

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

SEPTEMBER 26, 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. September 19, 2011, Meeting

Ms. Stull moved to accept the minutes of the September 19, 2011, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proclamation: International Walk to School Day – Mayor

Mayor Dennis reported that International Walk to School Day is a program that the City has worked on for a couple of years. It grew out of a project on Sycamore Lane, to encourage less driving and more pedestrian traffic, and a fitness program for youth. He read the proclamation, declaring Wednesday, October 5 as International Walk to School Day.

City Engineer Buck added that the City has worked with the West Lafayette Community School Corporation for several years, to make walking to school safer for the community. October 5 will be a Walk to School Day. The entire week of October 3 is International Walk to School Week. Schools have planned different activities to increase the numbers of children walking and bicycling to school. On October 5 there will be some Purdue student athletes greeting the children as they get to Happy Hollow and Cumberland Elementary Schools. Bananas and other healthy snacks will be distributed. Mayor Dennis said that he and Police Chief Dombkowski will be out that day, and he was sure that City Engineer Buck would be also.

b. Change Order No. 1: \$1,118.00 to Atlas Excavating – KCB Water Quality Improvements, Phase 1 – Engineering

Assistant City Engineer Susong reported that the change order is two items, the addition of \$2,618 for moving boulders to the riprap areas, and a \$1,500 deduction for new trees instead of relocation of scrub trees. The net change order is an increase of \$1,118.

Ms. Stull moved that Change Order No. 1 be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

c. Extend Summer Sewage Rate – WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said that, for the last several years, the summer sewage rate has been extended, due to the very dry conditions throughout the summers. He requested continuation of that practice, to extend the summer sewage rate through September 30, 2011.

Mr. Marley moved that the summer sewage rate be extended through September 30 be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

d. Elevation in Rank: Second Class Police Officer Matthew Thompson to First Class – Police

Police Chief Dombkowski requested the Police Officer Matthew Thompson be elevated in rank from Second Class to First Class. While Officer Thompson has been with the Department for several years, he was deployed for two years with the U.S. military. When he returned, he completed his training through the State and through the field-training program. The increase in pay to \$2,006.52, which includes shift differential, would be effective September 22, 2011.

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

The motion was adopted.

e. Request for Street Closing: Woodland Street from Hillcrest down the cul-de-sac – October 15, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Police

Sergeant Watson requested the closure of part of Woodland Street on October 15, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Hills and Dales Neighborhood Association block party. The Police and Fire Departments have no objections to the closure.

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

f. Notice to Close Sidewalk for Façade Removal: 308 West State Street (Follett's Building) – Police

Sergeant Watson requested closing of the sidewalk only, to allow D-K Construction to remove the façade on the building at 308 West State Street. The work will occur between Monday, October 10, and Friday, October 14. The closure is just of the safety of the pedestrians on the sidewalk, which will be opened each day after normal working hours.

Mr. Speaker moved that the request be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

g. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$179,450.92
- ii. AP Docket 90,807.14
- iii. AP Docket 1,500.00
- iv. AP Docket 3,000.00
- v. PR Docket 334,500.61

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 heads and Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes.

The motion was adopted.

h. Informational Items

i. Project Payment Listing – WWTU

There were no comments or questions about the listing.

i. Other Items

i. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson announced that there would be several activities at Purdue this week, to celebrate Green Week. Some of those will dovetail with City activities, one of which is a small De-Trash the Wabash event on Thursday. It will be smaller than the usual event.

ii. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes announced that Standard & Poor's issued a AA bond rating on the refunding bonds for the West Lafayette Building Corporation, some action of which was taken by the Board of Works previously. The City had a AA rating for its bonds, only because it bought bond insurance previously. While that is an expensive additional cost, it allowed the City to continue its AA rating without purchasing additional bond insurance. The City continues to be viewed as extremely strong in the credit markets. This is a great savings for the West Lafayette taxpayers.

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.