

June 9, 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. Board member Jeffries was not present. Others attending were Chief Dixon; Capt. Angel; Acting Supt. Moss; Gene Carroll; Comm. Dieterle; Jeremy Coe – Cabelas King Kat; Paula Rudibaugh; Nancy Sexton; Jeff Woodford; Lois Gray – Posey County New; and Corey Woolsey – Mount Vernon Democrat.

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

Mayor Curtis asked if there were 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 Board member Williams.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was 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 Chairwoman, as Supt. Gray is on vacation.

**Water Chairwoman Johnson** stated she spoke with Supt. Gray and he said that everything is running as well as can be expected. He also had indicated that they will be laying the 10<sup>th</sup> Street main in two weeks.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any Legals ?

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.

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 Johnson 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 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

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 Williams; Hoehn; Johnson; and Higgins attending. Councilman Jeffries was not present. Others attending were Chief Dixon; Capt. Angel; Acting Supt. Moss; Gene Carroll; Comm. Dieterle; Jeremy Coe – Cabelas King Kat; Paula Rudibaugh; Nancy Sexton; Jeff Woodford; Lois Gray – Posey County New; and Corey Woolsey – Mount Vernon Democrat.

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

Mayor Curtis asked if there were 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 Standing Committees.

**Comm. Dieterle** stated he has no report.

**Capt. 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 received the Financial Report 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, with the first item being the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Ordinance Amending the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana 2016 Salary Ordinance for

Positions with the Motor Vehicle Highway Department, Fire Department, and the Park and Recreation Department. He reminded Council the Park changes are due to the raises given by their Board and the Fire and Motor Vehicle changes are removing individual names and a change in pay frequency.

Councilwoman Higgins moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

Councilman Hoehn asked if the Park salaries have changed since the first reading ?

Mayor Curtis replied no. He then requested a roll call vote.

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

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

Johnson – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hoehn moved the rules be suspended. 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 – absent; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Johnson – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hoehn 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 – absent; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Johnson – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 16-10.

Mayor Curtis stated the next item is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Ordinance Amending the City of Mt. Vernon Code of Ordinances, Title V-Public Works, Chapter 50-Sewers for Users of the City of Mt. Vernon Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilman Williams moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

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 – absent; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Johnson – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williams moved the rules be suspended. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

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 – absent; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Johnson – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williams moved the ordinance pass on third reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

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 – absent; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Johnson – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 16-11.

Mayor Curtis stated the next item is 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance Establishing Internal Control Standards and Establishing a Materiality Threshold for the City of Mt. Vernon, IN.

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

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 – absent; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Johnson – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hoehn moved the rules be suspended. 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 – absent; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Johnson – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on third reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

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 – absent; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Johnson – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 16-12.

Mayor Curtis stated the next item is not listed on the Agenda, but Attorney Higgins did email it out to Council a few days ago. It is a Reimbursement Resolution – a Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana Authorizing the Reimbursement of Certain Expenditures Made Prior to the Issuance of Long-Term Financing. He continued by stating this has to do with the engineering fees on the phosphorous removal project at the wastewater treatment plant. The contract with Lochmueller was signed at today's Board of Works meeting for \$225,000.00. This will be paid from the sewer department, and the 2% SRF loan for the project will pay that back to the sewer department. This resolution will allow that repayment.

Councilman questioned the cost of the project ?

Mayor Curtis replied \$2M.

Councilman Hoehn asked, to be clear, this is not a new SRF loan ?

Mayor Curtis replied the \$225,000.00 is for Lochmueller for the engineering, per the contract signed this afternoon. This resolution allows for SRF to repay the sewer department the \$225,000.00 they will spend

on the engineering. He then stated a PER was required and it has been submitted, the engineering is not done yet. He concluded by stating the entire project must be complete by January 1, 2019. Councilman Williams moved the Resolution be approved. Seconded by Councilwoman Higgins. 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 – absent; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Johnson – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 16-13.

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

Jeremy Coe stated he would like to thank everyone for their first fishing tournament held here in Mount Vernon, it was a big success. Especially for the first year, it was great. They hope to be here for many more years to come. He then stated they will stick with the third in Saturday in May, and hopefully next year they will have better weather. He added he would like to thank the City. The fishermen were all very excited and the town was very supportive and energetic. He stated the fishermen say this is now the number one sport for them, city wise, of the 20 they hold tournaments in. He thanked everyone for the big success of the event.

Councilwoman Johnson asked about the turn out ?

Mr. Coe replied they normally have around 45 boats, and they had 46 here. The Ohio is one of the best catfish rivers. One team drove 1200 miles to get here. Everything went great.

Councilman Williams added it will only get better with time.

Mr. Coe stated parking was tight, but they can work on that, it is easy to fix. Mount Vernon made a great first impression.

Councilwoman Johnson stated she would like to thank Councilwoman Higgins for organizing this event.

Mr. Coe agreed and added, by the way, he is a big fan of the Hawg N Sauce. In fact he is sure his crew is about tired of it.

Councilman Williams agreed and added Hawg N Sauce is one of Mount Vernon's jewels.

Mr. Coe again thanked everyone and added everything was great. They had 40 to 50 kids at the rodeo despite the cold rainy weather. He then stated as he has a six hour drive ahead of him, he will excuse himself.

Mr. Coe then left the meeting.

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

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 ?

Councilman Williams stated he would like to form a committee to review the animal control ordinances. He has been approached by several folks in the community recently about this and Indianapolis has just recently passed some new ordinances. He added in light of some of the situations they have had this year in the county as well as in the city, he feels now is the time. He then stated Jodi Pfister and Tina Parker have already indicated they would like to be on the committee, ACO Youngblood, and he would like a councilmember to be involved as well.

Mayor Curtis stated right now Mr. Youngblood is Indianapolis at school and he would be a good one to be on the committee.

Councilman Williams stated this is for the safety of the animals and he just feels this is the right time to address this.

Mayor Curtis asked if anyone on Council was interested in serving on the committee, and if so, they need to get in touch with Councilman Williams.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> District Councilman Jeffries** was not present.

**2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Williams** stated he has no report.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilman Hoehn** stated he has no report.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Councilwoman Johnson** stated she has no report.

**Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins** stated yesterday the woman in charge of the Indiana Torch Relay was here in Posey County. While here she asked if the Indiana Tourist Bureau knew about Mount Vernon ? She said the riverfront here is beautiful and it is a great area. She said that she was going to let them know about Mount Vernon. She then stated letters for the torch bearers will go out today or tomorrow. She continued by stating for the Bicentennial, August was designated for the farmers. Richard Kaufman with Keck Gonnerman would like to have an event in August with threshers, steam engines, and antique tractors, on the northwest corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main Streets. Open class tractors will be on display up to 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The date will be August 18 and will be yet another way to showcase Mount Vernon.

Mayor Curtis stated it would bring in a totally different interest group. They will also be doing this during RiverDays as well.

Councilman Williams stated they are working with RiverDays to provide even more electric down there.

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

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

Mayor Curtis stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried and adjourned the meeting.

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Bill Curtis, Mayor

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