

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

JULY 18, 2011

8:30 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Bradley W. Marley, Jonathan C. Speaker, Elizabeth M. Stull, and Mayor John R. Dennis, who presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 11, 2011, Meeting

Mr. Speaker moved to accept the minutes of the July 11, 2011, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Stull seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. SRF Payment Requests and Related Listing – WWTU

i. SRF Payment Request No. 127: \$33,851.00 to Greeley & Hansen for Inspection Services-Division IV – Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division IV

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson asked for Board approval for SRF Payment Request No. 127, which is for inspection work on the Division IV Project. Half the pipe is installed and the project is moving well. Mr. Henderson invited the Board to drive along Airport Road and see the work in progress.

Ms. Stull moved that SRF Payment Request No. 127 be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

ii. SRF Payment Request No. 128: \$17,038.00 to Greeley & Hansen for Design Engineering-Division V – Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division V

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson explained that Division V bids have been requested and will be received later this month. This project will eliminate three lift stations.

Mr. Speaker moved that SRF Payment Request No. 128 be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

iii. Projects Listing

There were no comments or questions on the listing.

b. Change Order No. 4: INDOT – \$500.00 – Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division IV Project – WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson explained that this is the first change order that the City has received for our portion of the US231 Relocation Project. The Division IV Project is being done under contract from INDOT, and change orders affecting our project have to be approved by the West Lafayette Board of Works. The work is to core a hole in one of the manhole structures, which will allow the pipe from Purdue University

to come in to it further than the original drawings. It is a \$500 charge, for which Purdue will reimburse the City.

Ms. Stull moved that the request be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

c. Notice to Bidders and Specifications for KCB Water Quality Improvements-Phase I – Engineering

City Engineer Buck stated that the project is on the northwest corner of the intersection at Northwestern and Lindberg, in an unused area of the golf course that is owned by PRF. The Champions Centre site originally had identified that as a detention facility for stormwater, as part of its development. As plans have progressed with the Yeager Road construction and widening project, the City would like to use that corner for detention for stormwater for the widening of Yeager Road and the additional pavement that will be generating additional runoff. The project originally was to be funded through the KCB TIF District, but budget constraints in that TIF District have caused funding to come from the Wastewater Utility for this project. There is an ongoing stormwater effort, funded for many years through the Wastewater. This project dovetails with that need, and is the type of project that would be funded through stormwater user fees in the future. There will be benefit to the community. The neighborhood in particular has had backyard flooding in the area of the Shell station and the Carlisle-Windsor area. It will benefit the development site of the old Campus Inn/Champions Centre, as well as provide for the Yeager Road widening project. It will beautify the corner, and will add additional stormwater benefit to the golf course, as the release from the pond will be used for irrigation of the golf course. There are many “wins” and many projects coming together, The Western Interceptor-Division V has some components dovetailing with this project, as well as the Yeager Road project. Assistant City Engineer Susong and Josh Nixon of The Schneider Corporation were present to answer questions. City Engineer Buck asked the Board to approve the notice to bidders and the bidding schedule. Bids would be received August 12 and opened at the August 15 Board of Works meeting.

Mr. Speaker moved that the request be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes asked to enter into the record that bids would be received by 4:00 p.m. on August 12 in the Office of the Clerk-Treasurer, and the advertising dates are July 26 and August 2.

The motion was adopted.

d. Claims

i.	AP Docket	\$409,138.29
ii.	AP Docket	121.00
iii.	AP Docket	91,811.09
iv.	AP Docket	176.00
v.	AP Docket	92,058.51
vi.	AP Docket for Redevelopment Commission	20,044.25
vii.	PR Docket	324,381.44

Ms. Stull moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

Questions raised about individual claims by the Board were answered by department representatives and Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes.

The motion was adopted.

e. Informational Items

i. Update on Gumball Alley Emergency Sewer Repair – WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson reported that, after last week's Board of Works meeting, he met with three contractors at the Gumball Alley site. The three were Robinson Trenching, Midwest Mole, Inc., and TPI Utility Construction, LLC. They were given the parameters of the situation and asked to quote the cost of the work to be done. Quotes were due to the Clerk-Treasurer by 3:00 p.m. on July 13. All three companies submitted responses, which were opened at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, by Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes with Wastewater Utility Director Henderson, Wastewater Collections System/GIS Supervisor VanAllen, and T.J. Short, representing the consultant Donohue & Associates present. Robinson Trenching declined to quote, Midwest Mole submitted a quote to \$190,675, and TPI Utility Construction, LLC quoted the project at \$90,900. TPI was selected and given a notice to proceed on Friday, July 15. The utility locates were called in. Today traffic controls are being set up and readied for the work, which should begin tomorrow, after the 48-hour time for the utility locates is done.

Mayor Dennis asked if, worst-case scenario, half the road would be shut down at a time. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson answered that was the case, hopefully with only one lane on State Street for a short amount of time. The lane restriction will depend on the amount of work that has to be done at the alley entrance. Mayor Dennis it will be hot, with 90+ degree temperatures. Mr. Henderson agreed, saying there are heat advisories, which add another layer to the complex problem. Mayor Dennis suggested that all outdoor workers need to stay hydrated.

City Attorney Burns asked Wastewater Utility Director Henderson if TPI is known to him, or is a company the City has worked with. Mr. Henderson said that, to his knowledge, there has been no City work with the company in the past. Mr. Burns asked if Mr. Henderson found the company to be responsible and responsive. Mr. Henderson said that he did find that to be the case, and the company would be working with a local subcontractor that they do know. Mr. Burns suggested that the Board ratify the choice of TPI Utility Construction for the record, although it is not required.

Ms. Stull moved to ratify the selection of TPI Utility Construction, LLC to repair the sewer in Gumball Alley. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

Ms. Booker asked what would cause the large difference in the bids. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson answered that there was not much detail submitted with the quotes. There were certain items on the quote sheet that had large differences between the two quotes, in the cost of the pipe, in the backfill, and in the manholes involved. The quotes were each company's estimation of the time and materials needed for the project. Ms. Booker asked if the price and time were set, and the City would not pay more if more materials or more time was needed. Mr. Henderson responded that the contractor has reported it may take less time than Mr. Henderson had anticipated. Ms. Booker asked if Mr. Henderson was comfortable with the project. Mr. Henderson said that he is cautiously optimistic, knowing the local contractor that is

involved. It is challenging to have the situation when the area is small and the timeframe is short. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the quote form provided by Donohue & Associates was very itemized, and the quantities are given for each item. The Clerk-Treasurer passed the form to Board members and noted that the comparison of bids was an apples-to-apples situation. It was unit pricing. Mr. Henderson said that the price quoted per unit was the difference.

The motion was adopted.

f. Other Items

i. Director of Development Poole announced that there had been an art plan work session last week, and this was reported in the newspaper. On Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, ideas will be presented to the public and feedback would be sought. Despite the newspaper report, this would not be a public hearing, but a presentation and request for feedback. All are welcomed to attend.

ii. Parks Superintendent Payne said that it would be cool in the pool.

iii. Councilor Hunt announced that two budget work sessions have been held, and the department heads have been generous with their time and thoughts. She also reported that she rode on the recycle truck in her neighborhood last week, in an attempt to get ideas for improve recycling in the area. The drivers knew every household, and there are a few houses that never recycle. Councilor Hunt stated that Rex Finrock was the driver, and he suggested that citizens could recycle cleaner stuff and offered other ideas for improving recycling. She found it was a good experience.

iv. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said the third budget work session would be tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room. She is presenting, and invited everyone to attend.

3. ADJOURNMENT

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