

November 10, 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 Pharr, Williams, Hoehn, Johnson, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Dixon; Chief Alldredge; Comm. Dieterle; Jeff Woodford; Nancy Sexton; Paula and Ken Rudibaugh; Rachel Christian – Mount Vernon Democrat; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Attorney Higgins.

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 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 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 report of the Water Superintendent.

Supt. Gray stated he would like approval to send two employees to Columbus, IN, December 4 – 6 for training, and CEU's.

Board member Hoehn moved permission be given, as well as use of the city credit card, and city vehicle. Seconded by Board member Johnson.

Attorney Higgins arrived at the meeting.

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.

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

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis stated if there are any questions on the Financial Report, they need to direct them to Utility Bookkeeper Blackburn.

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 ?  
Attorney Higgins replied she has 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 Williams moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Johnson.  
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, Johnson, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Chief Dixon; Chief Alldredge; Comm. Dieterle; Jeff Woodford; Nancy Sexton; Paula and Ken Rudibaugh; Rachel Christian – Mount Vernon Democrat; Lois Gray – Posey County News; Attorney Higgins; and arriving during the meeting, representatives of the Dollar General Store.

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.

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

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** stated she has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Alldredge stated he has no report.

**Police & Dog Chairman Pharr** stated he has no report.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

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

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Gray stated he has no report.

**Sewer Chairman Williams** 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 the first item is a Public Hearing on the Ordinance of Additional Appropriations in the COIT and State Gaming Funds.

Mayor Curtis opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the audience wished to address the Council concerning the additional appropriations ?

There was no response.

Mayor Curtis closed the Public Hearing.

Councilman Hoehn moved the Ordinance of Additional Appropriations be approved on final reading.

Seconded by Councilman Williams.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

There was 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 – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated it will be numbered 16-22.

Mayor Curtis stated the next item, the Ordinance vacating an alley for the new Dollar General Store, they will table until their representatives arrive.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the second 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. She reminded Council this is in reference to parking around the library  
Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Williams.  
Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?  
Councilwoman Higgins asked if there are adding another spot to the ordinance ?  
Attorney Higgins asked if Councilman Williams spoke with the library about that ?  
Councilman Williams replied that he did and they have no problem with it.

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 – yes.  
Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.  
Attorney Higgins stated it will cover the entire north side of W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the first reading of the Ordinance Establishing Salaries for the Elected Officers of the City of Mount Vernon, IN, for the Year Ending December 31, 2017, payable from the General Fund, and Water and Sewer Utilities.  
Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Johnson.  
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 – yes.  
Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Curtis asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?  
Lois Gray asked if there will be a public hearing on the elected officials' salary ordinance?  
Mayor Curtis replied no, none is required.  
Ms. Gray then asked if they figure the total salary by adding the three figures together ?  
Mayor Curtis replied yes.

Representatives of the Dollar General Store arrived at the meeting.

Attorney Higgins stated they can now go back to the Legal portion of the Agenda, and address Item B – the final reading of the Ordinance Vacating the South Half of a North/South Alley Beginning at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Extending North to the South Edge of the East/West Alley Connecting Vine and Pearl Streets Within the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana.  
Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilman Pharr.  
Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?  
There was none.  
Mayor Curtis requested a roll call vote.  
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:  
Pharr – yes; Williams – abstain; Hoehn – yes;  
Johnson – yes; Higgins – yes.  
Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried.  
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 16-23.

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 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 the police and fire must have had all the trick-or-treaters, as he had none.

**3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilman Hoehn** stated the new lines have been painted on the newly paved streets, and they look very nice. He then thanked the Street Department for their efforts.

**4<sup>th</sup> District Councilwoman Johnson** stated she has no report.

**Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins** stated kudos to Councilwoman Johnson and Rachel Rainey on the great event at the riverfront October 27. She then stated Mount Vernon's official 200<sup>th</sup> birthday is November 17, 2016 and there will be cake and refreshments at city hall. Mayor Curtis stated he would like to echo what Councilwoman Higgins said about the Riverbend Market's last event. It was great and he thanked those involved as well.

Mayor Curtis stated the city offices will be closed tomorrow in recognition of Veterans Day. He added he would like everyone to take time out at 11:00 am and think of what all of the veterans have done for their country.

Councilwoman Higgins stated Christmas on Main Street will be December 3. There will be a market at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Main from 2:30 to 5:30 and the parade will start at 5:00.  
Councilwoman Johnson added they are also accepting volunteers.

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.  
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

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Clerk-Treasurer