

City of West Lafayette, Indiana
Board of Public Works and Safety
AMENDED MINUTES

November 23, 2009
8:30 a.m.
City Hall Lower Level Conference Room

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Bradley W. Marley, and Mayor John R. Dennis, who presided.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 16, 2009, Meeting

Mr. Marley moved to accept the minutes of the November 16, 2009, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Quote Opening: Wetland Bank Stabilization and Storm Sewer Infrastructure Installation – Drive South of Wal-Mart and North of Neil Armstrong Boulevard – Engineering

City Engineer Buck explained that the quotes to be opened are to repair the washed out lift station driveway, exposing the force main. This area has become a walkway to Wal-Mart for apartment dwellers in the vicinity, so this is a safety issue that needs to be addressed.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes noted that all the responses were received before the deadline. She read the quotes aloud:

Quote from	Amount
Fairfield Contractors, Inc.	\$42,879.00
F&K Construction, Inc.	29,490.00
Milestone Contractors, L.P.	35,500.00
C & C Excavating, Inc.	28,480.00
Mid-States General & Mech. Contr. Corp.	39,800.00
Atlas Excavating, Inc.	38,000.00
R & W Contracting, Inc.	36,000.00

Ms. Booker moved that the quotes be taken under advisement. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

Ms. Booker asked why there is an 80% bank vegetation reference on Statement 7. City Engineer Buck answered that that refers to the germination of seeds on the slopes around the detention pond area, after which the vegetation is successfully established, so that the bank will not erode.

The motion was adopted.

B. Permanent Drainage Easement: John Y. D. Tse – City Storm Sewer Infrastructure and Wetland Bank Stabilization – Engineering

City Engineer Buck asked the Board to approve the permanent drainage easement, which widens the existing easement by 10 feet along Mr. Tse's western property line. City Attorney Burns indicated that he had reviewed the document and found it to be in order.

Mr. Marley moved to approve the permanent drainage easement. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

C. Revised 2010 Insurance Premiums – Human Resources

Mayor Dennis explained that several weeks ago, the Board approved the City's participation in a healthcare trust through the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns. Because one of the municipalities withdrew from participation, the costs to the remaining signers would have been increased by at least 10%. West Lafayette has withdrawn from the consortium and will now insure through MBAH, at the same rates that the IACT Insurance Trust would have cost.

City Attorney Burns suggested that there be a motion to rescind the Insurance Trust, which the Board signed on November 2.

Ms. Booker moved to rescind the Insurance Trust. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Ms. Booker moved to approve the revised 2010 insurance premiums. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

Mayor Dennis offered the opportunity for discussion, noting that Mr. John Willis from MBAH and Mr. Steve Curtis from Bundy-McNear were present to answer questions, as was Human Resources Director Foster. The Mayor thanked Ms. Foster for her herculean efforts to manage open enrollment during this transition, and MBAH to settle this matter promptly.

Mr. Marley asked if the rates were comparable to what they would have been in the IACT Trust. Mayor Dennis responded that the rates were comparable. Human Resources Director Foster added that the City is still with United Healthcare as the insurance carrier, and they still guarantee those rates. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the City gets an improved product for the same price, plus another discount for the bundling of the policies for ancillary coverage. For the first year, at least, there will be significant savings.

The motion was adopted.

Mayor Dennis thanked Mr. Willis and Mr. Curtis for their work.

D. Claims

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| 1. | AP Docket | \$121,739.60 |
| 2. | PR Docket | \$330,424.04 |

Ms. Booker moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

Mr. Marley asked for clarification of the savings bonds withholding. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes explained that employees contribute through automatic payroll deduction to purchase U.S. Savings Bonds, and once a month, the purchase is made.

Ms. Booker had no questions.

The motion was adopted.

E. Informational Items

i. Certificate of Substantial Completion: Atlas Excavating – Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division III Project – WWTU

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes asked City Attorney Burns whether the Board should approve this document, accepting the project. Mr. Burns stated that it would be an appropriate action.

Ms. Booker moved to accept the certification of substantial completion for the Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division III Project. Mr. Marley seconded.

City Attorney Burns questioned whether Wastewater Utility Director Henderson was satisfied with the completed work. Mr. Henderson said that there was a five-item punch list attached, and those are minor items. City Engineer Buck added that substantial completion does not mean final payment, but the City is ready to accept the project.

The motion was adopted.

F. Other Items

i. Parks Superintendent Payne stated that the plan is to open the Riverside Skating Center on Friday.

ii. Housing Program Coordinator Dixon reported that the Strategic Plan consultants participated in several meetings last week and will be back in January and February. The problem property list is being whittled down. Mayor Dennis remarked that he is pleased with the work that Mr. Dixon and the Neighborhood Resource Team are doing with the problem properties; the list is now down to three. City Attorney Burns added that there is a lot of work behind the scenes that is done to resolve these matters.

iii. Street Commissioner Downey announced that there is no pickup of trash on Thursday or Friday, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Thursday's route will be picked up on Wednesday.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Marley moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.