

October 1, 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 Pro Tem Curtis presiding and members Fuelling, Hoehn, and Higgins attending. Mayor Tucker and Board member Jeffries were not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Gene Carroll; Larry Williams; Nancy Sexton; Jeff Woodford; Tina and Bret Newman; and Corey Woolsey – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis called the meeting to order by stating members were emailed 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 Hoehn moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Hoehn moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman, and as **Water Chairman**, he added he has no report.

Supt. Gray stated he has no report.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ? Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Hoehn moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Fuelling. Mayor Pro Tem Curtis 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.

Bill Curtis, Mayor Pro Tem

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 Pro Tem Curtis presiding and members Fuelling, Hoehn, and Higgins attending. Mayor Tucker and Councilman Jeffries were not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Gene Carroll; Larry Williams; Nancy Sexton; Jeff Woodford; Tina and Bret Newman; and Corey Woolsey – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis called the meeting to order by stating members were emailed 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 Hoehn.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairman Jeffries was not present.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis 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 Pro Tem Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report.

Mr. Carroll stated he has no report.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if there were any questions?

There were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated the first item is the Public Hearing on the City of Mount Vernon's proposed budget for the year 2016, as duly advertised in the Gateway.

Mayor Pro Tem opened the Public Hearing by asking if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council in reference to the proposed 2016 budget ?

There was no response.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis then closed the Public Hearing and asked if there was any action on the second reading of the Ordinance Establishing Appropriations and Tax Rates for the City of Mount Vernon for the Year Ending December 31, 2016 ?

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

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis requested a roll call vote.

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

Jeffries – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

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

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis requested a roll call vote.

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

Jeffries – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis stated under Old Business is the nuisance ordinance.

Councilman Hoehn stated Councilman Jeffries was to get back with them on a date for the next meeting, but they have heard nothing yet.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis asked if there was any New Business ?

Attorney Higgins stated there was a conference call Monday with Standard and Poors concerning the City's rating. The focus this time was on the water department. She received an email this afternoon and they were able to affirm a stable reading for the city. She continued by stating the Regional Cities Initiative, made up of Posey, Vanderburgh, Gibson and Warrick Counties, have put their plan together and it will be presented in Indianapolis on October 7.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilman Jeffries was not present.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated everything is quiet right now.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated they are gearing up for Christmas on Main Street. This year's theme is How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

Mayor Pro Tem Curtis stated the State continues to work on the traffic signal at 4th and Walnut. Councilman Hoehn added the sidewalk has been spray painted so it could be official.

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

Bill Curtis, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer