

November 8, 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; and Higgins attending. Board member Clements was not present. Others attending were Chief Alldredge; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Audrie Burkett – Economic Development Coalition; Brian Bullock and Larry Haag - Beam, Longest, and Neff; Andy Ozete – Farmer Scott Ozete Robinson & Schmitt LLP; Dave Ashworth; Paula Rudibaugh; Nancy Sexton; Jeff Woodford; 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 Pharr moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

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 Hoehn.

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 Water Superintendent Gray is out ill this evening. He added Supt. Gray has been putting in a lot of time on the water project that they will have the hearing on later during the Council meeting.

Mayor Curtis stated if there were any questions on the Financials, they should contact 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 ?

There were 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 Pharr 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.

Bill Curtis, Mayor

ATTEST:

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; and Higgins attending. Councilman Clements was not present. Others attending were Chief Alldredge; Comm. Dieterle; Chief Dixon; Andy Ozete – Farmer Scott Ozete Robinson & Schmitt LLP; Brian Bullock and Larry Haag – Beam Longest and Neff; Audrie Burkett – Economic Development Coalition; Dave Ashworth; Nancy Sexton; Jeff Woodford; Paula Rudibaugh; and Lois Gray – Posey County News.

Mayor Curtis started the meeting by leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and then 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.

Chief Alldredge stated he has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Supt. Gray was not present.

Mayor Curtis stated they had the Financials emailed to them and if there are any questions, direct them to Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman.

Councilman Williams moved it be approved. Seconded by Councilman Pharr.

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

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, with the first item being second reading on 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, City of Mt. Vernon, in Black Township, Posey County, IN.

Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on second 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 Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Pharr – yes; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Clements – absent; 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 Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Pharr – yes; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Clements – absent; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Williams moved the ordinance pass on final 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 Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Pharr – yes; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Clements – absent; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 18-27.

Mr. Ozete left the meeting.

Mayor Curtis stated the next item is a Public Hearing, being held by the Economic Development Coalition concerning the water main project on 8th and Wolflin. He then stated Audrie Burkett with the Coalition will be conducting the Public Hearing.

Ms. Burkett stated the public hearing assists the city on applying for grant funding for the water main project on 8th and Wolflin Streets. This is the 2nd Public Hearing in conjunction with the \$700,000 CDBG grant, of which the local match will be \$680,000. She added the State has changed some of their requirements and the city is now able to apply for the full \$700,000. She

continued by stating the minutes of this meeting are being audio recorded word for word, for the grant application. She asked that they refer to the Project Timetable, as follows:

CITY OF MOUNT VERNON
WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS (8TH STREET & WOLFLIN STREET NEIGHBORHOOD)
WASTEWATER/DRINKING WATER PROGRAM (WDW)

PROJECT COMPLETION TIMETABLE

<u>TASK</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Environmental Review Process	Ongoing
Submit Grant Application	November 30, 2018
Notice of Grant Award	January 9, 2019
Sign & Return Grant Agreement	January 2019
Finalize Design	March 2019
Receive Environmental Release	March 2019
Design Approved & Submit Permit Applications	April 2019
Advertise for Construction Bids	May 2019
Receive Sealed Bids for Construction	June 2019
Permits for Construction Obtained	July 2019
Obtain Release of Funds	July 2019
Award Construction Contract(s)	August 2019
Hold Pre-Construction Conference	August 2019
Start of Construction	September 2019
Complete Construction	April 2020
Receive and Disburse Final Drawdown	May 2020
Submit Close-Out Documents to OCRA	June 2020

Ms. Burkett asked if there were any questions concerning the project timetable ?
There were none.

Ms. Burkett asked that they now look at the Project Budget:

PROJECT BUDGET

SUMMARY BUDGET

ACTIVITY	CDBG	LOCAL	INELIGIBLE	TOTAL
Construction Costs	\$700,000	\$324,000		\$1,024,000
Professional Fees		\$290,000		\$290,000
Labor Standards		\$5,000		\$5,000
Land Acquisition				
Environmental Review		\$5,000		\$5,000
Administration		\$56,000		\$56,000
TOTAL	\$700,000	\$680,000		\$1,380,000

Note: do not include any miscellaneous, contingency, general or similar costs in budget. In-kind match up to 5% of the grant amount or \$25,000, whichever is less, may be included in the Local column of budget. For in-kind match to be considered, approval prior to application must be obtained from the CDBG Program Director, and a copy of the approval must be included with the application.

LOCAL MATCH

SOURCE	AMOUNT
City of Mount Vernon Water Improvement Fund	\$680,000

TOTAL LOCAL MATCH

\$680,000

Ms. Burkett then asked if there were any questions on the project budget ?

There were none.

Brian Bullock, with Beam Longest and Neff, approached to give an overview of the project by stating they will be installing a new water line from Main Street west down 8th Street to Wolflin, south to 4th Street. He added the current main is 6", 8" in some places, but is well over 100 years old and needs to be replaced. There are leaks in the main and also as a result of the age of the line, the inside diameter is much less. The old line is also old cast iron, leaving an inside diameter of probably 2-3", which significantly effects fire flow. For fire protection, a 6-8" line is needed. This also effects the flow of the customers in the 8th Street area, as well as those on the side streets and West Elementary School. They will be replacing the old line with a new 8" PVC water main, reconnecting to all existing mains, and installing new fire hydrants.

Approximately 4,500 feet of main will be replaced and nine new hydrants will be installed, for a total project of \$1.38M. \$1M will be the actual construction costs.

Ms. Burkett asked if there were any questions on the project itself ?

Councilwoman Higgins stated 8th and Wolflin are traffic areas and wondered if the new line was going to be run down the center of the street, or off to one side, as she is concerned about traffic flow.

Mr. Bullock replied they are hoping to run it down the edge of the street and leave one lane open for traffic at all times. He added there also needs to be a 10' separation between water and sewer lines that they need to be mindful of.

Councilman Williams asked if they will be going under the railroad tracks at Wolflin ?

Mr. Bullock replied yes.

Nancy Sexton stated the total construction costs are \$1,024,000; is this locked in, as the project will take over two years until it is complete.

Mr. Bullock replied no, they will not be locked in until they actually do the project. These are estimates based on other projects, and they have also been able to increase contingencies, which is built in. They are hoping for competitive bids.

Ms. Burkett asked if there were any other questions from the Audience, Mayor, or Council ?

Mayor Curtis stated the current main is over 100 years old, probably concrete, constantly having to be dug up, and the area does experience water discoloration. He added he has received four letters in support of the project so far: Southwind Apartments, Senior Citizens Center, Posey County Co-Op, and West Elementary School. All of these folks have had difficulties with discoloration and low pressure. There has been one major fire in the area and as a result, the elementary school had to have water brought in and there was a boil order issued. He added this is one of the oldest parts of town, and one of the worst areas in the community as far as pressure.

Councilman Williams added that in regard to fire protection, this is one of the older sections in town and the homes are close together.

Ms. Burkett asked if there were any other comments from the Audience ?

Chief Dixon stated he is in favor of this project. He has had first hand experience with the issues of this main while trying to fight fires. There is an elementary school, and an apartment

complex, that are served by this main, as well as several private residences. There have been fires in that area and he feels that this new line will improve the current situation.

Mayor Curtis asked what happens when there is a fire in this area ?

Chief Dixon replied they have to have water tanked in.

Ms. Burkett asked if anyone else in the Audience had any comments ?

There were none.

Ms. Burkett concluded the Public Hearing by stating all documents related to this project will be on file in the Mayor's Office on or about November 30, 2018.

Mayor Curtis stated the next item is a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana, Authorizing the Submittal of the Wastewater/Drinking Water Application to the Indiana office of Community and Rural Affairs and Addressing Related Matters.

Councilman Williams moved the resolution be approved. 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 Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Pharr – yes; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Clements – absent; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 18-28.

Mayor Curtis stated the next item comes from the Posey County Economic Development Commission and was a last minute thing, for which he apologized. He stated they need this for their regional plan and it will also give the city 25 points towards the OCRA grant they are applying for for the water project. It is a Resolution Establishing Regional Economic and Community Development Improvement Projects for the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana. He explained they have listed five priority projects which will be an attachment to the Resolution, and are as follows:

Priority #1- 8th Street and Wolflin Project. In calendar year 2019 we are seeking to replace an existing water lines, parts of which are in excess of 125 years old. This has been on our improvement plan since 2008. There has been one major fire and schools, senior citizens center and low income apartment housing complex has experienced problems with low pressure, discoloration, and sediment. Estimated cost of project is 1.3 million dollars.

Priority #2- 4th and Main Street Building Removal. In calendar year 2019 we propose to acquire buildings at 403, 409 and 411 Main Street. Once acquired windows and doors will be secured to insure safety while funds are secured to raze the structure. While public safety is the primary concern; those buildings are a prominent feature of the city's major intersection, and is a negative influence on businesses, industry and families considering location in town.

Priority #3- Canal Street Storm Drain Project = Replace 1980' of brick storm sewer extending north from Water Street. The exact age of the structure is unknown, but water and sewer lines were being constructed following the cholera epidemic of 1882. In the last 5 years there have been three major sink holes due to collapses in the sewer. Estimates have been as high as 2 million dollars to replace the line. Depending on funding availability this could be 3-5 years out.

Priority #4- Water Storage Addition – Add 1,000,000 gallon storage capacity on east end of city. Water distribution analysis completed in 2007 showed areas of low pressure on the east end of town. Since that time, we had added one ethanol plant and other industrial customers. Location of all

additional storage on the east side will stabilize pressure during peak demand and allow for further expansion. Cost of project is approximately 2.2 million and completion is hoped to be late 2019 or early 2020.

Priority #5- Complete engineering study to upgrade gutters, storm sewers and sidewalks on southeast side of city. This project will enhance the storm drainage project identified in Priority #3. The cost of the study would be approximately \$95,000. Target date for the study is 2020.

Mayor Curtis added this list is not carved in stone, it can be amended, etc., but is needed for the grant application. He asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Councilman Williams moved Resolution Establishing Regional Economic and Community Development Improvement Projects for the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana be approved.

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 Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Pharr – yes; Williams – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Clements – absent; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Curtis stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 18-29.

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 ?

Councilman Hoehn questioned the status of the East Side Gravity Flow Sewer Project ?

Mayor Curtis replied they have been meeting regularly on this and they are looking at some possible changes to the project. It will be still be a gravity sewer, but hopefully work will start on it again in a few months.

Councilman Hoehn asked about an estimated completion date ?

Mayor Curtis replied three months or less once it is started back up again.

Councilman Hoehn stated there are some folks looking at purchasing property in the area. He then asked about the status of the erosion project (LARE grant).

Mayor Curtis replied he has been in touch with DNR and they are refining the scope of the project, and they will then mail out bids to contractors on the DNR approved contractor list. He added it should be done this next summer.

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 he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Clements was not present.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated Christmas on Main Street is 22 days away and things are going very well. December 15th will now be the date for the residential and commercial window display contest. The day of Christmas on Main Street is too early, so it has been moved back.

Mayor Curtis stated he would like to thank the police and fire departments for the annual Halloween candy give away. He added Supt. Gray is very creative and the haunted house was a big hit. He then stated he believes over 1100 bags of candy were handed out this year, on Halloween night, even in the pouring rain. Again, he would like to thank all those involved.

Mayor Curtis concluded his report by stating Sunday, 11/11, at 11:00 am, the American Legion will have their Veterans Day Ceremony. Everyone is welcome to attend, and if you can't, thank a Veteran when you see one.

Councilwoman Higgins added the Historical Society will also have a table at the Legion commemorating Owen Dunn and WWI.

Mayor Curtis stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn. Councilman Williams moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Pharr. 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