third reading.

Councilman Jeffries moved the ordinance pass on third reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 15-16.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the second reading of the Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of One of More Series of Environmental Improvement Revenue Bonds. She added there will be a public hearing June 30, 2015 at 10:30 am on the project.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins added today she received SIGECO's application, which will require Mayor Tucker's signature, concerning the city partnering with them.

Councilman Jeffries moved Mayor Tucker be permitted to sign the application. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated next on the Agenda is the ATI Tax Abatement Review. She added they will need to table this until July 23 so that ATI can be present. Their CF-1 was filed and the Council now needs to review. Annual reviews are required to be held every year at a public hearing. Mr. Juncker can't be here until their July 23 meeting, so she asked that this be tabled until that time.

Councilman Jeffries moved they table the ATI Tax Abatement Review until July 23, 2051, per Mr. Juncker's request. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

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

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker stated under Old Business is discussion on riverfront/boat parking.

Councilman Curtis stated at the last meeting he was asked to form a committee to look into this. That committee was formed and they met on Monday evening. They had a good discussion and identified possible solutions. The Army Corp of Engineers has also been contacted and they have met with an engineer on possibly making some rough drawings. It was a good meeting.

Councilwoman Higgins stated she went down there Sunday and there were only three boats. She added the water is really up so it was a bad day for a survey.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Attorney Higgins stated she and Mayor Tucker talked about a code section of an old ordinance that pertains to departments having only certain color vehicles. Obviously that is not being followed. They need to do a clean up ordinance and eliminate that section.

Mayor Tucker stated the more important thing is that they be marked – for safety issues as well as clarification that they are a city vehicle.

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

1st District Councilman Jeffries stated there was a wedding at the riverfront and it seemed to have gone off pretty well. It was decent and he was pleased with the utilization of public space.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling was not present.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn was not present.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated the Bi-Centennial is coming together and only 190 days away. They will start promoting the souvenir book soon and they have put together a tentative monthly events calendar. It is an exciting time. Things are starting to come together quickly now. Councilman Jeffries stated this is wonderful and exactly the direction they need to be going.

Mayor Tucker stated he did a follow up with Lora Lewis from INDOT on the light at 4th and Walnut concerning the test to change the light to flashing. She assured him that it is on the list, but could not give an exact date. After that, a study will be done, they will receive the city's feedback and then make a final decision. He then stated if there were no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman 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 and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer