

October 11, 2018

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; Supt Gray; Comm. Dieterle; Attorney Higgins; Bldg. Comm. Willis; Andy Sucharitakul – Lochmueller Group; Paula Rudibaugh; Corey Woolsey – 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 the reading and 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 stated they also have the minutes of the Executive Session from the 11th.

Board member Higgins moved they waive the reading of the minutes of the Executive Session and the them 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 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 he needs permission for use of the city credit card for Officer Brauser to training in Plainfield from November 13th to the 16th. He added he will also need use of the city vehicle.

Board member Higgins moved permission for use of the card and 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.

Chief Alldredge continued by stating Officer Brauser will also be attending a breathalyzer instructor training class in Indianapolis December 12th through the 14th. He added the training is free as well as the lodging, though he will need to city credit card for food as well as use of the city vehicle.

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.

Chief Alldredge concluded his report by stating the department had 203 calls since the last meeting.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated the fire department had 36 calls since the last meeting. They have had the Surrey trailer at the schools recently, as this is fire prevention week. Busy time.

Mayor Curtis asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Gray stated the check valves recently failed and had to be replaced due to there was a lot of debris coming in thru the bar screen. They have found several large holes in it. He contacted Parkson, the manufacturer, and to repair the screen would cost \$36,030, but to replace it the cost would be \$100,000.00. He would like permission to proceed with the repair.

Board member Williams asked if he had any other estimates ?

Supt. Gray replied no an added this is Parkson's unit.

Board member Williams asked if he had money in his budget ?

Sup. Gray replied yes.

Board member Williams moved Supt. Gray move forward with the repair of the bar screen with Parkson for \$36,030.00. 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. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Comm. Dieterle reported the State is moving forward on the paving of 4th Street on the eastbound lane, though they are now a little behind due to the rain yesterday.

Mayor Curtis added they will start milling on October 16, only 2" deep this time, then they will be bringing all the lanes to level. He then asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Curtis stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated she did not know that Bldg. Comm. Willis would be here today, but she would like to report that Bldg. Comm. Willis has completed the BEP program. She stated there are now between 42 and 44 empty lots where homes had been taken down. She then congratulated Bldg. Comm. Willis on a job well done, as there is a lot of hard work that goes into taking just one of these houses down. She continued by stating the Board of Works passed Resolution 17-05 in 2017 and another in June of this year authorizing appraisals to sell these lots, and she will be adding another list of lots in which to sell. She stated there are different procedures on how to proceed based on the selling price, but she would ask that the Board approve another list in order to move forward with the sale of these lots and try to get them back on the tax rolls and off of the mow list. She stated she would like permission to supplement the Resolution to add all of following properties to the list.

318 E 3rd Street
1218 Mulberry
631 W 3rd Street
419 E 2nd Street
1108 Locust Street
701 Locust Street
322 W 8th Street
709 Main Street
1018 E Water Street
1309 Locust Street
838 Sycamore
403 E Lincoln Ave
331 W Grant Street
700 E 2nd Street
801 W 3rd Street

Board member Williams asked if there is any interest in any of the properties ?

Bldg. Comm. Willis replied yes, on many of them.

Board member Williams moved the list of properties be added to the Resolution to sell and get back on the tax rolls. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

Board member Williams added a good job to Comm. Willis.

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.

Attorney Higgins then stated Resolution 17-06, approved by Council, allows for appraisals and she would like to move forward with that, as the Board of Works is the purchasing agent. She added the appraisals are needed for potential purchases/lease options in regard to the purchase of real estate.

Board member Higgins move Attorney Higgins proceed, and that Mayor Curtis and Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman be authorized to sign/take options on the appraisals. 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.

Bldg. Comm. Willis referenced 620 Pearl Street, of which there were code hearings on in July, August, September, and October. A demolition order was issued as of August 1 after the demolition, the debris was to all be removed. The owners were then given an extension to September 1 to get it cleaned up. It is still not cleaned up. The Street Department has given a quote of \$40 to clean up what is remaining, and she would like to move forward with that.

Board member Williams asked why it wasn't cleaned up ?

Bldg. Comm. Willis replied she has no idea, they failed to appear for their hearing today.

Board member Williams moved the debris be cleaned up at 620 Pearl Street, and billed to the owner, which if not paid, file as a lien. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any discussion ?

Attorney Higgins added they will be given a bill to be paid in 10 days.

Mayor Curtis reiterated that this has been going on since July, and then 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 then stated he would rather the owner would clean this up, but he would also like to thank Bldg. Comm. Willis for all of the work that goes into the BEP. The hearings, tracking people down, finding out where mortgages have been sold to, etc. It is no easy task, and she tries to be fair to all.

Mayor Curtis asked if anyone on 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 Higgins.
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