

September 15, 2016

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Curtis presiding and members Pharr; Williams; Hoehn; and Johnson attending. Board member Higgins was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Alldredge; Comm. Dieterle; Gene Carroll; Ed Adams; Paula Rudibaugh; Nancy Sexton; 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 Hoehn 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 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 Williams moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Johnson.

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 Superintendent.

Supt. Gray stated he has no report.

**Chairwoman Johnson** stated she has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

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 ? He then stated as they will only have two meetings a month, there will be no meeting September 29. The next meeting will be October 13.

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 Hoehn. 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

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 Pharr; Williams; Hoehn; and Johnson attending. Councilwoman Higgins was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Alldredge; Comm. Dieterle; Gene Carroll; Ed Adams; Paula Rudibaugh; Nancy Sexton; Rachel Christian – Mount Vernon Democrat; and Lois Gray – Posey County News.

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Councilman Hoehn 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.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

**Street & Light Chairwoman Higgins** was not present.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Alldredge stated the meeting on September 6 was well attended. They discussed juvenile issues, and there were many good ideas brought forward. They will be doing some follow up. He then stated the police department needs to have more of a presence in the community and be more involved with the juveniles. Last Tuesday, they held out cook out at the Community Center. They served 77 hamburgers and it went very well.

Councilwoman Johnson asked when their next meeting will be ?

Chief Alldredge replied he is not sure, they need to regroup.

Councilwoman Johnson asked about a Facebook page. She added she had heard they were going to be starting one.

Chief Alldredge replied he has not seen it.

Councilman Williams stated sounds like they are heading in the right direction and if they need help with further cook outs, they just need to let him know.

Mayor Curtis stated it was very positive. Good discussion. Good ideas. It is a really good start.

**Chairman Pharr** added that is what community policing is all about. Good job.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

**Fire Chairman Hoehn** stated he has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

**Sewer Chairman Williams** stated he has no report other than to thank all of the departments for their hard work during River Days.

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 the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated it is that time of year again, budget time. The first item is the first reading of the proposed Ordinance Establishing Appropriations and Tax Rates for the City of Mount Vernon, IN, for the Year Ending December 31, 2017.

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on first 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:

Pharr – yes; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Johnson – yes; Higgins – absent.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the salary ordinance for 2017. She further stated it is up for first reading, but there is a caveat – there may be a few minor changes in the ordinance at second reading. Minor changes in titles in the wastewater department may come. There are also some changes due to the FLSA requirements which may mean some folks may be changed from salary to hourly.

Councilman Hoehn moved the Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages for the Appointed Officers of the City of Mount Vernon, IN for the Year Ending December 31, 2017, be approved on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

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

Pharr – yes; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Johnson – yes; Higgins – absent.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is an Ordinance of Additional Appropriations in the COIT and State Gaming Funds.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman explained the COIT request is due to reimbursements the city has received from INDOT on the Main and State Street Grants. This money is to be put back in the budget line from which it was originally spent. The other COIT request is the reimbursement from the insurance company on the totaled police cruiser. The money from that will be put back in the budget for the purchase of the new police cruiser. State Gaming request is also due to reimbursement from INDOT on the Main and State Street Grants.

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

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

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

Pharr – yes; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Johnson – yes; Higgins – absent.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated there has been a development with the Public Safety Tax that was adopted earlier this year. When the County Auditor went to put the information in the State Gateway site, she couldn't get it in. There was also a law change in July. The tax will still begin in October, but the County need to re-adopt that tax. The Council will be asked to confirm the tax again as of January 1, 2017. This needs to be done by October 31, 2016, when it will need to be recertified. There will also need to be another public hearing held, probably October 13. Action will need to be certified by noon on October 28.

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

There was no response.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any Old Business ?

Attorney Higgins stated in reference to Heritage Federal Credit Union's alley vacation request, the INDOT permit has been received, the ordinance has been recorded and the original given to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any New Business ?

Councilman Williams stated it was discussed at the Board of Works meeting earlier about removing two parking spaces located on W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, near the library drop box. If those spots are full and there is traffic, it becomes a pretty congested area. He added he has talked with the library about it, and they are fine with the request.

Councilman Hoehn stated that is a good idea and he has no issue with the request. The library has a parking lot and he has seen that there is an issue there as well.

Attorney Higgins will draw up the ordinance for the next meeting.

Councilman Hoehn thanked Councilman Williams for addressing the issue.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> District Councilman Pharr** stated he has no report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> District Councilman Williams** stated he has no report.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilman Hoehn** stated he has no report.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Councilwoman Johnson** stated Thursday, the Southwest Indiana Chamber will hold their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Riverbend Market from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm. There will be zumba, music, food, and crafts. No streets will be closed and all vendors are from Posey County. Mayor Curtis added it sounds like fun.

Mayor Curtis then stated Councilman Williams has mentioned this already, but River Days and the Bicentennial events all went great. He heard nothing but positive comments. It was a good time and a definite sense of community. He would like to thank everyone, all the committees, etc for a great event – very enjoyable.

Councilman Williams stated when he handed off the torch to Richard Keck, he stated how impressed he was with the town and the riverfront. He stated Mr. Keck moved away several years ago, and had not been back until River Days weekend. Mr. Keck stated he dad would be very proud.

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

Councilman Williams moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

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Bill Curtis, Mayor

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