

September 17, 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 member Jeffries, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Board member Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Moss; Larry Williams; Nancy Sexton; and Core 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 Hoehn.

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 Hoehn moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. 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 will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

**Chairman Curtis** stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray reported the tanks have been delivered and they are set. The concrete base has been poured as well. He then stated the building has been delivered and they will start putting it together on Monday. Everything is moving along well.

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 asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience 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 Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.  
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

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 member Jeffries, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Councilman Fuelling was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Moss; Larry Williams; Nancy Sexton; and Core 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.

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

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 Standing Committees.

**Street & Light Chairwoman Higgins** stated she would like to thank the Street Department for all of their assistance with the barricades at River Days this past weekend. All the city departments helped and worked together and she appreciates their efforts.

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.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

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

**Fire Chairman Hoehn** stated he has no report.  
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. Moss 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 Council ?  
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 time is a Resolution of Assignment and Acceptance of Assignment of Tax Sale Certificates, on 1309 Locust Street. She stated June of this year the certificate was transferred to the City and the City tore the building down. The County Council accepted the Resolution at their meeting. This just finalizes the City accept that action.  
Councilman Jeffries moved the Resolution of Assignment and Acceptance of Assignment of Tax Sale Certificates be approved. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

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 – yes;  
Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 15-22.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the first reading of the Proposed Ordinance Establishing Appropriations and Tax Rates for the City of Mount Vernon for the Year Ending December 31, 2016.  
Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

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 – yes;  
Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the final item is the first reading of the proposed Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages for Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana, for the Year Ending December 31, 2016.

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on first 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 – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated there was a gentleman on the Agenda for the Audience portion of the meeting, but he had to cancel. He added he wanted to discuss an issue that has already been brought up by Councilwoman Higgins and Comm. Dieterle – grass clippings in the street. It is a big problem. Not only does it not look nice, but it also clogs the storm sewers. He asked that the media please put something in the paper about not doing that.

Councilman Jeffries stated he spoke with him and he believes he has several issues going on, but one is the grass yes. He believes more than anything else, it is a neighbor issue.

Mayor Tucker stated under Old Business is the nuisance ordinance.

Councilman Jeffries addressed Councilman Hoehn and stated Chief Beloat is working on some items and he (Councilman Jeffries) will get with Councilman Hoehn in the next week and a half or so for an update.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Attorney Higgins stated, in reference to the grass clippings issues, the city does have an ordinance that covers that, if it becomes a chronic problem. She added Code Enforcement may need to take action. It is in Section 97.03.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> District Councilman Jeffries** stated he will acknowledge the letter of Ron and Ginger Greenfield concerning litter in and around the library. He added if it is ok with Council, he talk to community correction about having someone make a sweep through there once a week or so. Council agreed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Fuelling** was not present.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilman Hoehn** stated he has no report.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Councilman Curtis** stated he has no report.

**Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins** stated next up is Christmas on Main Street. This year's theme will be How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Next year, for the bicentennial, the theme will be an Old Fashioned Christmas. She also mentioned some good news from the Mustang Club that was here on Sunday for the car show during River Days.

Mayor Tucker stated he and Councilman Curtis were asked to be judges at the show.

Councilman Curtis stated they will discuss in October the possibility of what they want to do next year and maybe make Mt. Vernon a regular spot for their cruise-in. The participants were really excited with what is going on in town. A very positive environment. He added he wife had a class reunion over the weekend and they held a memorial service at the riverfront. It was very well received. Very positive comments.

Councilwoman Higgins mentioned the possibility of a 1950's car show when the Duke Boys perform next July 23.

Mayor Tucker in reference to the Lare Grant Feasibility Study, the one initial quote they received was for \$ 93,845. If they will recall, the grant and match is only \$16,876. He stated he did not accept the bid and on August 21 he sent out four more RFPs and this time instead of getting only one back, he got none back. He added he will send more out and not give up.

Mayor Tucker continued by stating he also followed up already on the Greenfield letter by contacting Ms. Priddis at the library and they are also going to drop off more nice Mount Vernon trash cans, with lids. But people have to use them. He added he also talked with Park Supt. Harshbarger and Comm. Dieterle about having the street sweeper make some more passes in and around the area.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Councilman Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilwoman 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.

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John Tucker, Mayor

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Cristi L. Sitzman  
Clerk-Treasurer