

August 18, 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 members Williams and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Dixon; Chief Alldredge; Comm. Dieterle; Supt. Gray; Gene Carroll; Danny Moss; Barry Cox – WSI; Tommy Neaville – Legion Riders; Paula Rudibaugh; Kay Kilgore; Rachel Christian – Mount Vernon Democrat; and Lois Gray – Posey County News.

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 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 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 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 has the revision to the SOP that they discussed at the last meeting, concerning take home units. He would like for the patrolmen that live in the county to be able to drive their vehicles to and from work, training, and court.

Board member Higgins asked if they sign on when they hit the city limits ?

Chief Alldredge replied yes.

Board member Higgins stated she would assume that if something happens between their home and the city limits, the city insurance would cover that ?

Mayor Curtis stated the only changes it appears are items J, K, and L. The rest of the SOP seems to be the same.

Chief Alldredge replied yes.

Board member Higgins again asked about an incident happening before the city limits ?

Chief Alldredge stated they are trying to compete with other agencies that do let their officers take their cars home. He added this is the main reason they can not keep officers and he feels this change will help retain them.

Mayor Curtis asked what the fiscal impact will be ?

Chief Alldredge replied he has no idea, they only have one officer currently that lives out of the city limits. They may have one more.

Board member Higgins asked if they need to make this a blanket policy for the whole city?

Board member Williams stated he has never really thought about it.

Mayor Curtis stated they difference with the police department and others is in response time.

Board member Higgins stated the same could be said for the Street Department in the event of a storm clean up, snow removal, etc.

Mayor Curtis stated this is something they could take up with the department heads individually.

Board member Williams stated he has no problem with this and that maybe they should look at the others individually. He then moved the SOP on take home units 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 been talking with Supt. Gray and they would like to do a little something extra this year for the Halloween candy give away. They would like to make a small haunted house, a walk through, in their extra bay.

Board member Williams stated he thinks that is a great idea and he will do anything he can to help.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Gray stated there was a lot of water last week. In fact, five inches of rain in an hour is equal to roughly 86M gallons. He added the new expansion at the plant did a great job and there were no hiccups. Everything ran great and there were no overflows.

Mayor Curtis stated that is great news.

Board member Williams added again, folks need to remember to not blow their grass clippings into the street. Granted that much rain in an hour is torrential, but every little bit helps.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has a request. They need to update their fax/copier machine. It is a 2009 model that they are leasing at \$1,655.00/year and then \$30 to \$40 on top of that if they go over a certain number of copies. He added he has three quotes: \$1,960.00; \$2,874.00; and \$3,506.00. He stated he would like to go with the \$2874.00, as it is compatible with Windows10. This would be a purchase, not a lease, with a minimal charge for black and white copies and color copies.

Board member Higgins moved permission for the purchase of the \$2,874.00 machine be given.

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 are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda. The first item, the agreement with Cabela's King Kat, be tabled. He stated he needs to get with Attorney Higgins as there is a question on the insurance coverage that he would like to get resolved before they proceed.

Mayor Curtis stated the next item is a Resolution Identifying Parcels for Participation in the Blight Elimination Program (BEP). He added there are an additional 33 or so properties listed, and another house came down today as well.

Board member Williams moved the agreement be tabled. 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.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied it will be numbered 16-15.

Mayor Curtis stated in the Audience is Kay Kilgore with the Mount Vernon Riverdays.

Ms. Kilgore gave handouts to the Board and Department Heads outlining the street that will need to be closed for this year's event.

Wednesday, September 7, 4:00 pm: both alley entrances/exits on Main Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and Water Street

Thursday, September 8, 7:00 am: Water Street from College to Mulberry  
Main Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> to Water St (including alley exits by Eagles and The Landing)

Walnut Street from 2<sup>nd</sup> to Water St (including alley exits by The Landing and the Youth Baseball Center)

Mulberry Street from the alley (between 2<sup>nd</sup> and Water) to Water Street (to eliminate blocking of residential driveways)

3:00 pm: We will move barricades at Mulberry to block Water Street from College to Locust Street

Friday, September 9, 7:00 a.m.: Same as above

College Ave at the alley (between 2<sup>nd</sup> and Water) to Water Street. This will be to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street at the close of business for the Water Dept.

Saturday, September 10: Same as above

Main Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

3<sup>rd</sup> Street from College to Walnut

These road closings will cover Riverdays, Bike Show, Tractor Show, and Parade

We will also need extra barricades at Dr. Appel's parking lot at 8:00 a.m. to be used for the Pet Parade

Sunday, September 11: same as above

These road closings will cover Riverdays, Car Show, and Bicentennial activities

Board member Williams asked if this was the same as last year ?

Ms. Kilgore replied yes.

Board member Higgins asked Supt. Gray is blocking College will affect folks trying to haul water.

Supt. Gray replied no.

Board member Williams moved the closures be approved as presented. 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.

Mr. Neaville stated he is with the motorcycle club having the show during Riverdays. They need to expand their area and close 3<sup>rd</sup> Street from Main to College .

Mayor Curtis stated they didn't discuss this with Ms. Kilgore, as Riverdays as their own insurance, but the motorcycle club needs to be sure they get theirs up here. Any approval should be contingent upon that.

Comm. Dieterle stated he also needs to add another closure to the list. Friday night, August 19, from 5:00 to 9:00 pm, Walnut Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and the alley to the bank.

Board member Williams moved the closure 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.

Board member Williams then moved the closure for the motorcycle club's show during Riverdays, be approved. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

Board member Williams stated this event is a great part of Riverdays.

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.

Barry Cox approached and stated as of August 21, WSI will have been in Mount Vernon for 30 years. The company started in Mount Vernon, and they would like to put on a celebration if they could. He stated down on Water Street between Mulberry and Walnut they would like to put up a 40 foot seed container like trailer and have a tailgate like event with some tents. They would like to do this August 22 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There would still be able to be two way traffic.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis stated they will really only be blocking parking spaces.

Board member Williams moved permission be given. 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. He thanked Mr. Cox for being a good corporate neighbor of Mount Vernon for many years.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Curtis stated under New Business, he has been getting some quotes together on repairs and painting of City Hall. He added the brickwork is in pretty bad shape. He contacted several contractors for quotes on the masonry, one declined. Don Koester came in at \$31,395.00 and NM Bunge came in at \$31,540.00. They will be tuck pointing the entire building, power washing the building, repairing the stone sills, re-grouting, and then put a covering over it. He added they will also work on the steps and concrete.

Board member Williams questioned work on lighting ?

Mayor Curtis replied that is not included, only stone work. It is in the budget (EDIT, Bd of PW&S), but he also has a different set of quotes on the painting.

Board member Williams asked if the contractors are local ?

Mayor Curtis replied Koester is in Wadesville.

Board member Williams stated this is a gem of a building and it needs work. He then moved they accept the low quote of Koester, assuming they meet the insurance requirements. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

Board member Williams asked what the time line looks like ?

Mayor Curtis replied both indicated they would be able to get to it in the fall. He then 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 for the painting, he called four contractors, Weintraut and Bellwood, both local, did not want to bid. They felt it was too big of a job that would require scaffolding, etc. He did get a response back from Tri State Painting and Sims Painting. This time, there was quite a disparity in the quotes. Tri State quoted \$11,544.00 and Sims quoted \$21,630.00. Again, there is money in the budgets for this (EDIT, Bd of PW&S).

Board member Williams moved the Board accept the low quote of Tri State Painting, assuming they meet the insurance requirements. 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 if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Williams.

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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Cristi L. Sitzman  
Clerk-Treasurer