

October 25, 2018

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; Clements; and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Alldredge; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Paula Rudibaugh; Nancy Sexton; Jeff Woodford; David Ashworth; Mindy Bourne – Posey County Area Plan Commission; Andy Ozete – Farmer Scott Ozete Robinson & Schmitt, LLP; Sam Lurker – WSI; Representative from the Department of Natural Resources; 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 their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Board member Clements moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member 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 requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Clements.

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 there is CEU training in French Lick on December 2-4, 2018; and he would like permission to send Auggie Hansen, along with use of the city credit card and vehicle.

Board member Clements moved permission 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.

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 stated that a few months back, the DNR was on the agenda about a water agreement. They are back this evening requesting a tap for their new office space on Hwy 69S. She stated the only difference with this agreement is that though they will be tapping onto an existing main, they will be running a much longer line.

Supt. Gray added approximately 2970 feet.

Attorney Higgins stated DNR will own, and be responsible for, 3000 feet of service line. The meter is close to the tap, however, and the DNR is aware they are responsible for the line. She concluded by stating they also have all required easements.

Board member Williams asked if the line is being put in at DNR's expense ?

Attorney Higgins replied yes, as well as the tap also being at their expense.

Board member Williams moved the tap be approved. Seconded by Board member Clements.

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;

Clements – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

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 Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Clements.

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

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Curtis presiding and members Pharr; Williams; Hoehn; Clements; and Higgins attending. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Alldredge; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Paula Rudibaugh; Nancy Sexton; Jeff Woodford; David Ashworth; Mindy Bourne – Posey County Area Plan Commission; Andy Ozete – Farmer Scott Ozete Robinson & Schmitt, LLP; Sam Lurker – WSI; 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 their reading and to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Pharr moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Clements.

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.

Chief Alldredge stated he has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray stated he has no report.

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 they have several Legals this evening, the first one is the 3rd reading of the Ordinance Establishing Appropriations and Tax Rates for the City of Mount Vernon for the Year Ending December 31, 2019.

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on third reading. Seconded by Councilman Clements.

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;

Clements – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 18-22.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the third reading of the Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages for the Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Mount Vernon for the Year Ending December 31, 2019.

Councilman Williams moved the ordinance pass on third reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Higgins.

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;

Clements – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 18-23.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the third reading of the Ordinance Establishing Salaries for the Elected Officials for the City of Mount Vernon for the Year Ending December 31, 2019 and Payable from the General Fund, and the Water and Sewer Utilities.

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on third reading. Seconded by Councilman Clements.

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;
Clements – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 18-24.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is being presented by Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman stated the Ordinance of Additional Appropriations in the General Fund, COIT and State Gaming Funds and comes as a result of the INDOT Grants on Main and State Streets. She stated there is no new money being requested, the money to be appropriated comes from the 80% reimbursed from INDOT.

Councilman Hoehn moved the Ordinance of Additional Appropriations in the General Fund, COIT and State Gaming Funds pass on first reading. Seconded by Councilman Clements.

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;
Clements – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williams moved the rules be suspended. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

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;
Clements – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williams moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

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;
Clements – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated the public hearing will be held at the next meeting.

Attorney Higgins stated they will take Items e. and g. together now. They will now have the Public Hearing on the alley vacation request for Lexico.

Mayor Curtis opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the alley vacation ?

There was no response.

Mayor Curtis closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Ozete stated they also have private easements in place on the utilities until they can be moved underground.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any action ?

Councilman Williams moved the Ordinance Vacating the Alley Beginning at Mulberry Street and Ending at Locust Street and Parallel to and Located Between 4th and 5th Streets Within the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilman Clements.

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;

Clements – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 18-25.

Attorney Higgins stated they are now ready for the Public Hearing on the Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area and tax phase-in for Lexico LLC. She added these items are all tied into the same project, and the area in question is located in the Downtown TIF District. Mayor Curtis opened the Public Hearing by asking if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council concerning the ERA or tax phase-in ?

There were no comments or questions.

Mayor Curtis then closed the Public Hearing.

Attorney Higgins stated they now have a Confirmatory Resolution before them designating the ERA.

Councilman Williams moved the Confirmatory Resolution Designating Economic Revitalization Area Qualifying Real Estate Improvements for Tax Abatement for Lexico LLC be approved.

Seconded by Councilman Clements.

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;

Clements – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 18-26.

Attorney Higgins stated the final item is the first reading of an Ordinance of rezoning, again for the above project, and will be presented by Mindy Bourne.

Ms. Bourne stated Lexico is requesting 1.236 acres, lots 197 and 198 in Ed T. Sullivan's Enlargement and lots 208, 210, and 211 in Chas A. Parke's Enlargement be rezoned from RT (residential townhouse) to O (residential-office). She added others in the block are also zoned O.

She stated the APC heard the request on October 11 and there was one remonstrator, Melinda Hudson. She just had questions, no concerns. She added David O'Neal called in and was to attend the meeting, but he did not stay for the rezone meeting. She concluded by stating the rezoning passed the APC with a vote of 8-0.

Attorney Higgins stated when an Office zoning abuts a Residential zoning, a type of fence/barrier is required between the two. They have requested a variance for a natural screening wall of trees and/or shrubs.

Councilwoman Higgins moved the Ordinance to Rezone 321 E 4th Street, 421 N. Locust Street, 427 N. Locust Street, 433 N. Locust Street, 418 Mulberry Street, 432 Mulberry Street, City of Mt. Vernon, in Black Township, Posey County, IN from RT to O pass on first 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 – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Clements – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Higgins stated they will have 2nd reading at their November 8 meeting.

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

There was no response.

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any Old Business ?

Mayor Curtis asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Curtis stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilman Pharr stated he has no report.

2nd District Councilman Williams stated the leaves are starting to fall, please keep gutters and catch basins clean.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Clements stated for the past two weeks or so, there has been a drastic increase in truck going through on W. Lincoln and turning right on to Jefferson.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Curtis stated on October 17 Career Day was held at the high school. He added he made a presentation and if anyone has a chance to do that, they should. He stated the kids were very respectful and had good questions and good discussion. He stated there is hope for the future.

Mayor Curtis stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Clements moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman 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