

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

AUGUST 8, 2011
8:30 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 1, 2011, Meeting

Mr. Speaker moved to accept the minutes of the August 1, 2011, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Contract: City Consultants and Research, LLC – Development

Director of Development Poole reported that this is the second annual contract with City Consultants and Research to complete the CAPER, the analysis and review of the City's use of CDBG funds. The cost will be \$2,220, an increase of \$160 over last year, and will be paid for from CDBG funds. City Attorney Burns reported that he had reviewed the contract.

Ms. Booker moved that the contract be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

b. Notice of Award: Atlas Excavating, Inc. – Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division V Project – WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson announced that Greeley and Hansen assisted with review of the bids, and Mr. Joe Teusch of Greeley and Hansen provided a bid report for Board review. Mr. Henderson requested the Board approve the award to Atlas Excavating, which bid \$2,027,600. This was the lower and the more responsive of the two bids.

Mr. Marley moved that the notice of award be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

City Attorney Burns asked why there were only two bids and whether it was a surprise that there were only two. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson answered that it did surprise him, as there were 10 bidders for the Division III component, but that there are projects in other communities, too. Atlas Excavating did the work on the first three phases of this project, and they are very familiar with the project.

Mr. Marley asked if this were a fixed price contract. Mr. Henderson answered that it was not, that there are unit bids and alternates, and that there may be opportunities to save money as installation progresses. City Attorney Burns asked if that were determined by conditions, depending on units used. Mr. Henderson confirmed that statement. Mr.

Burns noted that the bid was lower than the engineering estimate of \$2.6 million. Mr. Marley asked if there were a chance for Atlas to ask for a change order to increase the amount. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson responded that change orders are always a possibility, but they are reviewed. City Attorney Burns added that change orders are based on conditions that are unknown at the time of bidding. Mr. Henderson concurred with Mr. Burns' statement, and added that discussions occur before change orders are made, and that the Board of Works approves these.

Mr. Speaker asked why some bid elements are double City estimates, such as in number 12 (12-inch PVC sanitary sewer), and whether these are a fixed-item price. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson answered that he did not know why there was a large discrepancy. City Attorney Burns asked if price for the 1,070 lineal feet in this item was the installed price, including both the material and the labor. Mr. Henderson said that it was. Mr. Speaker said he did not understand how there would be a \$240,000 discrepancy. Ms. Booker pointed out two other significant differences. Mr. Speaker asked what maintenance of traffic was. Mr. Henderson said that this is usually subcontracted to a provider that brings barrels, signs, etc.

The motion was adopted.

c. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$360,002.86
- ii. AP Docket 22.00

Mr. Marley moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

Questions raised about individual claims by the Board were answered by department heads.

The motion was adopted.

d. Informational Items

i. Acceptance of Quote: Carrolton Boulevard Draintile Installation – Engineering

Assistant City Engineer Susong reported that he and City Engineer Buck had reviewed the quotes for the Carrolton Boulevard Draintile Installation Project. C & C Excavating was the low quoter, substantially lower than the other companies that submitted quotes. Mr. Susong and Mr. Buck met with C & C Excavating, to review the quote. The company believes it can complete the job in less time than the other contractors, in one or two days. On Friday, City Engineer Buck gave C & C Excavating the go-ahead for the project. The work should be completed this week.

ii. Project Payment Listing - WWTU

There were no comments or questions on the listing.

e. Other Items

i. Parks Superintendent Payne announced that maintenance of traffic would be a challenge at North River Road at Robinson Street this week, due to continuing work on the Wabash Heritage Trail. Traffic will be directed to one lane for two-way traffic, at least Tuesday through Thursday. He encouraged drivers to use alternate routes.

Mr. Payne announced that this is the last week to enjoy the pool.

ii. Police Chief Dombkowski reported that additional trash containers have been placed at Salisbury and Lutz, and Harrison and Grant, making six containers in the New Chauncey and south of State Street areas. These continue to be popular, and have been emptied a number of times. The containers will be in place through the move out/move in period. The hope is to continue this program next summer, depending on availability of funds.

Chief Dombkowski announced that the individual who spray-painted at least a dozen Village buildings over the weekend was caught tagging a building and was arrested. The graffiti will be covered up this week.

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.