

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

March 13, 2012
8:30 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Bradley W. Marley Elizabeth Stull. Jonathon C. Speaker and Elizabeth Stull were absent. Mayor John Dennis presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 6, 2012, Meeting

Mr. Marley moved to accept the minutes of the March 6, 2012, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Request for Acceptance of Sanitary Sewers and Maintenance Bond – Fairfield Contractors – Huntington Farms, Ph. 4, Lots 133-149 & Lots 172-177 – Engineering

Public Works Director Buck explained that Fairfield Contractors had completed installation of the sanitary sewers in this section of Huntingdon Farms. This is the last section in that development for which the City will provide sewer service. Director Buck requested the Board accept a maintenance bond and accept the sewers into public use.

Mr. Marley moved that the request for acceptance of sanitary sewers and maintenance bond be approved as requested by Public Works Director Buck. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

b. Approval of Specifications and Requests for Bids: 2012 Street Resurfacing – Engineering

Public Works Director Buck requested approval of the specifications and requests for bids for the annual street resurfacing projects to be done. The bid notice will be published on March 16, 2012 and March 23, 2012, with bids to be opened at the Board of Works meeting at 8:30 a.m. on April 3, 2012.

Mr. Marley moved that the specifications and requests for bids be approved as requested by Director Buck. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Approval of Specifications and Requests for Bids: 2012 CDBG Sidewalk Replacement Project – Engineering

Public Works Director Buck requested approval of the specifications and requests for bids for the annual sidewalk replacement project. This year they will be replacing sidewalks on DeHart Street, Connolly Street, and pouring new sidewalks at Country Villa Apartments. The bid notice will be published on March 16, 2012 and March 23, 2012. Bids will be opened at the Board of Works Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on April 3, 2012.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes asked Director Buck to explain how the common construction wage would be set. Director Buck responded that they were given the common construction wage on January 21, 2012 for the Street Resurfacing Project, which will expire in 90 days. The Engineering Department will be before the Board of Works on April 10, 2012 to contract the successful low bidder for the project, which will be before the common construction wage expiration date. The common construction wage in effect currently is the wage which will be used for the project and it has been inserted into the contract documents.

Director Buck noted that for the CDBG Sidewalk Replacement Project the common construction scale is issued by the federal government and is obtained online. The federal wage scale will be inserted into the CDBG documents that will go out on Friday. Any project that totals \$250,000 and above requires a common construction wage scale, and he anticipates that both projects will be above that.

Mr. Marley moved that the specifications and requests for bids be approved as requested by Public Works Director Buck. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

d. Street Closing: Tapawingo Dr. and Brown St. (2012 Dancing in the Streets) – Police
Sergeant Jason Philhower of the Police Department requested that Tapawingo Drive be closed from State Street to Brown Street and that Brown Street be closed from Tapawingo Drive to the dead end, from 8:00 a.m. July 21, 2012 to 2:00 a.m. July 22, 2012 for Dancing in the Streets.

Mayor Dennis asked Fire Chief Heath if the street closings were acceptable to the West Lafayette Fire Department and Chief Heath confirmed they were.

Mr. Marley moved that the street closing be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

e. Street Closing: North Chauncey Ave. (WL History Block Party) – Police
Sergeant Jason Philhower of the Police Department requested that North Chauncey Ave. from Columbia Street to North Street be closed from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2012 for West Lafayette Public Library to host the West Lafayette History Block Party.

Mayor Dennis noted that this event will be special because the library found a 1919 photograph of West Lafayette City officials and they are going to restage that photograph at the History Block Party.

Mr. Marley moved that the street closing be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

f. Request to Declare Items Surplus – Police

Deputy Chief Leroux requested the Board declare items surplus including old police car cages which do not fit in the newer models of cars, seats and floor pans for back portion of squad cars. The police department will sell these items on propertyroom.com. There is also one chair which will be destroyed.

Ms. Booker moved that the items be declared surplus. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

g. Approve LED Lighting Proposal: Huston Electric - WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson explained that while the plant has goals to generate a lot of their electricity at the plant itself, they also would like to reduce their costs for the electricity itself. This proposal for refitting the lights around the plant should create just over a 5-year payback. The costs of lightbulbs and the labor to replace them would be eliminated.

Mayor Dennis asked if there was any potential problem with the new lights creating too much light in that general area of the City. Director Henderson responded that there would not be a problem. He said they have set up one pole to test first to make sure that the light output is adequate for their needs. He reported that there should not be any light pollution created from the LED lighting.

Mr. Marley moved that the LED lighting proposal be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

h. Request to Declare Items Surplus – WWTU

Wastewater Director Henderson requested that various items that have accumulated around the facility and are no longer being used be declared surplus including gas detection meters, an electric cart, a mower frame, an old fork lift and a Best Power UPS.

Mayor Dennis noted it is the time of year for all departments in the City to look around and do some spring cleaning of items in storage areas that are no longer used.

Ms. Booker moved that the street closing be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

i. Claims

i.	AP Docket	\$130,005.30
ii.	AP Docket	\$96,308.30
iii.	AP Docket	\$342.00
iv.	PR Docket	\$333,024.37

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

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

The motion was adopted.

j. Informational Items

i. Acceptance of Quotes: Two Aqualifts – Parks

Parks Superintendent Payne requested the Board approve acceptance of the lower quote for two aqualifts, received from Lincoln Equipment, in the amount of \$9,552.00. He reported the Parks Department hopes to have the lifts installed at the pool within two months.

Mr. Marley moved that the quotes be accepted. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

ii. Project Payment Listing – WWTU

There were no comments.

k. Other Items

i. Public Works Director Buck reported that the traffic flow at State Street and Salisbury Street had been reduced to one lane due to University Terrace construction work at the old Jiffy Lube site. The lane restriction had been postponed to this week from its original schedule date due to the Purdue University students being away on Spring Break this week.

Director Buck also announced they had received notice that a water main needs to be replaced on Ravinia Road and therefore they are going to coordinate the resurfacing work with the work to be done on the water main, so new road does not have to be torn up. He noted he had already coordinated with Indiana-American water at Grant Street and Stadium Street for water line construction and resurfacing projects that both needed to be done. He will do the same for the Ravinia Road problem.

Director Buck also reported that both the Cumberland Avenue and Yeager Road projects continue to progress well and that activity in that area will get busy very quickly at this phase of the Cumberland Avenue project.

ii. Wastewater Utility Director Dave Henderson announced this is UCPA's Fix the Leak Weak, promoting a city wide check of leaky faucets and toilet tanks to save water usage and expense to the property owner. In the Wastewater Billing Office at City Hall, leak detection kits are available for customers.

iii. Street Commissioner Downey reported that with the mild winter the barn is almost full of road salt but he received official notice from the City's salt company that he needs to take delivery of an additional 430 tons of previously contracted road salt. The Street Department will be purchasing this load to save and store for next winter.

Mayor Dennis asked if we could sell it. Commissioner Downey stated it would be better to keep it for use next year, as the prices will undoubtedly go up next year. He confirmed that there is plenty of space to store the salt.

iv. Mayor Dennis asked if the Police Department had received any complaints about the public receiving phone calls from a person claiming to have been made aware of a virus on their computer and asking for personal information. Ms. Booker reported she had received one of those calls. Mayor Dennis said he was aware of someone else receiving one. Mayor Dennis asked the police to please investigate the situation. Deputy Chief Leroux said he would look into it.

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.