

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

JULY 25, 2011

8:30 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 18, 2011, Meeting

Ms. Stull moved to accept the minutes of the July 18, 2011, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Take-Home Vehicle List – Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Dennis said this is something that is done every year.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said the timing of the presentation of the list is dependent on when the Police receive their new fleet vehicles and the rotations are complete. The Clerk-Treasurer requested Board approval.

Ms. Booker moved that the take-home vehicle list be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

b. Approval of Ordinance No. 20-11: 2012 WWTU Salary Schedule – WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson asked for Board approval of the 2012 WWTU Salary Schedule. The only change is the 1.5% increase plus \$500 for all full-time positions. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes added that part-time positions will 1.5% increases only. Mayor Dennis said that these would be the first increases for staff since he became Mayor.

Ms. Stull moved that Ordinance No. 20-11 be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

Mr. Marley asked why some positions are 37.5 hours per week, and others are 40 hours per week. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said that is how the positions are defined in job descriptions. The difference is the 37.5-hour positions have an unpaid lunch, and the 40-hour positions have a paid half-hour lunch. Both types of position are working the same number of hours.

The motion was adopted.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the ordinance now would be presented to the Council for consideration over the next several months. She thanked the Board.

c. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$270,978.96
- ii. AP Docket 34,950.98

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

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

The motion to approve the claims was adopted.

d. Informational Items

i. Project Payment Listing – WWTU

Ms. Stull observed that the totals for the paid to date amount and the total amount for the Western Interceptor project should equal but do not. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson stated that he would investigate.

e. Other Items

i. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson reported that work on Gumball Alley has progressed well. They are using an open cut; the entire pavement has been removed. Today, Duke Energy will stabilize one of its electrical poles at the north end of the alley, as the contractor excavates to replace a manhole structure. Mr. Henderson invited the Board to see the project. Mayor Dennis asked when the project would be completed. Mr. Henderson answered that it should be finished by the end of the week. Mayor Dennis asked about street closures. Mr. Henderson replied that the lane restriction would be in place as long as needed for safety.

ii. City Engineer Buck reported that the Lindberg Bridge would not be completed until mid-September, due to delays caused by rain. The contractor has added another shift, with the night shift working doing steel rebar wiring and other things that do not generate noise. There might be an occasional back-up beeper, but the major work will happen during the daytime. They are working six days a week. Building a quarter-mile bridge in nine months, rather than eight, is still a good feat. Traffic for one Purdue football game and possibly another will be impacted. Mr. Buck mentioned that he would be attending the upcoming football traffic meeting after the next bridge project meeting, to coordinate, so that inconveniences to the football traffic are minimized and alternate routes can be advertised. He added that the additional time would allow the bridge to be built to last. Mayor Dennis added that citizens should go and look at the bridge, to see the work in progress. It is impressive.

iii. Councilor Burch announced that Pre-Council meeting would be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

iv. Police Chief Dombkowski said that the first Purdue home football game is Labor Day Weekend. Because of the timing, they are not planning to install barricades in the Village, due to a historically low turnout of football spectators on a Labor Day Weekend opening game. They are making contingency plans for the second game, if the bridge is not open. Neither of the first two games is a Big Ten game.

Police Chief Dombkowski also reported that last Friday, there was an armed robbery in West Lafayette. One person is in custody, and the investigation continues for a

second suspect still at large. Property has been recovered. He noted that robbery in West Lafayette is a rare occurrence.

Chief Dombkowski reported that a press release was sent out Friday, announcing that four dumpsters would be placed in the New Chauncey-near campus areas, to help alleviate the debris created by the move-in period. The dumpsters will be in place beginning on Wednesday. Code Enforcement Supervisor Walker explained that the areas are Vine and Pearl, Chauncey and Harrison, Garfield and Evergreen, and the alley behind 116-118 Fowler. These are low-walled 20-yard dumpsters, which should be easy to use.

3. 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.