

March 17, 2016

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 Curtis presiding and members Jeffries, Williams, and Higgins attending. Board member Hoehn was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Capt. Angel; Acting Supt. Moss; Gene Carroll; Ken and Paula Rudibaugh; Ed Adams; Brittaney Johnson; Randy Adams; Corey Woolsey – Mount Vernon Democrat; and Lois Gray – Posey County News.

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

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor 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 Curtis requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Jeffries moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor 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 Curtis stated they will now hear the report of the Water Supt.

Supt. Gray stated they had a large main break last Thursday that left 25% of the city without water, resulting in a boil order. A 12” main broke and there was no way to repair it, buildings had been built on top of it, so they had to abandon the line. Everything is back to normal now.

Supt. Gray continued by stating he went to an IARW Conference in French Lick and found a firm that does water main rehab. They dig holes 300’ apart and reline the main. No digging up of the street and it extends the life of the line by 50 years. The firm will be in Huntington on April 19 and anyone that would like to come and watch the demonstration is welcome.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

Attorney Higgins replied there are none.

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

There was no response.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any New Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Curtis stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.
Board member Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Williams.
Mayor 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

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 Curtis presiding and members Jeffries, Williams, and Higgins attending. Councilman Hoehn was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Capt. Angel; Acting Supt. Moss; Gene Carroll; Ken and Paula Rudibaugh; Ed Adams; Brittaney Johnson; Randy Adams; Corey Woolsey – Mount Vernon Democrat; and Lois Gray – Posey County News.

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Councilman Jeffries moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented.
Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.

Mayor 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 Curtis stated they will now hear the committee reports.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Capt. Angel stated he has no report.

Fire Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Acting Supt. Moss stated he has no report.

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

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

Attorney Higgins stated they have the final reading of the Ordinance to Amend the City of Mount Vernon, IN Code of Ordinances, title IX-General Regulations, Chapter 98-Weeds, Section 98.03 (A)-Notice of Violation and Section 98.04 (A)-Removal by City; Collection of Costs; and 98.05 Lien on Property. Councilman Jeffries moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilman Williams. Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Curtis requested a roll call vote.

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

Jeffries – yes; Williams – yes; Hoehn – absent;

Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 16-3.

Attorney Higgins stated she has been contacted by Park Supt. Harshbarger concerning a loan for the Park & Rec. from EDIT. She added they revisited the loan from last year are requesting the same this year. She stated she has prepared the resolution for the loan as well as a resolution for some transfers for the Park. She further stated there will also be an amendment to the salary ordinance to come, as the Clerk-Treasurer's office will also have some changes to the ordinance. She also stated Supt. Harshbarger was to be here this evening, and indicated he would be running a little late.

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

There was no response.

Mayor Curtis stated under Old Business is the nuisance ordinance.

Attorney Higgins stated she met with Councilman Hoehn at the end of February to put together a draft ordinance, which she then distributed to Councilmen Hoehn and Jeffries for their review.

Councilman Jeffries stated Council will probably see this in April.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

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

1st District Councilman Jeffries stated he has no report.

2nd District Councilman Williams stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn was not present.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated the Bicentennial is helping support the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held March 26th at 1:00 pm at Brittlebank Park. Along those same lines, there will also be a vintage style show and high tea at the Elks on April 3rd at 1:30 pm. She then stated she has been in contact with Cabelas and they will have not-for-profit food vendors at their event in May, along with music and possibly some bingo.

Mayor Curtis stated he has an update on Mayor Tucker – he is still in the hospital after some issues with the heart ablation. They thought he would be able to come home tomorrow, but that does not look possible now. He added the city's thoughts and prayers are with him. He then stated the demolition of the old City Hall has gone smoothly, very well actually, and the slope looks good. They will keep the lot seeded and on work on the park.

Mayor Curtis then stated, in reference to the Blight Elimination Program, the first home was taking down this week at 701 W. 3rd Street. Hopefully this program will pick up speed. He continued by stating mosquitoes are out already and he would like to remind everyone to check their property, etc for standing water and empty it if they have any.

Mayor Curtis concluded his report by stating the next Council meeting will be April 14, the next Board of Works meeting will be March 31, and there will be a Special Session of the Council tomorrow at 1:30 pm to conduct a public hearing, and final reading, on the ordinance concerning the public safety tax.

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

Councilman Williams moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Jeffries.

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