

June 23, 2016

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:30 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Curtis presiding and members Higgins and Jeffries attending. Others attending were Chief Dixon; Chief Alldredge; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Gray; Acting Supt. Moss; Gene Carroll; Mike and Doug Bell; Paula Rudibaugh; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and Rachael Christian – 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 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 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 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 reports of the Departments.

Acting Supt. Moss reported they will be doing some manhole rehabilitation in the future, as well as repairing the line behind the American Legion. He then stated his VFD drive has been fixed and is running. Xylem is working on one pump and it should be done soon, the other will be done some time after July 4.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Chief Alldredge stated he has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was discussion ?

There was none.

Comm. Dieterle stated he had approval to use the credit card to make a purchase of foam for the boat dock repair. He had to use it for another boat dock repair – bumpers – from Overton's for \$516.40.

Board member Jeffries moved the credit card purchase for the boat dock repair be approved. 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.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.  
Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?  
There was none.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any Legals ?  
There were none.

Mayor Curtis stated in the Audience are the Bells.  
Doug Bell stated there is an alley not being used, he upkeep – mows – that he would like to request be vacated. He added he would like to make it a full lot.  
Board member Higgins stated she is familiar with the area.  
Mayor Curtis stated the department heads will need to check the area to be sure there are no issues, and they will also need to verify if there are any utilities there.  
Mr. Bell added it is the alley off James.  
Board member Jeffries asked if Mill Street traffic would need access to that ?  
Board member Higgins stated that is not the main alley for trash pick up.  
Mr. Bell agreed and added the city comes off 6<sup>th</sup>, the alley makes an L to Mill Street.  
Mayor Curtis stated they will need to contact the City Attorney for the exact steps that will have to be taken. Letters need to be sent out, etc. Once everything has been done, Council will take action on the request in ordinance form. If the Board of Works is ok with the request.

Mayor Curtis stated budget time is coming and there are certain deadlines that are associated with that as well that are coming up. The first is July 14 – when the city will get an estimate of the permissible levy for 2017. August 1 they will learn what effect the circuit breaker will have on them. He stated when he receives the information, he will get with the department heads and pass that on to them. They can then get budgets together and in by August 1. He added they have to submit the budget to the County for their non-binding review by September 1.

Mayor Curtis stated they have been without a Wastewater Supt. for some time. He has been looking. Mr. Moss and Mr. Carroll have done a good job over some pretty difficult times. He added he has talked with Attorney Higgins and they are looking at combining the supervision of the two utilities in one person. The funding would be half and half. There could be fiscal gains of having one superintendent instead of two, with a savings of \$30 - \$40,000.00. Though there may be more overtime involved for some. He then stated he has also talked with other Mayors and that is not an uncommon thing. The Board of Works has supervision over the Wastewater, and would need to pass a Resolution on to Council, as well as the Water Utility Board would need to do the same thing. He would need the Water Utility Board's blessing. The hiring is done by the Water Utility Board and the Board of Works, with approval by the Mayor. There will have to be a coordination of effort, but that is his recommendation at this time. He then stated he will get with Attorney Higgins in two weeks for a complete job description and ordinance changes. He asked for any thoughts of the Board ?  
Board member Jeffries replied there needs to be a clear cut cost analysis – fiscally – how it will impact operations of each department.  
Mayor Curtis stated they need to get things organized and responsibilities laid out.  
Board member Higgins stated she is worried about moral. Mr. Moss and Mr. Carroll have been good enough to do the job all these months.....seems there is no possibility of advancement.  
Mayor Curtis replied that is an issue. There are some contractual and business issues as well. Mr. Moss and Mr. Carroll can handle most issues, but contracts, budgeting....that end of things....  
Board member Higgins stated she understands some bills are split between the two utilities, yes. But, she added, she is more worried about the guys working in the trenches.

Mayor Curtis stated he has discussed this with Mr. Moss and Mr. Carroll, and he encourages the Board to talk to them as well.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any other New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any Old 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.

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Bill Curtis  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk-Treasurer  
Cristi L. Sitzman