

August 4, 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. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Dixon; Chief Alldredge; Comm. Dieterle; Representatives of Bingham Greenebaum Doll; Rick Mills; Mike Wallace; Rachel Christian – Mount Vernon Democrat Paula Rudibaugh; Rick Mileham; Nancy Sexton; Rachel Christian – Mount Vernon Democrat; and Lois Gray – Posey County News.

Mayor Curtis stated 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 Board member Williams.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Curtis requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Johnson moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Williams.

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 report of the Water Chairman.

Water Chairwoman Johnson stated she has no report.

Supt. Gray stated they have discovered some erosion issues on Upton Road. They will be replacing two 20' sections. The water main was placed in a drainage ditch and that is why the erosion has taken place. He then stated they are running a little behind on the 10th Street main replacement. It probably will not be done until October 15.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions should be directed to Deann at the water department.

Mayor Curtis asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

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 the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Bill Curtis, Mayor

ATTEST:

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. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Dixon; Chief Alldredge; Comm. Dieterle; Representatives of Bingham Greenebaum Doll; Rick Mills; Mike Wallace; Rachel Christian – Mount Vernon Democrat; Paula Rudibaugh; Rick Mileham; Nancy Sexton; Rachel Christian – Mount Vernon Democrat; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Allen Davis.

Mayor Curtis stated 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.

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

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 Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairwoman Higgins stated they are still having an issue with people leaving their grass clippings in the street. Again, this clogs up the storm sewers when it rains.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Alldredge stated he has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Hoehn stated he has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Williams stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray stated he has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis stated they have the Financial Report before them 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 Legal portion of the Agenda, with the first item being a public hearing on the alley vacation as requested on behalf of Heritage Federal Credit Union. He then opened the public hearing.

Legal counsel from of Bingham Greenebaum Doll, on behalf of Heritage Federal Credit Union, approached and stated they are also requesting that four parking spaces be removed on Main Street. He added they have spoken with the adjacent land owner and have worked out an easement with Allen Davis, a reciprocal easement. He will have the same alley access he currently enjoys. He added Rick Mileham owns to the west of their property. They are NOT vacating the north/south alley, by Mr. Mileham's business, but he understands that Mr. Mileham is concerned about the traffic flow of that alley. He added they have not looked at that yet and they need to do that before the final vote. He asked if there were any questions ?

Mayor Curtis also asked if there were any questions or comments.

Councilman Hoehn asked if the concern Vectren had has been addressed ?

Legal counsel replied yes, it has been addressed, and their rights will remain the same.

Mayor Curtis stated this is also addressed on page 3 of the ordinance.

Nancy Sexton questioned the north/south alley and wondered if INDOT wasn't already address that and that access should be one way ?

Councilwoman Johnson replied INDOT only said that from the 4th Street access, not the alley.

Rick Mileham stated he would like to see it one way, as the alley, as it continues across the street by Subway, is one way to the north. He added he doesn't care either way. It is just a narrow alley and should be made one way in either direction. That would make more sense, the direction doesn't matter. He stated his business relies on visibility and also needs to protect his inventory from possibly getting hit by cars trying to utilize a two way alley.

Councilwoman Johnson stated she would prefer folks not try to cross traffic from the alley, when there is already an entrance off of 4th Street. As that is the case, do they really need an alley entrance as well ?

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any other comments ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis then closed the public hearing.

Mayor Curtis stated they are now ready for action on the second reading.

Councilman Hoehn moved the Ordinance Vacating the East Half of an East/West Alley Beginning at Main Street and Extending West to the East Edge of the North/South Alley Connecting 3rd and 4th Streets Within the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis requested a roll call vote.

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

Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes; Johnson – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Curtis stated the next item is the first reading of the Ordinance to Amend the City of Mount Vernon Code of Ordinances, Title VII-Traffic Code, Chapter 75-Parking Schedules-Schedule I-No Parking Zones.

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

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis requested a roll call vote.

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

Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes; Johnson – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

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

There was no response.

Mayor Curtis stated under Old Business, two more houses were demolished today, one being in the 1200 block of Mulberry. Three more are soon to come.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

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

2nd District Councilman Williams stated the railroad tracks on Main Street have been replaced and Evansville Western did a great job. They have moved on to the Walnut Street crossing and it almost done as well.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated there is a surface water issue at Country Club Road and Leffel Court. He has been working with Comm. Dieterle on that and if they get a good rain anytime soon, they will see if the fix works.

4th District Councilwoman Johnson stated she has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated the next Bicentennial event is scheduled for August 13, Tractors on Main, in conjunction with Keck Gonnerman.

Councilwoman Johnson stated Sgt. Boyster is retiring. He has a done a great job and just thought that should not go unmentioned.

Mayor Curtis stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.
Councilman Williams moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.
Allen Davis arrived at the meeting and asked if they were still taking comments on the alley vacation request ?
Mayor Curtis stated they would allow him to speak.
Mr. Davis approached the podium and stated he owns the building to the south of the alley and he and Heritage Federal Credit Union are in agreement. He has no issues.
Mayor Curtis thanked him for his comments.

Mayor Curtis then stated they have a motion and a second to adjourn. 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