

April 14, 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 Williams, Hoehn, Johnson, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Acting Supt. Moss; Chief Dixon; Acting Chief Angel; Comm. Dieterle; Ed Adams; Nancy Sexton; Kyle Haney; Randy Adams; Brandy Ricketts; Ken and Paula Rudibaugh; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Board member Jeffries.

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 and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

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 Johnson moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

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 he would like to welcome new Water Board member and Councilwoman, Brittaney Johnson. Board member Johnson will also be the new Water Chairman, but he won't ask her for a report this evening, instead he will ask if Supt. Gray has a report ?

Supt. Gray stated they used to put re-ox in the distribution system, but they stopped using it. They are now adding a different chemical to combat the scale. They will be starting Spring flushing next week and some folks may notice rusty water. He added they can call the office if they have concerns.

Supt. Gray continued his report by stating there is IRWA training coming up in Columbus and would like permission to send two employees. He added they will need use of the city credit card and a city vehicle.

Board member Jeffries arrived at the meeting.

Board member Hoehn moved permission be given. 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 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 ?

There were 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.

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There was none.

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

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, Hoehn, Johnson, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Acting Supt. Moss; Chief Dixon; Acting Chief Angel; Comm. Dieterle; Ed Adams; Nancy Sexton; Kyle Haney; Randy Adams; Brandy Ricketts; Ken and Paula Rudibaugh; 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 as well as those from the Special Session on March 18, 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.

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

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Acting Chief Angel stated he has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Acting Supt. Moss stated he has no report.

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

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 an ordinance for an amendment to Title VI nondiscrimination policy. She further stated this comes as a request from Bldg. Comm. Willis concerning grant applications on the trail project. She added that these projects are orchestrated through the State, they may come from federal funds, and their current policy is not up to date. She stated they will also be putting out voluntary questionnaires to those people present during public hearings. So basically, they are updating their nondiscrimination policy.

Mayor Curtis stated Bldg. Comm. Willis working on this for quite a while. He added that INDOT says there are over 300 cities in Indiana that are in a similar situation.

Councilman Hoehn moved the Ordinance Adopting the City of Mt. Vernon, Indiana Title VI Nondiscrimination Implementation Plan and Policy be approved on first reading. 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 and added the ordinance passed on first reading.

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.

Councilman Hoehn stated they have it in draft form and Councilman Jeffries and he have that.

Councilman Jeffries stated he has had no response yet from the police department on the impact, but first reading could be on April 28.

Councilman Hoehn stated he would like it brought forward from draft to Council discussion.

Mayor Curtis asked if they want to continue with more discussion ?

Councilman Hoehn stated he feels it should be ready for a reading next meeting.

Councilman Jeffries stated either way.

Attorney Higgins stated she can circulate it once it is in ordinance form, for the next meeting.

Mayor Curtis stated he will also get with Mr. Adams to let him know when it will come before the Council so that he can pass along the information. He added he knows there will be several people interested in coming to that meeting.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any New Business ?

Councilman Hoehn questioned the parking zones where the old City Hall used to stand.

Mayor Curtis stated that came up in discussion today, as well as possibly redoing the alley parking as well. They are looking into that.

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

1st District Councilman Jeffries stated the library is finished with their renovations and he and Councilwoman Johnson just went for a tour before this meeting. He added it is a great addition. Mayor Curtis added they will have an Open House from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Saturday.

2nd District Councilman Williams stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilwoman Johnson stated she has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated they had a Bicentennial meeting last night and they discussed they will be having a lot of visitors to town in the next few months due to all of the activities they have planned. She added they would like businesses and residents to spruce up a little bit, show some community pride.

Mayor Curtis added they are requesting to use the colors blue and gold.
Councilwoman Higgins agreed.

Mayor Curtis stated he is sure folks have noticed the blue pinwheels around town. They look very nice. April is Child Abuse Prevention month and they should call attention to that.

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

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

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