

January 21, 2016

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 member Curtis attending. Board member Jeffries was not present. Others attending were Chief Dixon; Capt. Angel; Comm. Dieterle; Acting Supt. Moss; Gene Carroll; Lois Gray – Posey County News; Corey Woolsey – Mount Vernon Democrat; and arriving during the meeting, Alan Topper.

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 minute be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then 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 Mayor Tucker, who then 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.

Capt. Angel stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he needs permission to use the city credit card to send four guys to Fire School at University of Illinois, leaving April 15 and returning April 17. They will need a hotel for two nights, and this is a school that they attend yearly.

Board member Curtis moved permission to attend be given, along with use of the credit card and city vehicle. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then 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. He then asked if there were any other questions ?

There were none.

Acting Supt. Moss stated they had an issue with a line on Davis Drive. Alan Topper was having a problem over the weekend and called in a plumber for his line. When they plumber got into the line, they discovered an issue with the city line. He added due to the fact that this was found, which saved the city a lot of money, he would like to go half on Mr. Topper's plumbing bill. He added they would have never found this problem had Mr. Topper not called in a plumber.

Board member Curtis asked if this actually saved the city money in the long run ?

Acting Supt. Moss replied yes and added it saved them a lot of money.

Mr. Carroll added there was a plug at his tap which was blocking his line as well as the city line.

Board member Curtis asked if this opened up the city line ?

Mr. Carroll replied partly, yes.

Acting Supt. Moss stated he feels a 50/50 split would be fair, as if this had been left alone, the city would have had a big mess.

Board member Curtis questioned the amount of the bill.

Mr. Topper arrived at the meeting.

Acting Supt. Moss replied half of the bill would be \$183.75.

Board member Curtis moved the Board approved payment in the amount of \$183.75, half of the plumbing bill, to Mr. Topper. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then 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.

Acting Supt. Moss updated the Board on the Dairy Queen line by stating, work should begin on that Monday, weather permitting.

Acting Supt. Moss questioned the Park Ridge Lift Station.

Board member Curtis stated they opened quotes on this previously, and based on the prices that came in, they should have used the bid process. Attorney Higgins indicated they may be able to negotiate the price down, to within quote limits. He added they have talked to PPMI and they were able to get the price down to \$142,200.00, due to removal of spectra-tech lining of the wet well.

Board member Curtis stated he has a letter from The Lochmueller Group saying that three quotes were requested and that each had well over two weeks to get the quote together. He then moved Board take the low quote and have Acting Supt. Moss proceed with the repairs. Seconded by Mayor Tucker, who then 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.

Acting Supt. Moss stated they have Thompson pumps at Mill Creek and the heaters down there need to be re-done. They keep freezing up and every winter it is a battle to keep them thawed. They really need to be serviced and rebuilt. He added he is not sure on the cost, and then stated they may even need to look at a different kind of heater.

Board member Curtis asked how much this has cost in the past ?

Acting Supt. Moss replied he is not sure.

Board member Curtis stated if they have to keep repairing the heaters, that isn't good.

Capt. Angel left the meeting.

Acting Supt. Moss stated they have a space heater in one and it isn't keeping up very well. He added three heaters in all need checked. It is a constant fight.

Mr. Carroll stated he thinks maybe the diesel fuel is clogging the screens.

Acting Supt. Moss thought maybe if they put in an additive that would help. Or they could try electric heaters.

Board member Curtis stated he really has no idea.

Acting Supt. Moss stated when the weather clears, he can take Board member Curtis down and show him what they are talking about. He added hopefully they won't bust.

Board member Curtis asked if they could use heat tape ?

Acting Supt. Moss replied probably not as it is a big pump run by a diesel engine. He added he will call Thompson tomorrow and get them down here to see what can be done.

Comm. Dieterle added it is going to be getting colder too, down into the teens.
Board member Curtis stated Acting Supt. Moss needs to call them and get some figures together.
Acting Supt. Moss stated if they would bust, they would literally be talking about millions of dollars.
Board member Curtis stated he needs to do what he needs to do to keep them from freezing. Look at a long term solution.
Mr. Carroll stated maybe they can rebuild them to at least get through this winter.
Board member Curtis stated they just need to fix it.
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 asked if there were any Legals ?
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 ?
Board member Curtis stated he would just like to thank the St. Dept. for the good job they did on the road this week.

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 Mayor Tucker who then 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