

July 7, 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 Board member Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Alldredge; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Gray; Acting Supt. Moss; Gene Carroll; Nancy Sexton; Paula Rudibaugh; Andrea Reinitz – PC Pound Puppies; Andy Sucharitakul - The Lochmueller Group; Animal Control Officer Youngblood; 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 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 would like permission to use the city credit card for two sound level meters to help the officers enforce the noise ordinance. He added the company needs the department to make a credit card purchase first to establish an account. He stated the cost of the meters is \$80 each, for a total of \$160.00.

Board member Higgins moved permission be given. 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.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Acting Supt. Moss stated he has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated he is applying for an INDOT paving grant and needs a letter of commitment.

Mayor Curtis stated the letter would be a letter of financial commitment for the matching funds of the grant.

Comm. Dieterle agreed and added the match is 50%. He stated he has 12 projects he is in the process of prioritizing, including 2nd Street, 3rd Street, Water Street, and 10th Street. He stated the matching funds needed should be around \$450-460,000.00.

Mayor Curtis stated the city received a one time LOIT special distribution of \$510,000.00, and this will not happen again. The state has a matching grant, up to \$490,000.00, which could essentially double their \$510,000.00. To put that into perspective, that would equal about four years of paving. He added it is a great opportunity. Counties with a population under 50,000 are to be given preferential consideration. He added they should find out this year if they are successful. The deadline to get the application in is July 29.

Board member Higgins moved the Board recommend approval of a letter of financial commitment to the Council, as needed for the INDOT grant. 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 asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis stated in the Audience is the P C Pound Puppies.

Andrea Reinitz approached the Board and stated they would like to hold a bucket shake at 4th and Main on July 30, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. She added it will be their third bucket shake.

Mayor Curtis stated they need to be sure to meet the insurance requirements and use safety vests.

Board member Jeffries arrived at the meeting.

Ms. Reinitz stated they have used vests before.

Board member Higgins moved permission be given. 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.

Ms. Reinitz left the meeting.

Mayor Curtis stated under Old Business, is the combining of the water and sewer leadership. There were some questions that came up after the last meeting, and he believes he has addressed those. The Board has received the job description and the financial impact/potential savings. He added even with the recommended salary of \$75,000.00 (2017 – total with benefits \$94,051.00) they could realize a savings of \$60,000.00 by combining the position and not having two separate superintendents. He then stated listed on the amendment to the salary ordinance for a fiscal impact is \$40,000.00. Danny Moss and Gene Carroll have done a fantastic job and their duties will stay the same, but their salaries should go up accordingly. Some raises may be a little more, as they have more responsibility. Mr. Carroll has never been compensated for his certification – that has never been accounted for. Again, he stated they could realize a savings of \$40,000 to \$50,000.00. This should also be more efficient. Mayor Curtis continued by stating the Board would need to approve the job description today, then the Mayor's appointment, which will also be contingent on Council's approval of the amendment of the salary ordinance.

Board member Jeffries asked if Supt. Gray has reviewed the job description ?

Supt. Gray replied yes and he also had some input.

Board member Jeffries asked about Acting Supt. Moss and Mr. Carroll ?

They each replied no, they have not seen it.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Board member Jeffries moved the job description, as prepared by Attorney Higgins for the Water/Sewer Superintendent, be approved. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were 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 moved the Board recommend passage of the salary ordinance amendment to the Council. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Board member Jeffries moved the job description, as prepared by Attorney Higgins for the Water/Sewer Superintendent, be approved. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were 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 was any New Business ?

There was none.

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

Board member Higgins 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