

May 26, 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 Acting Supt. Moss; Chief Alldredge; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Gene Carroll; Attorney Higgins; Pre-Treatment Dir. Dennis Givens; Bryan Wallace – The Lochmueller Group; Bob Beste; Miles Duncan; Ken and Paula Rudibaugh; Larry Williams; Corey Woolsey – Mount Vernon Democrat; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Board member Jeffries; and Jill Duncan.

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 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 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 has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he needs approval on a quote from EMC, the electrical contractor that will need to install the feeder line for the new storm siren on Hedges hill. He added the quote is for \$4,250.00. The pole was donated by Vectren.

Board member Higgins moved the quote of EMC be approved. 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. He then asked if there were any questions of Chief Dixon.

There were none.

Acting Supt. Moss stated they recently hired Doug Toliver and maintenance and lab. Former employee Mike Brandsasse has now returned and would like to come back to the sewer department. He would work in the lab Monday through Friday.

Mayor Curtis asked if there is an open position.

Acting Supt. Moss replied yes.

Mayor Curtis added this would also allow them to get more maintenance done.

Board member Higgins asked how long Mr. Brandsasse was with the city ?

Acting Supt. Moss replied 15 to 20 years. He left for California and after four or five weeks, he decided to come back. He has also already had his drug screen.

Mayor Curtis moved that Mr. Brandsasse be rehired, to start on Tuesday. 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.

Board member Jeffries arrived at the meeting.

Acting Supt. Moss reported their headworks wall is too low. They need it to come about three feet. He added has two quotes for the work, one from Custom Mechanical Contracting (around \$11,000) and another from Russell's Excavating.

Jill Duncan arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Curtis asked if Lochmueller has reviewed the quotes ?

Acting Supt. Moss replied yes. They would like the work to start as soon as possible.

Mayor Curtis replied it is a fairly simple job.

Board member Jeffries moved they accept the lowest quote, that of Custom Mechanical. 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 continued by stating they are having pump issues at the Wesselman's Lift Station. They currently have a Hydromax pump and to replace it would cost \$13,000; to repair is \$6,000 . He also has a quote from Xylem – a new Flight pump for \$10,352. He added that lift station carries a lot of flow. Board member Jeffries questioned if they should replace or repair or replace with the different Xylem pump.

Mayor Curtis relied they use the Xylem pumps a lot through town.

Acting Supt. Moss agreed.

Board member Jeffries moved they accept the quote of Xylem of \$10,352 for a new replacement pump. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion, and then questioned if there is a guarantee that this pump will hook up to what they have ?

Acting Supt. Moss relied yes, verbally, but he will get with them again to verify.

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 stated he would like to thank everyone for all of the help and support they received at the cave-in of Lower New Harmony Road at Emmick. He would also like to thank TMI for their quick response.

Mayor Curtis stated they learned some things, like shutting down roads. He added he thinks they need to have a sit down with department heads and get some shut down plans ironed out ahead of time. He also would like to thank everyone for their help and work on this.

Acting Supt. Moss stated tomorrow at 1:30 there is a meeting to start up Park Ridge Lift Station with Lochmueller there as well. He then stated they have an ordinance amendment dealing with Pre Treatment.

Attorney Higgins stated the Board will need to recommend passage to the Council on this ordinance this evening. Per the city's NPDES permit, they are required to review their ordinance. There are minor changes, but no substantive changes. This will give the department a little more latitude to investigate changes.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

Pre Treatment Dir. Givens questioned the pH levels on page 2. There is a low limit of nothing less than 5, but wondered why the high limit of 10 was removed.

Attorney Higgins replied that was to be done to match their permit.

Mr. Givens asked if they will not have an upper level ?

Attorney Higgins replied that he would know more than she if that is needed. She added these are minimums, the Board can add or change anything.

Mayor Curtis asked if the Board would be willing to recommend passage with the stipulation that this be investigated before final passage.

Board member Jeffries agreed.

Mr. Givens stated leaving out the upper limit concerns him.

Board member Jeffries stated the sewer department can then bring back a recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Givens replied he can do that.

Mr. Carroll agreed they need to put in an upper limit.

Board member Jeffries moved they recommend passage to the Council, with the stipulation of an investigation before final passage. 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 were any questions of the Acting Supt.

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda, with the first item being a Public Hearing on the PER for the treatment of phosphorous. He then opened the public hearing at 4:08 pm and added the Bryan Wallace of Lochmueller will make a power point presentation of the project.

Mr. Wallace stated the deadline for compliance is January 1, 2019. The phosphorous needs to be removed as it is very dangerous. Mount Vernon, through the PER, will have what Lochmueller feels is the best and most economical solution to the phosphorous issue, starting with adding a chemical feed building and upgrading the sludge process. He added the estimated cost is \$2.5M, which will be financed through a low interest loan. Construction will begin in 2017 and they will have all of 2018 to get it working properly to be in compliance by January 1, 2019. He then asked if there were any questions ?

Mayor Curtis asked if there were questions ?

Lois Gray asked if they will be using the same alum that is used in pickling ?

Mr. Wallace replied he is not sure, it comes in a dry form and is mixed into liquid.

Mr. Williams asked if this will totally alleviate the phosphorous problem ?

Mr. Wallace replied yes. He added that in 10 years the State will probably lower the level again, and more alum will need to be added, etc. It will come.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions/comments ?

Mr. Rudibaugh stated it sounds like more sludge will be produced, which is a contaminate – is there a special way to process it ?

Mr. Wallace replied it is not hazardous, it can go to the landfill.

Mr. Rudibaugh asked how much more that will cost.

Mr. Wallace replied it costs between \$10,000 and \$15,000 now; later it could run between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Mr. Rudibaugh asked how the city can pay for this, raise taxes ?

Mayor Curtis stated he can not answer that. They will do a rate study, but it would be done by a rate increase on the sewer bill. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis then closed the public hearing.

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

Bob Beste stated he is with the Lions and he is asking permission to close some streets for the fireworks. He added they will be shooting from Riverbend Park. They are requesting to close Water Street from College to Mulberry starting at 4:00 pm, July 3.

Mayor Curtis stated they need to turn in their certificate of insurance, and it will need to be reviewed. Mr. Beste has been given the requirements. Ms. Kissinger will review it.

Mr. Beste stated the Boy Scouts will be selling snacks and Wolfgang will be there to play music.

Mayor Curtis stated the Baker Band will be playing as well.

Board member Jeffries moved permission to close the street, July 3, starting at 4:00 pm for the annual fireworks, be given, pending receipt of proper insurance. 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. He then added he appreciates the Lions Club doing this for the city.

Miles Duncan stated he is with the American Legion Riders and they are having their annual bike show September 10, during Riverdays. They need to close the 2nd Street from Main to 4th and the half block in front of the bank on 3rd Street, from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Board member Higgins moved permission be given, pending proof of proper insurance (they are under Riverdays policy). 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.

Mayor Curtis stated under Old Business, at the last meeting, Peyronnin was award the East Side Sewer Project and work should begin shortly.

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 Jeffries moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

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