

July 21, 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 Pro Tem Higgins presiding and Board member Williams attending. Others attending were Chief Dixon; Lt. Stallings; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Gray; Attorney Higgins; Ted Zeimer – Bingham Greenebaum Doll; Rick Mills; Jace Redman – Miles for MV; Paula Rudibaugh; Robbie Buchanan – Evansville Western Railroad; Rachel Christian – Mount Vernon Democrat; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Danny Moss and Gene Carroll.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins called the meeting to order by stating the approval of the minutes will be tabled until the next meeting, when Mayor Curtis is present.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Williams moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Higgins, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Lt. Stalling stated he has no report.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report, but it is a sad day. Monday they lost retired chief Cecil Waters. He was the very definition of a real fireman. He will be greatly missed.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Gray stated they have a sinkhole at 325 Washington Ave., next to a telephone pole. He added it appears the manhole structure has been leaking, which caused the sinkhole. They will be taking some dirt down tomorrow and may look into lining it.

Supt. Gray then stated the plant itself is actually in better shape than he thought. He expected worse.

Lochmueller has been overseeing some repairs and it is in better shape now.

Danny Moss arrived at the meeting.

Supt. Gray stated they are in need of some major roof repair, as it is leaking and running down the walls.

Mayor Pro Tem questioned the lining of some of their lines, and asked where they stood on that ?

Gene Carroll arrived at the meeting. He replied quotes were submitted a few meetings ago, but that was as far as they got. He added one quote was \$23,000 and the other was \$16,000. All ten lines that they measured would be covered in those.

Supt. Gray added the price is based on how many feet they would be lining.

Attorney Higgins asked how they got the prices ? Bids or quotes ?

Mr. Carroll replied quotes.

Attorney Higgins replied that is fine, because they are under \$50,000.00.

Board member Williams asked who Mr. Carroll recommends ?

Mr. Carroll replied he prefers SpectorTech over Culy. He is familiar with their work, as they did some in Birdland now long ago. He added he isn't as familiar with Culy. They also provided a better breakdown on what would be done.

Supt. Gray added they are also \$10,000 higher.

Mr. Carroll added Culy did not provide much of a breakdown.

Attorney Higgins stated if Board chooses to go with the higher quote, they need to go on record why they did not take the lowest quote.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins stated the higher quote was broken down.

Supt. Gray again added they are quoting on footage.

Mr. Carroll stated SpectroTech had the work broken down over a period of time as well. Both quotes include a 10 year warranty.

Supt. Gray stated he recommends Culy, they have a good reputation.

Board member Williams moved they proceed with Culy, the lowest quote. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Higgins, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated she spoke with Mayor Curtis before he left for vacation on a property easement that is needed behind Alles Brothers Furniture. She added Vectren needs to move their line, as it runs right down the middle of the city lot. She stated Mayor Curtis signed the easement, pending approval of the Board. She added the new line will run down the alley and along the Alles building.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins moved authorization be given for Mayor Curtis to approve and sign the easement. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is a request on behalf of Heritage Federal Credit Union for a curb cut.

Rick Mills, the design professional, presented the drawings to the Board and stated they hope to build a new credit union at the corner of 4th and Main, and they will need to cut Main Street, as well as vacate an alley and eliminate some parking spaces on Main Street. They will also need a cut on 4th Street, and they have met with INDOT on that and filed for their permit.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins asked if they are having a Main Street restriction ?

Mr. Mills replied yes and added it will be restricted to a right turn only. Turning left will be a problem there.

Board member Williams stated this request has not come before the Area Plan Commission yet. He is sure they will have some questions and wondered if they were jumping the gun here.

Attorney Higgins replied they can discuss and defer any decision until then, but she understands they wanted to get the request in while the site review was going on.

Mr. Mills stated he spoke with Mrs. Bourne at the Area Plan and she had no issues with the request.

Board member Williams stated if the state agrees, far be it from him to disagree.

Attorney Higgins stated they should also check with Comm. Dieterle.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no issue with the request.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins moved approval be given for the curb cut, with the restriction of right turn only to Main Street, pending recommendation by the Area Plan Commission. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins stated Robbie Buchanan with Evansville Western Railroad is present.

Mr. Buchanan stated August 1 they will be closing Main Street for three days in order to replace the crossing. They will open in back up on Wednesday and then move over to Walnut Street to replace that crossing.

Board member Williams asked how long the repair will last ?

Mr. Buchanan replied about five years. That track gets a lot of highway traffic and rail traffic. The road, he stated, will only be closed right at the crossing.

Board member Williams moved they approve the road closing to repair the crossings at Main Street, August 1, followed by the Walnut Street crossing. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Higgins, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Buchanan then left the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem stated in the Audience is Jace Redman, with the Mile for MV.

Mr. Redman stated would like to request use of the city streets for their fundraiser for the athletic department. They will be having the race on August 13 and this will be the fifth year for the race. Their course has not changed and they will not be crossing 4th or Main Streets, or any railroad tracks. He added they have condensed the course this year. They would like use of the streets from 7:30 am to 9:00 am, only partial road closures.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins asked Comm. Dieterle if he had 33 extra barricades ? She stated she is asking because the Tractors on Main is also that morning, followed by a car show.

Mr. Redman replied they can cut down on their barricades, and they will be done by 8:45.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins stated she thinks they can work it out.

Comm. Dieterle stated they will have time to pick them up and get them moved.

Board member Williams added it is a great event.

Attorney Higgins questioned their insurance.

Mr. Redman replied it is through the school, and he will get with Coach Latshaw on that.

Board member Williams moved they approve the request to use the city streets for their race on August 13, from 7:00 am to 9:00 am, pending receipt of proper insurance. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Higgins, who then asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Higgins stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins stated under New Business, the Board was just notified of the appointment of Larry Williams by Mayor Curtis to the Board, due to the resignation of Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Pro Tem Higgins stated if there was no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn. Board member Williams moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Higgins, who then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rebecca Higgins
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer