

Subject to approval at the December 2, 2013, Common Council Meeting.

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE  
COMMON COUNCIL  
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 31, 2013

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in Council Chambers at City Hall on October 31, 2013, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order and presided.

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

Absent: Thomas

Also present were City Attorney Burns, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, Parks Assistant Superintendent Ainsworth, Public Works Director Buck, Police Chief Dombkowski, Human Resources Director Foster, Fire Chief Heath, WWTU Director Henderson, IT Director Newman, and Director of Development Poole.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Council Appointment: Traffic Commission

Councilor VanBogaert stated that Anne Browne has volunteered to serve on the Traffic Commission for District 1, and he will send her resume to the Council.

2014 Council Schedule

Mayor Dennis asked the Council to look at the draft of the 2014 Council Schedule to be discussed at the Council meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 28-13 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation For The Joint Funding Of Amtrak Hoosier State Service Through March 2015 (Sponsored by Mayor John R. Dennis)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 28-13 by title and stated that we have been working on this for the past couple of months to keep the Amtrak rolling.

Councilor Bunder stated that he spoke to someone who remembered that this type of cooperation between City and County government is not new. It was done in the days of the 9<sup>th</sup> Street landfill when everyone contributed money. He noted that one of the players back then was Purdue, and Councilor Bunder asked why or why not Purdue is not involved in this one.

Mayor Dennis responded that he did not know if Purdue was invited to the conversations. He stated that it was not that Purdue would not have been a welcome participant, but that from the conduit that provided the information, it was seen as a governmental problem. The other entities were also local governments.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 19-13 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 19-13 by title only.

Police Chief Dombkowski explained that this transfer is to purchase a snowplow for the front of the Neighborhood Resource Team truck. He stated that the Street Department is going to need some help, including in our own parking lot. He noted that with all of the roads we are inheriting from the State, the Police Department wants to be prepared to help out when the snow starts falling.

Questions and comments regarding the vehicle referred to as a tank recently acquired by the Police Department were referred to Chief Dombkowski.

Chief Dombkowski stated that while *The Exponent* called it a tank, it is actually a big truck with armor plating and is bullet resistant. He stated that it is not an asset that we own as it is still maintained by the military. He explained that the scenario where the vehicle would be used is in an active-shooter situation, which we have unfortunately seen across the country at college campuses and at schools. He said that we hope the vehicle is never used in that facet. He stated that an armored vehicle was deployed in Lafayette earlier this week for a barricade situation with an armed suspect, and we have had a couple of those in the last couple years in West Lafayette. He stated that it is a protection piece, not only for officers that need to be deployed in a situation with potential gunfire, but also to rescue citizens in need in such a situation. Chief Dombkowski stated that the opportunity was presented to us by the military at no cost to the City. It will be maintained for regional purposes for other Police Departments to use as well.

Councilor Dietrich stated that he assumes we are paying maintenance and upkeep costs.

Chief Dombkowski confirmed that we are, but any parts would be obtained through the military through the same program. There will be a cost to outfit the vehicle for minimal markings and lighting as required by law to operate it as a Police vehicle. He stated that he saw a similar version of the vehicle at a trade show starting at \$250,000, which is something that we would never invest in, but for the right price of zero we can maintain that for use while hoping not to have to use it.

Councilor VanBogaert asked if the vehicle takes special certification to drive.

Chief Dombkowski responded that it does not take certification, but it does take some training. He stated that some officers took approximately an hour to train on it when it was picked up from Grissom Air Force Base. He noted that the truck is an International. Chief Dombkowski stated that we have gotten numerous other pieces of equipment through this program, but this is obviously an expensive item. It is a 2008 model with 11,000 miles and has never seen combat, so the price tag is over \$600,000.

There was no further discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Dennis noted that there is a special meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. for the consideration of Ordinance No. 13-13 An Ordinance Annexing Certain Lands Into

The City Of West Lafayette. He stated that the ordinance and a related resolution are the only items on that agenda. He confirmed for Councilor Dietrich that the resolution is the Memorandum of Understanding with Purdue.

Councilor Dietrich asked if there was a public hearing with that, and Mayor Dennis responded that we have already done that and we are going to vote.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Burch moved for adjournment. Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:41 p.m.