

April 28, 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 Curtis presiding and member Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Alldredge; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Acting Supt. Moss; Gene Carroll; Vicki Bethel; Joy Alldredge; Bryce Alldredge; Max Alldredge; Joan Bruckman – Alexandrian Public Library; Corey Woolsey – Mount Vernon Democrat; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Curtis stated before they start with their regular business, they will have the Swearing In of the newly appointed Police Chief.

Chief Alldredge approached and was administered the Oath of Office by Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman. He was then congratulated by the Board.

Joy, Bryce, and Max Alldredge left the meeting.

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 Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived they be approved as presented. Seconded by Mayor Curtis, who then 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.

Mayor Curtis requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Mayor Curtis, who then 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 reports of the Departments.

Chief Alldredge stated he spoke with Kyle Vallad, number one on their hiring list, and he has found other employment, so they will remove him from the list. He then stated he has three changes to their Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's), which were recommended by Old National Insurance, the City's insurance carrier. In fact, we were required to add them. The first one deals with hostage situations, the second with personal asphyxiation and other medical situations, and the third with use of volunteers. He added he has given the Board copies of the SOPs.

Board member Higgins moved they accept the three new SOPs. Seconded by Mayor Curtis, who then 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.

Chief Alldredge continued his report by stating the next items is wants to discuss is a change in rank structure. He explained that currently, the detective is a rank of sergeant, and he would like to separate

that into two sergeants, and one detective. In other words, the detective would not have to be a sergeant.

Board member Higgins moved they accept the change in rank structure, where the detective does not have to be a sergeant, and there will be two sergeants and one detective. Seconded by Mayor Curtis, who then 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.

Chief Alldredge stated the final item he has is he would like to change the procedure for promotions of ranking officers. He stated the current system is pretty lengthy and he would like it to be at the discretion of the chief and approval of the Board of Works.

Mayor Curtis stated he has reviewed the procedure they currently use, but he feels it is too much for a department the size of the Mount Vernon Police Department. He added Board member Jeffries is over the police department and asked if he had discussed this with him.

Chief Alldredge replied yes, he has discussed this with him and he is in favor of it.

Board member Higgins moved they approve the change in promotions of ranking officers. Seconded by Mayor Curtis, who then 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.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Acting Supt. Moss stated he needs to Mill Creek finished. The SCADA system needs to be re-run, with new cord, so they can begin to get alarms. They are not able to get any right now. He stated the cost for the work is \$1,175.00.

Mayor Curtis stated they have discussed this before, and Mill Creek is a critical lift station. He added he has no problems with the request. He then moved permission to make the repairs be given.

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.

Acting Supt. Moss then stated they need a trash pump at the plant, for the digesters, a vital piece of equipment. He has a quote from Hammond of \$1,761.65, which includes hose and pumps.

Mayor Curtis asked if he shopped around for another quotes ?

Acting Supt. Moss replied yes and added this is the best deal.

Mayor Curtis asked if this is a replacement ?

Acting Supt. Moss replied yes.

Board member Higgins moved permission for the purchase be given. Seconded by Mayor Curtis, who then 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.

Mr. Carroll continued the Sewer Department report by stating they will have to do phosphorous studies per IDEM mandate – it has to be removed. They have been doing some jar testing already. There are two different kinds of chemicals needed and he has a quote from a supplier who will come down and run a package test on each chemical to see which one does a better job. He added they will only need to pay for the chemicals. One is \$3,072.00 and the other is \$3,078.00 for a total of \$6,150.00 for both. Mayor Curtis stated he understands the different packages, and asked if they routinely use this supplier ?

Mr. Carroll replied no because they currently do not use these chemicals. He added they water department uses them.

Mayor Curtis asked if he has quotes from any other suppliers ?

Mr. Carroll replied no, though they did contact another supplier, but they never came down. He then stated they have been in touch with The Lochmueller Group, who suggest the supplier they have the quote from. He added they will have to bid this chemical out next year. Right now, this is only testing. The supplier is Chem-Trade.

Mayor Curtis asked if this is something they have to do right now ? That is pretty costly.

Mr. Carroll replied they have three years to be in compliance with the phosphorous elimination.

Mayor Curtis stated he believes the design is due in June 17.

Mr. Carroll stated they have to let IDEM know how they will be removing the phosphorous.

Mayor Curtis asked if this is something they need to do right now, or can they wait another year ?

Mr. Carroll replied he will have to check on that.

Board member Jeffries arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Carroll added it may take a few months, but they could hold off some.

Mr. Carroll continued his report by stating they need to do something about their sludge removal. He added they currently do land application, usually twice a year. He stated it is getting harder to nail down a perfect time for this with the crops. As a result, the plant gets backed up. The one farmer they use has been having an issue with his truck and has not been able to make a pick up. He has done a study, which the Board has copies of, between land applying the sludge and land filling it. One advantage of the landfill is that they can do that at any time, and they are currently full. The guy that does the land application said he would be down the end of March, and he didn't show. They have still heard nothing from him. The rainy season is coming.

#### COST COMPARISON

TYPE	TOTAL EST ANNUAL COST
Land Application	\$17,000.00
Landfill	\$40,000.00

**To landfill the existing 450 tons of processed sludge at our facility, it will require thirty-two 20 cu yd dumpsters for an estimated one-time cost of \$24,956.80. Once we establish a schedule with the hauling service, there is the possibility of various fuel and environmental fees being added. However, container rental charges may be waived if an account has multiple hauls per dumpster per month. Additionally, large and or permanent monthly volumes may result in price reduction. Once more is known about the increased amount of processed sludge production due to the new phosphorous removal program, more will be known about**

## **what price reductions they qualify for.**

Mr. Carroll then stated he would like approval, after testing, to landfill what they have right now.

Mayor Curtis asked if they have any other options for land application ?

Board member Jeffries asked if they use more than one farmer ?

Mr. Carroll replied that gentleman is the only one they can find in the area, so right now, no.

Mayor Curtis stated they could remove half of what they have to buy them some more time.

Mr. Carroll replied yes, they could, but it will fill back up really quick. He added this would not affect their permit, but they would need to email IDEM about it.

Mayor Curtis asked Mr. Carroll and Acting Supt. Moss what they felt needed to be done? He added he realizes they need to do something, but was asking their opinion on how much they needed to eliminate right now.

Board member Jeffries stated the landfill is costly, and sounds like they will be pressing even more in the future, more volume. Sounds like they need a short term solution for today. If they can't land apply, the Board could authorize a one time landfill dump. They need to stabilize a long term solution. Hearing that the farmer has a truck down and could not pick up the sludge, it would be the farmer's fault, and therefore, if the city had a contract with him, the city would not be in breach of that contract. He wondered if they could look further, maybe find a competitor.

Mayor Curtis stated they need a contract going further.

Board member Jeffries stated he wouldn't want to double or triple the sewer department overhead on this.

Mayor Curtis stated in order to buy them some time, they could authorize \$10,000 worth of sludge hauling to the landfill.

Board member Jeffries asked how quickly they will fill that back up ?

Acting Supt. Moss replied real quickly. they can fill the slab in a matter of days.

Mayor Curtis stated if they removed about 40%, if could take four to five months to fill it back up.

Acting Supt. Moss stated they can fill the slab in a matter of days.

Mayor Curtis stated if they authorize \$10,000 to \$12,000 worth of hauling, are they saying they may be full again in four or five days ?

Acting Supt. Moss and Mr. Carroll both replied in a couple of weeks, yes.

Mayor Curtis stated they don't have to press all the time.

Acting Supt. Moss agreed.

Board member Jeffries stated the Board needs to make an informed decision here.

Mayor Curtis asked if \$10,000.00 worth of hauling would buy them some time ?

Both Acting Supt. Moss and Mr. Carroll agreed it would.

Mr. Carroll then added they will make it work.

Board member Higgins moved the Board authorize \$10,000.00 to haul the current sludge build up to the landfill. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

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.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis stated the first item on the Legal portion of the Agenda is to award the bid on the East Side Gravity Flow Sewer Project. He added Peyronnin was the lowest bidder. The Lochmueller

Group has reviewed the bids from the engineering standpoint, and recommends Peyronnin. Attorney Higgins has reviewed all of the bids from the legal perspective, and all bidders met the legal requirements.

Board member Jeffries moved the Board award the bid of the East Side Sewer Gravity Flow Sewer Project to Peyronnin, the lowest responsive bidder, and that they be permitted to proceed. 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 are now ready for the Audience portion of the Agenda. Listed on the Agenda is Joan Bruckman, from the Alexandrian Public Library.

Ms. Bruckman stated they are going to have a concert on June 28, in the street, Fifth Street. They would like to block W. Fifth Street from Main to College from around 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. They would also like to block that alleyway next to the Bookmobile Office.

Comm. Dieterle stated the Street Department will put the barricades out for them and they can set them up when needed.

Board member Jeffries stated due to the shift change at Sabic, they may want to block a little earlier than that.

Mayor Curtis stated he believes the city will also need a certificate of insurance provided, but he will check on that and get back with her.

Board member Jeffries moved permission be given to block the street, pending verification with the insurance company on what is needed, along with receipt of that insurance by the city, if required.

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 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 Jeffries.

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.

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Bill Curtis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Sitzman  
Clerk-Treasurer