

February 4, 2016

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. 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 Beloat; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Larry Williams; Bill Stinson – Cripe Engineering; Jeff Schelhorn – Hawg N Sauce; Corey Woolsey – Mount Vernon Democrat; and 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, as well as Executive Sessions on January 14 and January 28, and a Special Session on January 28, 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 all the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. 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 requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Curtis 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 reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloat stated he received a call from Posey County Clerk Betty Postlethweight inquiring about using the training room at the new police and fire facility for a polling location in the May and November elections this year. They usually utilize Alexandrian Public Library, but due to their construction, they are unable to use them this year. He added he spoke with Attorney Higgins and she indicated there was no problem with the request, but approval of the Board is needed. He concluded by stating he has checked the schedule and there is no conflict with anyone else using the room during those times.

Board member Curtis moved permission to use the facility be given. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

Chief Dixon clarified that the use of the facility was for this year only ?

Chief Beloat replied yes.

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 stated he has no report.

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.

Chief Beloit stated he forgot to mention that the police department will be conducting written and agility testing Saturday at the high school. He added they had 16 applications.

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 ? He added Lochmueller Group was listed on the Agenda but there is not a representative here.
Board member Curtis stated Lochmueller thought the city no longer had interest in the Eastside Sewer Project due to lack of bidders and that no geos were done. He then asked if they discussed doing the geos with one of the work orders they have through Lochmueller ?
Board member Jeffries replied he does not recall that.
Board member Curtis added he doesn't believe the cost of that would be too outrageous.
Board member Jeffries stated this project has been in the works for a long time.
Board member Curtis agreed but added he is not comfortable moving on the geos without a cost estimate. Maybe they could do this at the next meeting.
Mayor Tucker added everyone is on Board with this project, but the one and only bid they received was 50 – 70% over the estimate. Then, of course, there are always change orders.
Board member Curtis stated if they can use one of the work orders do they want to move forward ?
Board member Jeffries replied it depends on the cost. If it is \$5,000 or less, yes. It is necessary movement on the project and will help clarify and expedite the next bid process.
Board member Curtis added they do know they can use SRF money for the boring.
Board member Jeffries then moved if they can get the geos done for less than \$7,500, they should proceed with that. 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 Jeff Schelhorn is in the Audience and asked if he had any comments on the Eastside Sewer Project ?
Mr. Schelhorn stated this project has been in the works for two years now and he knows the bid they did receive was high, but they will only get higher. He stated he is stopped at his business right now and added he can't go on with a septic system. There options to relocate in Mount Vernon are slim. He hoped the Board would be able to go forward with the project.
Mayor Tucker replied there is money left over from some other projects, but they also want to be prudent.
Board member Curtis stated their goal is to do this during the next construction cycle and get it done.

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 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