

December 20, 2007

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren and Williams attending. Others attending were Supt. Givens; Asst. Fire Chief Harms; Comm. Epison; Chief Beloit; Amy Moore – Mount Vernon Democrat; and Darryl Harris and family.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Williams moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*CLAIMS\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloit stated he would like to request an advance clothing allowance for their new hire, Mr. Bratton, for the first quarter of 2008, as he will start officially on January 2.

Board member Askren moved the request be approved. Seconded by Board member Williams.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously. She then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Epison stated he would like to remind everyone that Tuesday, December 25 trash will be picked up on Wednesday, December 26.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Asst. Fire Chief Harms stated he has no report.  
 Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?  
 There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is opening of the bids for the 2008 Supplies.  
 Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe opened the bids in the order in which they were received, as follows:

1. 1. Mulzer Crushed Stone, Inc., accompanied by Bid Bond

Item 2 – Road Gravel – FOB \$ 13.05

Pea Gravel – FOB 14.75

Road Gravel – Delivered \$ 15.50

Pea Gravel – Delivered 17.20

Item 3 – Crushed Stone - #53, 73 \$ 11.60

FOB #1,2,5,7 11.70

FOB #8 12.25

FOB #9 12.45

FOB #11 13.80

FOB Rip Rap, 12” Top Size Max 14.15

FOB Rip Rap, 12” – 18” 14.80

DELIVERED - #53,73 \$ 14.05

#1,2,5,7 14.15

#8 14.70

#9 14.90

#11 16.25

Rip Rap, 12” Top Size Max 17.60

Rip Rap, 12” – 18” 18.25

Item 4 – Fill Sand – FOB \$ 6.80

Fill Sand – Delivered 9.25

2. 2. Delta Chemical Corporation, accompanied by Bid Bond

Polyaluminum Hydroxychlorosulphate (PAC) \$1.906 per gallon

3. 3. RejuvTec, Inc., accompanied by Bid Bond

Item #7, Crack Sealing, \$1.89/ lb

Item #8, Rejuvenator, \$.97/sq yd

4. 4. Brenntag Mid-South, Inc., accompanied by Bid Bond

3 tons	150 lb cyl	Liquid Chlorine	\$82.00 ea
1000 lbs	55.1 lb pail	Pot Permanganate	\$149.00 ea
3 tons	150 lb cyl	Sulfur Dioxide	\$90.00 ea
	5 gal	Sulfuric Acid	\$75.00 ea
79	50 lb bag	Soda Ash Dense	\$10.75 ea
2,700 lb	450 lb drum	Brennfloc Polymer	NO BID
300,000	4,400 gal T/T	PAC	NO BID
36,000	2,000 lb cyl	Chlorine	\$575.00 ea

5. 5. J H Rudolph & Co., Inc., accompanied by Bid Bond

Item #5	Hot Asphaltic Concrete Binder	\$42.00 per ton
	Hot Asphaltic Concrete Surface	\$48.00 per ton
	Cold-Mix Patching Material	NO BID
	UPM	\$86.00 per ton

Item #6 Liquid Asphalts (AE Grades) furnished and applied as prime/road oil \$ 4.00 per gallon

Liquid Asphalt (AE Grades) furnished and applied as tack coat \$ 1.99 per gallon

Liquid Asphalt AE-150 or AE-90 furnished and applied as seal \$ 2.70 per gallon

Crushed Stone No 11 or No 12-C furnished and applied as seal \$ 55.00 per ton

Sand furnished and applied as seal \$ 68.00 per ton

Hot Asphalt Concrete furnished and applied as follows:

HAC Base \$ 51.00 per ton

HAC Binder \$ 54.00 per ton

HAC Surface \$ 58.40 per ton

Wedges & Level or Alley Paving add \$12.00 per ton to above prices

Board member Williams moved the Board acknowledge receipt of the bids, and that they be taken under advisement for review by Attorney Funkhouser and Department Heads, for the most responsive bidder. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated also under Legals, she has the contract for the Economic Development Coalition for the comprehensive plan for the city, which she announced at Monday evening's Council meeting.

Board member Williams added this is long, long overdue. He then moved Mayor Knowles be authorized to sign the contract. Seconded by Board member Askren. Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously. She then signed the contract.

Mayor Knowles stated also under the Legal portion of the Agenda, in reference to the Wastewater camera truck purchased they approved at the last meeting, Best Equipment had included financing in their bid, but she and Supt. Givens decided to shop that out locally to see if they could do any better. First Source Bank was who Best went through, and their rate was 4.42%. She stated she received quotes back from Itegra (4.50%) and Old National (3.92%) – 5/3 Bank did not respond.

Board member Williams moved the financing be done through Old National, with a big “thank you” going to them as well for such a good rate, as they are the lowest responsive bidder. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Board member Williams commended Supt. Givens on the notion of looking for local financing.

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

Darryl Harris approached the Board and stated he lives at the corner of 6<sup>th</sup> and Canal and has battled a sewage issue there for a couple of years. He added the line is plugged and his basement is filling up with raw sewage.

Mayor Knowles asked how they determine where to run a new line ?

Mr. Harris stated he has talked with Supt. Givens many times about this.

Supt. Givens stated he is on a combination line that runs down the alley, and it appears the line was not extended all the way to Canal Street. He added in order for Mr. Harris to tie in, the line would have to slant through other people’s driveways. He then stated to fix it would probably require an 8” line extension 200’ down the alley. He would then have to tie his lateral into the 8” line.

Mayor Knowles questioned the cost of that ?

Supt. Givens replied he is not sure yet. He added this problem was discussed earlier, possibly a year ago.

Mayor Knowles stated she feels they need a cost estimate before they can proceed and suggested Supt. Givens contact Wessler before any thing is done, as the city does not want to fix something before Wessler gets a chance to fix it.

Board member Williams asked if this is affecting other homes in the area ?

Supt. Givens replied no. He then stated Mr. Harris also wants to know if he can tie in to the line in the alley back there. He added they have never done this before (never extended a line for one house).

Mayor Knowles stated as they have never done this before, she would really like a cost estimate.

Supt. Givens stated he should be tied on to the original tap. He added it appears the line has either collapsed or it is filled with solids.

Mayor Knowles asked if the neighbor to the east is tied into the same line ?

Supt. Givens replied no, he is tied into a separate line. He added Supt. Waller didn't know what the problem is in this area either, and if he didn't know, no one else would. Mayor Knowles stated the line in the alley is not a combined sewer, correct ?

Supt. Givens replied that is correct.

Board member Williams stated Supt. Givens needs to get an estimate to fix this and then come back before this Board, but he feels they need a price before the Board can give the go-ahead.

Mr. Harris stated this is an emergency situation, they need something done now – they can't even turn on their furnace.

Mayor Knowles stated for arguments sake, say this cost \$25,000 to fix, the other users are paying for that, to fix one house; and this has not been done in the past. She added she is not saying not to fix it, but the Board can not approve a fix without the cost.

Board member Williams stated Supt. Givens needs to get the best estimate he can, but the Harris' will have to come before an entirely different Board in January and tell their story again; there will be different Board members at the next meeting.

Mr. Harris stated he can fix it himself cheaper.

Mayor Knowles agreed that may be the case, but Mr. Harris can not mess with the city's lines.

Mr. Harris replied he understands that.

Mayor Knowles stated she is in favor of a street cut, if that will help Mr. Harris.

Mr. Harris replied he will do the digging and he will fix it, if the City can reimburse him some of it.

Mayor Knowles replied that she understands his situation, but the Board needs a cost estimate.

Mr. Harris stated he has been fighting this two to three years and now he has been fighting with the backhoe people all summer.

Mayor Knowles stated to be fair to the Board, they have not heard from Mr. Harris for a year or more.

Supt. Givens added the elevation is also a major problem there.

Mayor Knowles asked again if the line would have to be run 200 feet ?

Supt. Givens replied yes, that is an estimate thought, it may be less than that.

Mayor Knowles suggested he give Brian Mundy a call and get an estimated price.

Supt. Givens replied he would rather get with some local people first.

Mayor Knowles stated she was only thinking about the cost of the piping, not the actual work, just to get a ballpark idea.

Supt. Givens stated he can give PVC a call real quick and ask them.

Mayor Knowles suggested he do that as she feels bad for the Harris' situation.

Supt. Givens left the meeting to call PVC.

In the meantime, Mayor Knowles asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles stated under Old Business, there had been a prior bill sent by Crowe Chizek that the Board had discussed at some length, some time ago. She stated the work involved the proposed west side ethanol plant, the analysis of the fire station potential tax

revenue, etc. She stated she contacted them and told them if they believed the City owed the bill and if it was billed properly, the city would pay it. She added it was halved between water and sewer and she believes the sewer portion was approved today. She then asked if there was any other Old Business ?  
There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated under New Business, prior to now, they had been using VHS tapes/recorders for their televised meetings, but Insight had complained and they are no longer accepting VHS tapes. SO, a volunteer citizens group bought and installed a new DVD system for the city.

Board member Williams stated while they wait for Supt. Givens to return, he would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and efforts during his 18 months on the Board, and he would also like to thank Mayor Knowles for giving him the opportunity to serve. He then stated he wishes Mayor Knowles the best in her future endeavors; and it was a pleasure also working with Board member Askren, whom he did not really know until the last 18 months. He added Ms. Askren is a good Board member, and totally dedicated to the best interest of the citizens of Mount Vernon.

Board member Askren thanked him for his words.

Board member Williams then stated to Asst. Chief Harms and Chief Reese that it has also been a pleasure working with them as well as Chief Beloat and Comm. Epison. He added working with Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe, it goes without saying, the city truly has a jewel in her. He then stated Supt. Givens runs an extremely clean and efficient department and he should be commended.

Mayor Knowles agreed.

Supt. Givens then returned and stated for 8" SDR30 pipe, the cost is \$3.43/ft.; Sched 40 pipe runs \$5.70/ft. He added Sched 40 is tougher, but the cheaper should work out just fine for this.

Mayor Knowles stated she feels they should go ahead with the cheaper pipe as well, as it may end up being replaced anyway. She added the cost would be between \$600 and \$1,000 for material.

Supt. Givens stated the sewer department does not have the means to do the work.

Mayor Knowles suggested he get three quotes. She stated to the Harris' that she realizes this is frustrating, and she does apologize; and she added the Board also knows the city infrastructure is bad, and they have been trying to fix that the best they can. She then moved Supt. Givens get three quotes immediately, and if the Board is willing, work with her to move forward on this, if the fix is relatively cheap. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Board member Williams agreed they should go for it if the sewer department can afford to.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles then stated Attorney Funkhouser will have to draw up the agreement to enable them to tie in – which is basically saying that the Harris' will tap in immediately when the work is done.

Supt. Givens stated there should be a fee involved since they will be tapping a different location.

Mayor Knowles disagreed and added she does not feel it is the Harris' fault and they are already tapped onto the system.

Supt. Givens stated he really does not care, he just wants to get this fixed.

Mayor Knowles stated she feels there should be no fee, they are already tapped on.

Board agreed to cut the alley and fix the problem.

Supt. Givens added Mr. Moss is aware of the situation, he may need to handle it until

Supt. Givens gets off vacation.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

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

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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Rosemary L. Knowles  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Wolfe  
Clerk-Treasure