

December 10, 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 Fuelling, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Board members Jeffries and Hoehn were not present. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Attorney Higgins; Chief Dixon; Chief Beloit; Comm. Dieterle; Gene Carroll; Nancy Sexton; Jeff Woodford; Ed Adams; Larry Williams; Don Kleinschmidt; Mary Ann Watson; Larry Horton; Mindy Bourne – Area Plan Commission; Lois Gray – Posey County News; 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 correction 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 Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there as 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 Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there as 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.

Water Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray stated construction is progressing on the building as well as the filters. They are still on target for the start up date.

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 there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business is action on the Christmas Eve meeting.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be canceled. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there as 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 Fuelling 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 Fuelling, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Councilmen Jeffries and Hoehn were not present. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Attorney Higgins; Chief Dixon; Chief Beloat; Comm. Dieterle; Gene Carroll; Nancy Sexton; Jeff Woodford; Ed Adams; Larry Williams; Don Kleinschmidt; Mary Ann Watson; Larry Horton; Mindy Bourne – Area Plan Commission; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and Corey Woolsey – Mount Vernon Democrat.

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Mayor Tucker asked if there as 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 white stripes are being installed at the intersection of Smith Road, Greenbrier, and O'Donnell and she would like to thank the Street Department for that. Comm. Dieterle added there will also be STOP AHEAD wording added shortly.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairman Jeffries was not present.

Chief Beloat stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There 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 stated he has no report.

Mr. Carroll stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions?

There were none.

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

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 item is the final reading of the Ordinance Establishing Salaries for the Elected Officers of the City of Mount Vernon, for the Year Ending December 31, 2016, payable from the General Fund, Water Utility and Sewage Utility.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilwoman 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 – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 15-25.

Attorney Higgins stated she does not see Larry Robb in the Audience as this time, so they will table Item B and move to Item C – first reading of Ordinance to Zone and Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Mount Vernon, IN. She added Mindy Bourne with the Area Plan Commission is present.

Ms. Bourne stated these parcels are along the river mostly, with nothing built on them. She continued by stating she assigned zoning for all of the parcels based on current zoning and the zonings around it. One parcel was actually in the county. All owners have been notified and Area Plan recommended approval of the zonings. Most are establishing the zoning with this ordinance and there were no remonstrators present.

Councilman Curtis questioned again where these are located ?

Ms. Bourne replied along the riverfront, the boat club area, etc. and they are all in the flood hazard area.

Councilman Curtis moved the Ordinance to Zone and Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Mt. Vernon, State of Indiana pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Ms. Bourne added the last four on the list are zoning changes to what the adjacent properties as zoned as. The remaining 26 are establishing zoning .

Councilman Curtis asked if there were any comments at the APC meeting ?

Ms. Bourne replied no. She added they sent letters to property owners, and have them time to comment, but they heard nothing.

Attorney Higgins stated per ordinance, adjacent land owners have to be notified and in this case, the APC had to go out even farther on notifications – they sent pretty broad notice.

Ms. Bourne agreed and added they sent 50 letters out on this. This task took awhile.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

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

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

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item also comes to them from the Area Plan Commission. It is an ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Mount Vernon, The Town of Cynthiana, the Town of Poseyville and Unincorporated Posey County Chapter 153-Zoning Code, Section 153.051-Use Regulations-RMH Residential Mobile Home District, Section 153.160-use Unit 15-Other Trades and Services, Section 153.245-Variances, Section 153.246-Special Uses, Section 153.252-Zoning Text and Map Amendments, Appendix A Use Unit by Zoning District and Section 153.107 Site Development Plan Review.

Ms. Bourne stated it is really a clean up ordinance and text amendment. She then stated the Area Plan heard this on November 12 and was approved with no remonstrators, 7-0.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

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 – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the first reading of the Ordinance to Amend the City of Mt. Vernon Code of Ordinances, Title VII-Traffic Code, Chapter 74-Parking Schedules – Schedule VI-Handicap Parking, as discussed at their last meeting.

Councilwoman Higgins 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 – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the final item is a Resolution to transfer in the General and Park & Recreation Non-Reverting Funds. She added this is to put all of the budgets in line for the end of the year.

Councilman Fuelling moved the Resolution pass. 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 – absent; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – absent;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 15-26.

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

Larry Horton stated he would like to request a handicap parking space in front of St. Johns Episcopal Church, at Mulberry and 6th Streets. Just one spot, on Mulberry.

Attorney Higgins stated that would be the first space north of the intersection, on the east side of the road.

Attorney Higgins will draw up an ordinance.

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

Don Kleinschmidt stated he grew up in Mount Vernon, moved away, and came back. He has been back for 15 years. He added he is a member of the Pony Express Mustang Club, which had a car show here last year at River Days. They had upwards of 100 cars, it was a beautiful day, and lots of folks came out. They have cruise-ins and one show scheduled here in 2016. Every time they have a show the community really comes out. There are no trophies given out at their cruise-ins, they are strictly for show. The dates will be April 30, May 14, July 9, August 13 and September 11 – Sunday during River Days. He asked if there were any questions ?

Councilwoman Higgins asked if the July cruise-in could be changed to a different date ?

Mr. Kleinschmidt replied it isn't set in stone yet, but they are trying to establish a routine of the 2nd Saturday of the summer months.

Councilwoman Higgins stated that is the day the Duke Boys are scheduled to be here for a 3 ½ hour concert.

Councilman Curtis replied that could be a built-in crowd.

Mr. Kleinschmidt stated the dates have already been submitted, and they will be published. He stated he is not sure he can get it changed but he can check. The cruise-in book is like a bible. He then stated the local businesses have blown him away with their support.

Attorney Higgins asked if they are not-for-profit organization ?

Mr. Kleinschmidt replied yes and have been in existence since 1979 – they recently became an LLC.

Councilwoman Higgins asked if it would be ok to put the event on their Bi-Centennial Schedule ?

Mr. Kleinschmidt replied of course and thanked Council for their time.

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

Larry Williams approached and stated this is Councilman Fuelling's last meeting and he would like to thank him for his time and dedication. He has been a great influence and Mount Vernon is in better shape today because he was sitting in that chair.

Mayor Tucker stated under Old Business is the nuisance ordinance, but the chair, and vice-chair of that committee are both out this evening.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business is action on Christmas Eve meeting.

Councilman Fuelling moved the meeting be canceled. Seconded by Councilman 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 Districts.

1st District Councilman Jeffries was not present.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn was not present.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he will echo Mr. Williams' comments. He has been sitting at a desk with Steve Fuelling since kindergarten and he has really enjoyed working with him.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she agrees with Mr. Williams and Councilman Curtis, and better yet, he was her math teacher ! She then stated Christmas on Main Street #6 is in the books. It was their biggest yet. They had great weather as well. Next years theme will be Old Fashioned Christmas. She is now working on Thank You Blue week, the last week in January 2016. As for the float winners in the parade, New Harmony won a couple, but in Mount Vernon the bus driver and maintenance workers at the school won, as did the water works, and Expressway.

Mayor Tucker stated he will echo everyone else's sentiments this evening about Councilman Fuelling. He and Councilmen Fuelling and Curtis all went to school together. He added it has been a pleasure serving with him, as he has shown hard work and dedication. Mr. Williams has some big shoes to fill. He added he wants to thank Councilman Fuelling for everything he has done while on the Council. Councilman Fuelling stated he believes the overall feeling he has is that the Council worked together to improve the city. He added he is leaving District 2 in great hands with Larry Williams, who is also very involved in the community. Thank you.

Mayor Tucker stated he would like also like to thank everyone that worked on Christmas on Main Street. Everyone involved is a volunteer and they work very hard. As one gets older the realization of how valuable time is really hits home. He then stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman 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

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