

September 29, 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; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and Rachel Christian – Mount Vernon Democrat.

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 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 Williams moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. 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 they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Alldredge stated they are finishing up the hiring process. The testing is done and they are finishing up on the background checks. He stated they need to set a date for interviews. He suggested immediately following the next Board meeting, October 13. There will only be three candidates to interview.

Board agreed to hold the Executive Session on October 13, 2016, immediately following the Board of Works meeting, at 311 College Avenue.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Gray reported work on the Eastside Gravity Flow Sewer Project is progressing pretty slowly. They are having issues with the soil which makes it very hard to trench. He stated last week they only got about 120 feet total trenched.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated the paving project (grant) started today. They are milling and paving should start next week. He then stated he has a few items that need to be declared junk/surplus and gotten rid of. One is a Galion 503L grater and the other is an old salt spreader that has rusted out.

Board member Higgins moved the items be declared salvage/scrap and removed from the inventory list. 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 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 stated under New Business, they have discussion on the ordinance concerning animals at events.

Board member Williams stated this was brought to his attention after the latest event at the riverfront. He added if an event is brought before the Board of Works and approved, then pets are not allowed, but if it isn't and possibly approved by another city department, people seem to bring pets. They need to make sure they have a good, clear ordinance.

Board member Higgins stated there does seem to be some confusion. The latest event was not a city sanctioned event.

Mayor Curtis stated he spoke with Attorney Higgins about this and they plan to get some clarity on the ordinance. He added the same situation would arise with block parties, they may fall under a different set of rules, but regardless, they need consistency. It is also a safety issue. He concluded by stating he agrees this needs some more clarity.

Board member Williams stated along these lines, there is another Riverbend Market scheduled for October 27 from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. There will be between six and 14 new vendors. They are requesting that Water Street be blocked between Main and Walnut for the event. He then moved the road closure be permitted. 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.

Bill Curtis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer