

November 12, 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; Becky Higgins; and arriving during the meeting, 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 to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Jeffries moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. 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 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.

Lois Gray arrived at the meeting.

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

Chief Beloit stated their Annual Halloween Candy give away was a big success. He added he would like to thank everyone that helped with this popular event. He stated they gave out around 1,000 bags of candy and it was a good day.

Councilman Jeffries asked how the safety of the flow was in and out.

Chief Dixon replied most of the people came from the south actually, and their lot was empty.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he has final quotes on the sign. He also applied for a special use permit today.

Brenda Owens, Sign Crafters, will be representing them at the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on December 10.

Councilman Curtis added that sounds reasonable.

Board consented.

Chief Dixon continued his report by stating the quote from J & S Communications to relocate a new storm siren is \$18,853.50. He added he needs approval to proceed with the quote so that he can get an invoice from them in order to encumber the money before the end of the year.

Board member Curtis moved they proceed with J & S Communications on the relocation of the new storm siren. 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.

Chief Dixon further stated the MSD of Mount Vernon is working on getting easements, and they will also be using their electrical contractor on the installation, but they are still waiting on a quote on that. Councilman Jeffries added that sound perfectly reasonable.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Moss stated in reference to the blower system, they needed new batteries, which were put in today. They are now having issues and need to once again contact the supplier to come out and take a look. The blower seized up.

Mr. Carroll explained that they lost the programming. The master control panel is going again, but the core is frozen up. He stated he is waiting to hear back.

Board member Curtis asked if this is the outfit from Ontario ?

Supt. Moss replied yes, but he knew there was an issue.

Board member Curtis stated he is good with it then.

Board member Jeffries asked if this is still just a major repair on one blower ?

Supt. Moss replied yes.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda. They need to transfer ownership of 701 W 3rd Street to the Mount Vernon Redevelopment Commission, as part of the Blight Elimination Program.

Board member Jeffries stated as part of said program, the city can not own the property. Once the property is razed it will be conveyed back to the city. He then moved ownership of 701 W 3rd Street be transferred to the Mount Vernon Redevelopment Commission. 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 in the Audience is Becky Higgins.

Ms. Higgins stated she is here about the street closings for the Christmas on Main Street Parade. She handed out maps to the Board and added traffic would need to be stopped at 4th and Main. She continued by stating entries for the parade may begin lining up on E. 10th Street at 4:00 and the parade will start at 5:00 sharp. It will end on Water Street with the final judging, followed by the lighting of the Riverbend Christmas Tree.

Board member Curtis moved Main Street be blocked approximately from 4:00 to 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 5, for the Christmas on Main Street Parade. 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 in a conversation he had with Ms. Higgins, who has been a great help with this event, he learned that funds are not coming in like they had last year. He then presented her with a \$100 check to help with the cause.

Ms. Higgins stated they are approximately 120 gifts short. She added she would like to thank the Street Department and the Fire Department for their help on removal of the time capsule. There was no water in it like there was 25 years ago. It will remain in storage until January 2016 for its official opening.

Mayor Tucker stated Boxer Girl is on the Agenda for an update on Bluffs on Main, but they are still not ready to make that presentation. He added they had issues with their original construction company, though they are still very anxious about the project. The six month contract they had with Boxer Girl is up this month. They are asking for a 90 day extension. He stated he feels they all want this, but they also want to be proud of a good quality product. That being said, he recommends they approve the extension.

Board member Jeffries stated that will take them to February. He has no problem with that.

Board member Curtis agreed.

Board member Jeffries 90 days was acceptable and moved the extension be granted. 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.

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Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman asked for authorization to request an advance draw on their property tax settlement.

Board member Jeffries moved authorization 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.

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 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 and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer