

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2011

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers at City Hall on August 1, 2011, at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Present: Bunder, Burch, Dietrich, Hunt, Keen, Thomas, and VanBogaert.

Also present were City Attorney Burns, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, City Engineer Buck, Police Chief Dombkowski, Street Commissioner Downey, Fire Chief Drew, Human Resources Director Foster, WWTU Director Henderson, Parks Superintendent Payne, and Director of Development Poole.

MINUTES

Councilor Keen moved to amend the July 5, 2011, Council minutes, pages 5 and 6, as distributed. Councilor Burch seconded the motion, and the motion passed *viva voce*. Councilor Keen moved for acceptance of the minutes of the June 30, 2011, Pre-Council Meeting, and the July 5, 2011, Common Council Meeting, as amended. Councilor Burch seconded the motion, and the motion passed *viva voce*.

COMMITTEE STANDING REPORTS

STREET, SANITATION, AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT UTILITY

Councilor Bunder presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND ORDINANCE

Councilor Keen presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

PURDUE RELATIONS

Councilor VanBogaert presented this report.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilor Hunt presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilor Thomas presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

PERSONNEL

No report.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Councilor Dietrich reported that the initial process of the budget has completed, and tonight begins the approval process. He thanked Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes and her staff for a job well done.

REPORT OF APC REPRESENTATIVE

Councilor Keen reported that the updated to the Comprehensive Plan Housing Element would be discussed under Resolution No. 12-11. Mayor Dennis noted that APC Executive Director Fahey was present for questions.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councilor Keen suggested that Resolution No. 12-11 be discussed now, so that APC Executive Director Fahey does not wait through the entire meeting. By voice vote, the Council approved the change in the order of business, after the Beautification Award.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

West Lafayette Community Beautification Award

Councilor Keen presented the West Lafayette Beautification Award to the On Our Knees Ministry of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Councilor Keen moved to hear Resolution No. 12-11 at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch. The motion was approved by voice vote of the Council.

Resolution No. 12-11 A Resolution To Amend The Comprehensive Plan For Tippecanoe County To Include A New Housing Plan Element (Submitted by Area Plan Commission)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 12-11 by title.

APC Executive Director Fahey thanked the Council for moving this item up on the agenda. She said that this has been a long process, spanning both a boom and a slowdown in the housing market. It has been difficult to know when to stop the data collection and analysis. They decided not to wait for the 2010 census data, which will be some time in arriving. The document for the Council is an update to the 1981 Housing Plan that is part of the full Comprehensive Plan, and was recorded in the Office of the Tippecanoe County Recorder. On the first Wednesday in January, the Area Plan Commission invited the West Lafayette Council and the legislators from the other jurisdictions covered by Area Plan to a work session at the County Office Building, to introduce the Council to the document and the policies it contains. Public comment was taken until the Plan Commission's March meeting. At the March meeting, some citizens who had not commented previously appeared, expressing concerns. The Plan Commission continued the hearing of the Housing Plan until its July meeting, and passed it to the APC Ordinance Committee for additional review. Out of the Ordinance Committee came a working group, which worked with APC staff. Comments were reviewed. There were three working group meetings, working on changes to the policies. The revised document went back to the Ordinance Committee. There were still a couple of outstanding comments, but the Ordinance Committee decided not to make any further recommendations. The citizens who had expressed concerns were largely satisfied with the changes that had been made. APC Executive Director Fahey said she would not review the policy changes that she discussed at the Pre-Council meeting, unless the Council wished her to do so. The Plan Commission did hear the Housing Plan at its July meeting. It was unanimously passed and certified to all six member jurisdictions. APC Executive Director Fahey said that Councilor VanBogaert had raised concerns at the Pre-Council meeting. Councilor VanBogaert's concern that the APC was suggesting that Purdue would have fewer students in the future is not exactly how that section is written. There is some indication that there may be a national trend that the "echo boom," which are the children of the Baby Boomers, as they work their way through college, that those numbers may decrease. She said that she could not predict, nor does the document offer a prediction of how that affects Purdue. What can be said is that Purdue traditionally has grown

or maintained its student population. The paragraph in the document is about a national trend, and if that were to happen here, what it would mean for the student housing that has been built over the years, some of it as far out as Klondike, some of it near campus. In this section of the document, the discussion is about niche markets that probably bear a closer watching for the future. APC Executive Director Fahey addressed Councilor VanBogaert's other concern, the objection to the term "kiddie condo." She said she was sorry that the term was offensive, but it is the term of description that has been used for that phenomenon where parents buy single-family homes for their children and their children's friends to live in. The term has been used for about 15 years, and everyone seems to understand what it means. It was not intended to be offensive.

Councilor Keen moved that Resolution No. 12-11 be passed on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Councilor Hunt asked if the document is available at libraries or online. APC Executive Director Fahey said the document is available officially four places. All Comprehensive Plan Elements are available at the libraries, and most keep them in their reference sections. The document is available in its current draft form on the APC website. Printed copies are available at the APC office. When the document is passed, it will be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder, as required by statute.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert		✓		

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 6 AYE and 1 NAY.

Mayor Dennis announced that Resolution No. 12-11 passed on first and only reading

FINANCIAL REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said that she would defer comments until the budget is addressed.

LEGAL REPORT

City Attorney Burns stated that the legal report has been filed, and Councilors have received copies.

POINT OF ORDER

Councilor Bunder asked Mayor Dennis whether membership on the Historic Preservation Commission would be placed on the agenda. Mayor Dennis asked Councilor Bunder where Councilor Bunder would like to place it. Councilor Bunder answered that putting it under Unfinished Business worked. Mayor Dennis agreed to do that.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appointments to Historic Preservation Commission – Mayor

Mayor Dennis asked for a motion to approve his appointees to the West Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission, which was distributed to the Council earlier. Councilor Keen asked if the appointments list should have been advertised. City Attorney Burns answered that this is not an ordinance or a resolution, it is a point of housekeeping for the Council, which can be brought up from the floor at any time.

Councilor Keen moved to approve the Mayor's appointments to the West Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission. Councilor Burch seconded the motion.

Councilor Hunt asked if Mayor Dennis planned to read the list. Mayor Dennis answered that he would.

Mayor Dennis announced his nominees to the Historic Preservation Commission. Voting members are: Jeanette Bennett, Peter Bunder, Kelly Busch, Drew Freeman, Jim Garland, Otie Kilmer, Gerry McCartney, Persis Newman, and Art Remnet. Non-voting members are: Mary Cook, Chris Larson, and Kurt Wahl.

Councilor Burch thanked the volunteers who have agreed to serve on the Commission. She added that many people in the community were not gung-ho about the Commission or the ordinance, but she trusts that the volunteers would do their duty diligently and fairly. Mayor Dennis agreed with Councilor Burch, and said that there is a lot of work that needs to be done. This is the beginning of the beginning. The nominees understand the responsibility that goes along with this particular ordinance, and they are realistic in their understanding that their position is judicial as well as enforcement. There is a process that will come before the Commission, after they define the areas and the rules and the process. There is good representation throughout the community and many skills, from business owners to architects to builders to people who understand the quality of historically significant structures.

Councilor Dietrich asked if the approval is a line approval or a group approval. Mayor Dennis answered that he would like to have it as a group approval.

Councilor VanBogaert asked if the nominees were the maximum number of individuals that are allowed on the Commission. Mayor Dennis responded that nine voting and three non-voting members are the numbers in the ordinance. Councilor VanBogaert said he was told just before the meeting that none of the appointees is in the 1st District. Mayor Dennis said that was correct. Councilor Dietrich said there would certainly be input from the non-voting members who have interest in the 1st District. Councilor VanBogaert agreed, noting that Mary Cook is on the Commission.

Councilor Hunt said that several people gave the Mayor nominations, and several people helped with the difficult task of paring down the list. There were good people nominated. Other than the 1st District, the Council districts are quite well represented. As the Mayor noted, there are two architects, a former history teacher, a retired police officer who lives in West Lafayette and has experience in Lafayette with some enforcement, and there are quite a few people who were involved in the steering committee, including the well-known preservation guru Persis Newman. Councilor Hunt said she was pleased with the list.

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Mayor Dennis reiterated that there is a lot of work to be done. It is the beginning of the beginning. Former Councilor Hoggatt said it would be at least a year, if all goes well, before real progress could be made, because of all the back work that has to be done. The Mayor thanked those who are volunteering for this Commission. Their sacrifice will not go unnoticed.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote on the nominations to the Historic Preservation Commission:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYE and 0 NAY.

Mayor Dennis announced that the Commission has been sanctioned unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 16-11 An Ordinance Establishing The Rental Housing Inspection Fund And Appropriations (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 16-11 by title.

Councilor Keen moved that Ordinance No. 16-11 be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Mayor Dennis deferred to Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes for explanation of the ordinance. She gave an excellent explanation of this at the Pre-Council meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes explained that Ordinance No. 16-11 and its companion ordinance, Ordinance No. 17-11 address new legislation, House Enrolled Act 1543, which created a new requirement, effective May 10, 2011. Fees assessed for rental housing inspection and registration, and other related fees, must now be deposited in a special fund, dedicated solely to reimbursing the costs reasonably related to services actually performed by the City that justified the imposition and amount of the fees. The City's current budget has costs for rental housing inspection and registration in the General Fund in the Department of Development, and in the Economic Development Income Tax Fund. In order for the City to meet the requirements of the new legislation, and to prepare the 18-month period for budgeting that we are in now, Ordinance No. 16-11 establishes the Rental Housing Inspection Fund and establishes the appropriations for the fund for the remainder of the year. It also provides for a transfer from the General Fund of revenues collected to date, as of May 10, for rental housing inspections and an additional \$75,000 to assure sufficient balance to pay the necessary expenses of the rental housing inspection program through the end of the year. The necessity for this is that our rental housing inspection and registration program costs more than we collect in fees. The companion

ordinance, Ordinance No. 17-11, provides for reducing the Department of Development budget for items that will now be contained in the rental housing inspection budget. It also reduces the Economic Development Income Tax Fund budget for the same reason; those expenses will be in the Rental Housing Inspection Fund budget. It also appropriates, in the Economic Development Income Tax Fund, an additional amount, which represents all of the funding appropriations needed to carry out activities that formerly were in the Department of Development. These largely constitute some legal services and a variety of supply and service accounts that support the other functions that are carried out by the Department of Development. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said that she had provided a detailed memo to the Council called "Funding the 2012 Budget," and there is a section in that document which specifically addresses these transactions. Passage of these two ordinances will take two months, as there needs to be a public hearing for the additional appropriation. She asked for Council assistance in moving through the process, so that the books will be in order and be compliant with the new legislative mandates.

Councilor Bunder asked the scope of the activities that are covered by this change in State law. City Attorney Burns asked for clarification. Councilor Bunder said what items are covered by this change in State law, whether we know at this time, for example, could the expense of demolishing a house that is no longer habitable be charged to the new account. Mayor Dennis answered that it is an operational fund for that specific inspection and everything that goes along with that. Mayor Dennis called on Director of Development Poole to respond. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said that, if one looks at the items being appropriated, salaries, gasoline, a car, phones, those are sorts of support items needed to carry out that function. Director of Development Poole said it is primarily everything needed to do the job—salaries, vehicle, office supplies, things of that sort. As far as demolishing buildings, that sort of expense is not part of the rental inspection program. Councilor Bunder said that the City has come to the edge several times of condemning properties that were ill-used. He was interested in whether those expenses could have been included, or what the options are. Mayor Dennis said that the City of Lafayette went through a lot to pass the ordinance that empowered the City to do so, but he does not know the source of the fund that would pay for demolitions. City Attorney Burns asked, if there had been a demolition before passage of this legislation, the source of payment. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes answered that the City stood back from those kinds of actions in the past, as it was explained to her, because of legal difficulties. However, the statutes have changed in recent years that make it easier for municipalities to address these issues.

Councilor Dietrich asked, if the City were to mow a lawn forcibly, would that be covered in this new fund. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes the City Code refers to those kinds of nuisances as remediation. Director of Development Poole said Economic Development Income Tax funds are typically used for those kinds of expenses through the Neighborhood Resource Team. This is more for the rental certification inspection and doing the day-to-day operations of that department. Councilor Dietrich asked for clarification that this is not for the upkeep of those rentals. Mr. Poole confirmed that.

Mayor Dennis said that these are pared down from what had been proposed as legislation. Director of Development Poole added that it has been two years in planning, and the result is at least palatable.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said that the ordinance is quoted verbatim from the legislation, with no more guidance.

Councilor Bunder said he appreciated the time for people to think about these questions.

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There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYE and 0 NAY.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 16-11 passed unanimously on first reading.

Ordinance No. 17-11 An Ordinance To Revise The 2011 Budget For The General Fund And The Economic Development Income Tax Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 17-11 by title.

Councilor Keen moved that Ordinance No. 17-11 be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYE and 0 NAY.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 17-11 passed unanimously on first reading.

Remarks about the Budget by the Mayor

Mayor Dennis said the next four ordinances represent the City's 2012 spending plan and salaries. He said he was preaching to the choir, as the Council was involved in the budgetary process. The budget itself is lower again this year. The General Fund is about the same level as it was in 2006. The Mayor said that the credit goes to the department heads. Over the past three years, the culture of spending has changed in the City of West Lafayette. The department

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heads have been herculean in their cooperation and in looking at their line item budgets and being realistic. This is the first year that City employees will get a noticeable raise. He is proposing to the Council a 1.5% raise, as well a flat \$500. This equates to about a 2.5% raise overall. Last year, employees received a flat \$500 to each staff member, and in years past, the City has given as much as a 3%, but that 3% was taken for PERF contributions. Mayor Dennis said that this is the first time in his time with the City that the staff is getting a noticeable raise. The staff work hard, are dedicated, and do their jobs well.

Mayor Dennis said the budget process itself is changing. Government finance is changing. The silos of government financing are now getting screens on them, meaning that cumulative accounts can now be used to offset expenses in the General Fund. He stated that his philosophy is that anything that the City can do to help unburden its taxpayers should be done. This year is an example of that. Each line item has been scrutinized by Council members, by department heads, and by the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer. There have been conversations about what will be done in 2012, but also what will be done in future years. A case in point is the Engineering Capital Plan. Building roads, bridges, and other infrastructure work are budgeted as line items, a 12-month year. Projects such as these are not built in 12 months, as engineering, easements, utility relocations, planning, public meetings are activities that take longer than 12 months. The budgets are planned accordingly, using a clock that a project will use, not necessarily a 12-month calendar year. The budget process is thinking logically and applying that logic to expenditures. The budget itself, being lower for the fourth consecutive year, does what the Mayor has intended to do all along, the provide quality services to the community for the best price we can get, and we have been able to do so.

Mayor Dennis said that each ordinance would be read, discussed, and voted on separately.

Ordinance No. 18-11 An Ordinance Setting The 2012 City Budget And Setting The 2012 Tax Levy On Property And Tax Rate (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 18-11 by title.

Councilor Keen moved that Ordinance No. 18-11 be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYE and 0 NAY.

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Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes advised the Council that the budget advertisement would be sent this week. On the Form 4B, the advertising levy and tax rate will be higher than what we expect. The Council has been provided with the expectations, when the budget is finally worked early next year, the far right columns on the Form 4B will have adjustments made. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes reminded the Council that the assessed valuation is advertised lower, and that there are additional amounts in the operating balances. This is the advice that the Department of Local Government Finance makes to all local entities, and the City is following that advice, as has been done in prior years.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 18-11 passed unanimously on first reading.

Ordinance No. 19-11 An Ordinance To Fix The Salaries Of Appointed Officers, Employees, And Members Of The Police And Fire Departments Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, For The Year 2012 (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 19-11 by title.

Councilor Keen moved that Ordinance No. 19-11 be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYE and 0 NAY.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 19-11 passed unanimously on first reading.

Ordinance No. 20-11 An Ordinance To Fix The 2012 Wastewater Treatment Utility Salary Schedule As Submitted By The Board Of Public Works And Safety For Approval By The Common Council Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana (Presented by the Board of Public Works and Safety)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 20-11 by title.

Councilor Keen moved that Ordinance No. 20-11 be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no further discussion.

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Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYE and 0 NAY.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 20-11 passed unanimously on first reading.

Ordinance No. 21-11 An Ordinance To Set The Salaries Of The Elected Officials, City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, For The Year 2012 (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 21-11 by title.

Councilor Keen moved that Ordinance No. 21-11 be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYE and 0 NAY.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 21-11 passed unanimously on first reading.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes announced that, according to the Budget Calendar, at the next Council meeting on September 6, there would be a public hearing on the budget. The October 3 Council meeting is scheduled for budget adoption. Mayor Dennis affirmed that October 3 would be the final vote, and on September 6 there is no vote.

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Resolution No. 11-11 A Resolution Appropriating The Necessary Funds Resulting From The 2011 Community Development Application Of The City Of West Lafayette Under Title I Of The Housing And Community Development Act Of 1974, As Amended (Submitted by Department of Development)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 11-11 by title.

Councilor Keen moved that Resolution No. 11-11 be passed on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYE and 0 NAY.

Mayor Dennis announced that Resolution No. 11-11 passed on first and only reading.

COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor Hunt stated that, during budget meetings, it came up that there was a Councilor who has lots of expertise in IT, and she has heard some good information. She requested a summary. Mayor Dennis replied that Councilor VanBogaert is a well-educated, well-informed, and someday hopefully will be a well-compensated individual in the IT field. One of the line items in the budget is a consolidation of the IT funds, trying to get the City under one IT umbrella. The City has a consulting firm that is helping with this effort. Councilor VanBogaert helped review the line item budget for IT, as well as suggesting that there be a City IT committee. Mayor Dennis thanked Councilor VanBogaert.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

► Mr. Thomas Kesler (479 Maple) said that the new sidewalks and curbs at the south end of Rose and Robinson Streets are beautiful, a pleasure to walk on. Secondly, Mr. Kesler said that he has been watching the dumpster at a Vine and Pearl, and found that it is a qualified success. Half a block away in an alley, is a pile of furniture, and two blocks away, in the alley behind his house, is another pile. He wondered how far from the dumpster people are willing to haul furniture to put it in a dumpster. Mr. Kesler also reported that the unauthorized and unofficial one-man commission on concrete removal is still active. There are three piles under development at different points in the neighborhood, nowhere near any of the dumpsters. It will be another donation to the City's backfill program. Lastly, Mr. Kesler asked the Neighborhood Resource Team to continue its commitment with the issues around New Chauncey. A few days ago, Mr. Kesler walked from Maple to Robinson and Salisbury and back, and in that loop, he

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filled a plastic bag with trash. He reported that 14 cans of paint have appeared in the alley behind his house. These issues are ongoing and need constant attention.

Councilor Bunder thanked Mr. Kesler for his work in the alleys of New Chauncey. Councilor Bunder asked Mr. Kesler if cinder blocks qualified as part of his concrete removal program. Mr. Kesler answered that he has picked cinder blocks, but he prefers to see them near trashcans, so that he knows they are a safe pickup. Many cinder blocks went in the 20 truckloads that preceded what he is working on now. Councilor Bunder thanked him for his care.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Burch moved for adjournment, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting, the time being 7:25 p.m.