

October 13, 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; Danny Moss; Gene Carroll; Paula Rudibaugh; 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 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 no report.

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 stated there has been some damage to the remote vehicle (camera truck). They need to take it to Indianapolis to repair the bad cable. He added he does not have quote yet, but it will only be a one day trip. He would request use of the credit card for meals.

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.

Supt. Gray continued by stating he, in conjunction with the police and fire departments, will be having a small haunted house this year to go along with the candy give away. He added the Southern Indiana Ghostbusters will also be coming down to the event.

Chief Dixon added it will be Monday, October 31, from 3:00 pm until they run out of candy.

Board member Williams added they have LOTS of candy.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle stated at the last meeting when he received permission to scrap a grader. As a result of that hitting the paper, there has been some interest in it. He would now like permission to take bids, \$500.00 minimum, and open them at the next meeting.

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.

Comm. Dieterle concluded his report by stating he will need the credit card for Don Rye to attend pesticide school October 26 and again on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The school will be in Vincennes and there is a \$100 registration fee.

Board member Higgins moved permission to use the credit card and city vehicle 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. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is North Water Consulting Feasibility Study. He continued by stating this is in conjunction with the LARE Grant the city received, for up to \$20,000 for a feasibility study on erosion control at the riverfront. He added last year they received some but they were way too high. They sent a request out again this year and the quote from North Water Consulting came in at \$24,500.00. Ashley Haviland, with the DNR, indicated North Water is on the approved list to be used and they do quality work. He added they did receive two other quotes, but they were substantially higher. He stated he questioned Ms. Haviland about the difference in price, and she assured him that they are a good, reputable firm. He stated the grant they received was 80/20, with a \$20,000 max. He added the city can receive up to \$2,500 in-kind if they hold a public meeting and provide needed information, which could bring the city match down to around \$2,500.00 or so, instead of \$4,500.00. He concluded by stating there is money in EDIT for the study.

Board member Williams moved Mayor Curtis be authorized to sign the contract, after legal review and receipt of appropriate insurance. 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 stated he is glad to see the city move forward with this.

Mayor Curtis stated North Water wants to get started yet his month, is possible. He then added that after this step, the city can apply for up to \$100,000.00 for a planning grant. They will definitely be applying for that.

Mayor Curtis then stated at IACT there was talk about the Emerald Ash borer. Some communities are having trouble with it and are spending lots of money having trees trimmed or removed. They may look into at some point, having a survey done of the ash trees on city owned properties to see if this is affecting Mount Vernon. He added treatment can last two to three years, at a cost of between \$50.00 - \$300.00.

Mayor Curtis stated under Old Business the Smith Road Lift Station has been completed, with the exception of some telemetry. He stated PPMI has submitted a Change Order. The Board has already authorized payment to PPMI in the amount of \$71,100.00. This Change Order will be credit in the amount \$5,210.00, if the city will purchase the telemetry and install it themselves.

Supt. Gray added for \$1,000 more, he can install a more modern telemetry.

Board member Williams moved the Change Order be accepted as requested. 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 asked if there was any other Old Business ?

There was none.

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There was none.

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

There was no response.

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