

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

FEBRUARY 4, 2014
8:30 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Shawn R. Little, Bradley W. Marley, and Jonathan C. Speaker. Mayor Dennis presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 28, 2014, Meeting

Mr. Marley moved to accept the minutes of the January 28, 2014, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Agreement: 2014 Lafayette Crisis Center – Mayor

Jane McCann, Executive Director of the Lafayette Crisis Center, provided details about recent Crisis Center activity. She noted that they have worked on a new logo, a new website, and a new cloud database for referrals and callers. This season they have been focusing on safety aspects with the weather and have been able to keep staffed 24/7. There have been many calls from people concerned about paying for utilities, and the center has helped people develop safety plans and to be concerned about alternative sources of power.

Mayor Dennis stated that it often goes unnoticed that we have an umbrella in this community with the interconnectivity of the social service agencies. One point of contact is often a resource for everybody. He thanked Ms. McCann for the work the Crisis Center does.

Ms. McCann agreed that the agencies and government entities encourage and help support that communication.

The agreement is for the City to pay \$8,000 in 11 monthly installments of \$667 and 1 installment of \$663 to the Lafayette Crisis Center.

Mr. Marley moved that the agreement with the Lafayette Crisis Center be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

Ms. McCann introduced Barry Loftus, Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Crisis Center.

b. Grant Acceptance: Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation – Fire

Fire Chief Heath requested approval to accept a grant from Firehouse Subs in the amount of \$20,982.12 to purchase 12 Automatic External Defibrillators (AED). The AEDs will be distributed throughout all City buildings.

Mayor Dennis asked how long the AED units last.

Chief Heath responded that the units last a long time but if used it depletes the battery, so that needs to be changed along with the pads. He explained that the units are user-friendly and talk to the operator. There will be training on the AEDs provided to City employees along with CPR training. He noted that CPR procedures change as new information is studied.

Mr. Marley moved that the Firehouse Subs grant acceptance be approved. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Declare Item Surplus: 2009 Bayne Cart Tipper – WWTU

WWTU Director Henderson requested approval to declare a 2009 Bayne Cart Tipper as surplus for a scrap value of \$500. He explained that this item was used in spring of 2009 for the pilot project for taking carts of food waste from the dining courts. The Utility has since put in a full food waste receiving station and the cart has been in storage. Purdue would like to buy the cart, though they are aware that it needs some work.

Mr. Marley moved that the 2009 Bayne Cart Tipper declared as surplus be approved. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

d. Salary Increase: Sacramento Course Completion – Corban Murphy

Director Henderson requested approval to increase the salary of Corban Murphy, an Operator, following his completion of the Sacramento Course. The salary increase is an additional \$9.62 bi-weekly with retroactive pay from January 1, 2014. Mr. Murphy will also receive \$112.00 for reimbursement of the course enrollment fee and manual.

Mr. Speaker moved that the salary increase for Corban Murphy be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

e. Agreement: Escrow and Release – Faith West Properties, Inc. and Lafayette Community Bank – Legal

Mr. Burns stated for the record that Mr. Marley is leaving the room during the discussion of this item. He explained that this agreement pertains to the infrastructure improvements that were made on Northwestern Avenue and involves Faith West and Lafayette Community Bank. During work on the project, it became more efficient for the City to do some of the improvements even though they were to be completed at the expense of Faith West. Faith West put money into escrow to reimburse the City for costs. The Bank is involved to a small extent due to a common piece of infrastructure. Approval of this agreement would allow for a release of the escrow funds to the City.

Mr. Speaker moved that the escrow and release agreement with Faith West Properties, Inc. and Lafayette Community Bank be approved. Ms. Little seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

- f. 2012 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 32: North Side Regional Lift Station – RL Turner Corporation – WWTU
- g. 2012 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 33: North Side Regional Lift Station – RL Turner Corporation – WWTU

Director Henderson requested approval of 2012 SRF Loan Disbursement Requests Nos. 32 and 33 to RL Turner Corporation for continuing work on the North Side Regional Lift Station. Request No. 32 is in the amount of \$45,414 and No. 33 is in the amount of \$223,176.

Mr. Marley moved that the 2012 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 32 be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

Ms. Little moved that the 2012 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 33 be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

h. Claims

i.	AP Docket	\$175,122.72
ii.	AP Docket	\$170,798.10
iii.	AP Docket	\$1,657.27
iv.	PR Docket	\$110,548.69
v.	PR Docket	\$1,222.08
vi.	PR Docket	\$367,305.53
vii.	RDC Docket	\$748,039.88
viii.	RDC Docket	\$1,422.00

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

Questions raised about individual claims by the Board were answered by Public Works Director Buck.

The motion was adopted.

i. Informational Items

- i. Project Payment List – WWTU
There were no questions or comments about the listing.
- ii. Legal Budget & Expenses – Clerk-Treasurer
There were no questions or comments about the listing.

j. Other Items

► Human Resources Director noted that February is American Heart Month and Black History Month. The Heath Promotion Committee (HPC) is dedicating the month to raising awareness about heart disease and increasing knowledge about prevention. She encouraged everyone to wear red each Friday during February in support of

American Heart Month, and City Hall employees will participate in Heart Healthy Snack Day each Friday. The HPC will also distribute educational information on the topic. She thanked Parks Superintendent Payne and the Park Board for providing free vouchers for employees and their families to use at the ice skating rink during the month.

Mayor Dennis noted that we have both the preventative measures for heart healthiness, and referring to the AED discussion, also the machinery to help out if someone misses a beat or two.

Superintendent Payne noted that Council members will be considered employees for the skating vouchers. He also announced that a decision was made to close the Lilly Nature Center tomorrow due to the predicted weather and that there will be no Wednesday's in the Wild program.

► Police Chief Dombkowski provided an update on a shooting that took place at Parkway Apartments last week. He stated that it is an ongoing investigation, but it was a drug-related incident and an arrest was made for criminal recklessness with a weapon. He stated that the Department is continuing to focus on the apartment complex and has made a lot of strides in the last six months with cooperation from management. The Police Department has met with residents of the complex to provide reassurance that the Police Department has a presence there and will continue to work towards making the complex a safer place for everybody. He expects that six months from now it will be even better as they work with management through some of the issues.

Mayor Dennis noted that the shooting did not involve any injuries. He expressed his appreciation for Chief Dombkowski's proactive approach on this matter, stating that it is the best way to empower the residents. When they know that law enforcement is present the deterrent factor is what keeps people from misbehaving.

Chief Dombkowski also noted that the Department is heavily involved with the University regarding the shooting on Purdue campus two weeks ago. He is meeting with Purdue Police Chief John Cox as a command staff to work through lessons learned and improvements to make should this happen again. He reported that the West Lafayette Police Department had 23 officers on scene after the incident and 6 civilian employees were also involved in some capacity as well. He noted that we were heavily invested in the incident and anything else that happens on campus. They will continue to work with the Purdue Police Department and the prosecution until it is resolved. Chief Dombkowski also reported on some good news, stating the Officer Janet Winslow began a new assignment as a full-time school resource officer. Most of her duties in the last month have been between Happy Hollow and Cumberland schools. She is still involved in the DARE program at the junior high level. He noted that we are heavily invested in the schools as well.

► Mayor Dennis asked Street Commissioner Downey about the device he uses to predict the weather, and for his opinion on the predicted snow.

Commissioner Downey responded that he uses wooly worms. He stated that while digging through the wood pile, he discovered the wooly worms were all black. He agrees with the weathermen that there will be approximately 8 inches of snow with wind. He reported that his crew has been out doing pothole work and have started putting brine down, but there is still some hard pack and ice patches. He stated that this snow

on top of what is already there will make it very slick and he urged caution, especially on corners and driveways. He assured that the Street Department will do what they can with salt and sand, and confirmed for Mayor Dennis that they have been pre-treating.

Mayor Dennis noted that there was a little bit of downtime which helped ensure that the equipment is functional and he hopes the crew has been able to get some rest. He noted that a breakfast was provided to the crew yesterday morning.

Commissioner Downey thanked Director Buck and Engineering Assistant Anderson for cooking, and he thanked Councilor Hunt for providing cookies previously, and Alice Abbott for bringing chili. He expressed appreciation on behalf of his crew for the food provided by citizens.

Mayor Dennis noted that the Street Department crew comes into contact with the citizenry every day. He also noted that this is the 26th snow with accumulation for the season, and since the snow from three weeks ago has turned into ice, he urged that people use their own risk tolerance before they go anywhere. He stated that if people do not have to go anywhere, they should stay home and use common sense.

Commissioner Downey noted that snow will hit us again on Saturday.

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.