

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

JANUARY 31, 2012  
11:00 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. Jonathon C. Speaker was absent.

Mayor Dennis announced that all future Board of Works meetings, beginning February 7, 2012 will begin at 8:30 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 24, 2012, Meeting

Mr. Marley moved to accept the minutes of the January 24, 2012, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Contract: Almost Home Humane Society – \$42,000 – Clerk-Treasurer

Ms. Michelle Warren, Executive Director of Almost Home Humane Society (AHHS), addressed the Board about the request for funding for 2012. The request is \$42,000. Ms. Warren explained that the main reason for the need to request additional funds was the increase in the number of animals brought to the shelter. 2011 saw the greatest number of animals since 2006. She surmised that the increase was probably due to local economic hardship.

Ms. Warren described a variety of cost saving measures the shelter has initiated, including an in-house surgical suite for spay and neuter and utilizing the City of Lafayette Waste pick-up service. She explained that the assistance from Purdue Veterinary students and additional volunteer services from the Shelter Veterinarian were extremely important in keeping costs low. She also described increased efforts at fundraising.

Ms. Warren responded to questions from the Board about budget line items, the availability of grants, and adoption fees and how the AHHS is trying to close its operational deficit.

Ms. Stull inquired as to what other animals the shelter takes in besides dogs and cats. Ms. Warren explained they included iguanas, snakes, rabbits, gerbils, guinea pigs, and mice, which had been abandoned.

Board members expressed support for the excellent job Ms. Warren does, the services the AHHS offers, and for the animals they adopt out.

Ms. Stull moved that the contract with the Almost Home Humane Society be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

b. Request for Acceptance: Fuel Bid – Ceres Solutions – Street

Street Commissioner Downey requested approval for accepting the fuel bid from Ceres Solutions. He pointed out that Ceres is a US fuel production company and that the oil is actually pumped from the Midwest. Ceres was also the only bid. Mr. Downey stated that the costs were in keeping with rates other local governments were paying for fuel. He made note that the bid does not include costs for sales tax and oil inspection tax. No Federal tax is charged.

Mr. Marley moved that the fuel bid be approved. Sana Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

c. Full-time Hire: Jennifer Thompson – Police

Police Chief Dombkowski requested approval for the hire of Jennifer Thompson, as a full-time Patrol Dispatcher, effective February 10, 2012, at a bi-weekly salary of \$1,280.49. This moves Ms. Thompson from a part time position to a full time position in Dispatch. He stated she has previously worked for LAPD, has worked for the WLPD since October, and they were very glad to have her.

Mr. Marley moved that Jennifer Thompson be hired, as requested by Chief Dombkowski. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

d. Claims

i.	AP Docket	\$677,965.28
ii.	AP Docket	\$155,281.07
iii.	AP Docket	\$92,305.77
iv.	AP Docket	\$52,695.54
v.	PR Docket	\$99.00
vi.	PR Docket	\$326,741.72

Questions raised about individual claims by the Board were answered by Department Heads, City Attorney Burns, and Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes.

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

e. Informational Items

i. Project Payment List – WWTU

There were no comments or questions about the listing.

f. Other Items

i. Mayor Dennis introduced Mr. Anthony Newman, New Director of IT for the City of West Lafayette. Mr. Newman was Manager of Roeing Corporation, previously, and prior to that employed by the City of Lafayette, so he is very familiar with the working needs of municipal government.

ii. Parks Superintendent Joe Payne publicly thanked the WLPD for coordinating a 10 acre prairie burn at the Celery Bog, which completed successfully that morning, after clearing out as many animals as possible. He also invited everyone to come to the

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Parks Department Dare to Bare Blitz fundraiser, wearing bathing suits, Friday Night from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Skating Rink. He reported new condenser replaced last year was doing well and the Rink is very popular.

iii. Public Works Director Dave Buck announced they were participating in the Bowl-a-thon Fundraiser for AHHS this year. The Yeager Road laterals for various utilities are being wrapped up and he urged continued caution around the area as construction work continues over the next several weeks.

iv. Wastewater Director Dave Henderson requested that the time for opening of bids for the Aeration Tank Addition be changed from 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. He also stated there were multiple bids so far on the project.

Mr. Marley moved that the change be made. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

v. Police Chief Dombkowski reminded everyone there is an IU/PU game Saturday so use caution and allow for extra time in travelling.

vi. Street Commissioner Downey announced that the first electronic waste recycling 4th at the Street Department. There is a small fee for some items. The list is on the website.

### 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.