

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE  
COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
MAY 5, 2014

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Morton Community Center on May 5, 2014, at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

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

Also present were City Attorney Burns, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, Public Works Director Buck, Facilities Director Clark, Police Chief Dombkowski, Street Commissioner Downey, Human Resources Director Foster, Fire Chief Heath, WWTU Director Henderson, Parks Superintendent Payne, and Director of Development Poole.

MINUTES

Councilor Keen moved for acceptance of the minutes of the April 3, 2014, Pre-Council Meeting, and the April 7, 2014, Common Council Meeting. Councilor Burch seconded the motion, and the motion passed by voice vote.

COMMITTEE STANDING REPORTS

STREET, SANITATION, AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT UTILITY

Councilor Bunder presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. He reported that the City is continuing to engage in conversation with RL Turner Corporation regarding the delays in the Kalberer Road lift station. The construction firm believes that we are not being damaged and we think that we are. That moves forward through the Board of Works.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND ORDINANCE

Councilor Keen presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

PURDUE RELATIONS

Councilor VanBogaert reported on events at Purdue University.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilor Hunt presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilor Thomas presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

PERSONNEL

Councilor Burch presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Councilor Dietrich reported that work will begin soon on the 2015 budget.

Mayor Dennis stated that the Department Heads are working on their budgets.

REPORT OF APC REPRESENTATIVE

Councilor Keen reported that this Wednesday discussion will continue on revamping of the planned development process.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Grand Prix Weekend – Police

Police Chief Dombkowski reported on the Grand Prix weekend, stating that a lot of planning goes into that whole week for several months. The pre-work that has gone into planning over the past several years is quite a bit different than in previous years. We have involved the students quite a bit through student organizations, the Bar Coalition, and through a lot of relationships on campus. He stated that he is happy to report that we have had some of the largest crowds we have ever had participating in Grand Prix weekend with the fewest arrests. We have adopted the model of placing officers on foot mingling and interacting with the students, and this has resulted in fewer problems. It is a culture change for us. He gives a lot of credit to the students. Chief Dombkowski stated that he compares us often to Bloomington. They have a similar weekend but with a lot of problems. Our student population has come a long way in helping us have a safe weekend, which is our focus.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

a. Beautification Award

Councilor Thomas awarded the Beautification Award to Jack and Leta Kelly (1425 Ravinia Road) who have lived and gardened in West Lafayette since 1968. He provided photos and detail of their current landscaping.

The Kellys expressed their thanks to the Council.

b. Police Officer of the Quarter Award

Chief Dombkowski stated that the Police Officer of the Quarter award has been given for several years now. It is not done every quarter; it is awarded when it is appropriate. He presented the award to Officer Kevin Coomey. Chief Dombkowski stated that in 24 years of patrol duties, Officer Coomey is still able to get out there and give it his all every day. He explained that Officer Coomey was nominated by Lieutenant Scott Fohr for his role in the apprehension of the shooting suspect at Purdue University in January and for his off-duty arrest of a suspect wanted by the Tippecanoe County Sherriff's Office in March. These are two examples of what Officer Coomey does every day.

Mayor Dennis stated that he has had the honor of knowing Officer Coomey for most of his career and he is very dedicated.

Officer Coomey expressed his appreciation, stating that it was an honor for him and he happened to be in the right place at the right time.

Mayor Dennis also noted that Chief Dombkowski finished graduate school this semester.

c. Council Appointment: Go Greener Commission

Councilor Bunder noted that the application from Jeffrey Spencer Evans to serve on the Go Greener Commission has been distributed to the Council. Councilor Bunder recommended Mr. Evans' approval. Council Burch seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the Council has received the First Quarter Cash Position report with the forecast for the year, as well as a summary of circuit breaker impacts to date. The cumulative loss is nearly \$3.5 million at this point. Pending Councilor Dietrich's calling of the Budget and Finance Committee, the Council will begin its budget preparations.

LEGAL REPORT

City Attorney Burns stated that this report is on file and stated that Fire Chief Heath has information on the Lutz Street fire.

Chief Heath reported that the West Lafayette Fire Department investigation of the fire on 111 West Lutz Street concurs with the Fire Marshall's Office in Indianapolis. Both have gone as far as they can go at this point on the investigation. The fire will be left at this time as undetermined and accidental. There is still an independent investigation occurring by an insurance company. We can always go back and update the report if changes or new information is made available in the future.

Mayor Dennis asked if this means that nothing can be drawn as conclusive as to the source of the fire.

Chief Heath responded that after six months our investigation cannot pinpoint an exact source so it has to be left undetermined. We know that there was nothing malicious; there was no intent on the fire, so therefore it is accidental.

Mayor Dennis asked if that is a fairly common finding.

Chief Heath responded that it is. He noted that in the *Boston Globe* this morning, there was a three-part series on a fire at Boston University that happened a year ago. There was a nine-month investigation through the *Boston Globe* which was also accidental and undetermined. He explained that a lot of things get destroyed by the fire, by the fire department, and destroyed in the investigation. Sometimes an exact cause cannot be pinpointed. That is where we are at right now.

Councilor Bunder thanked Chief Heath for paying close attention to this and keeping everyone informed. He asked City Attorney Burns what the next step is for the City in terms its investigation of the fatality.

City Attorney Burns responded that he has not had recent conversations with the attorney that is handling this case, but he will ask him to send an update to the Mayor that will then be shared with the Council.

Councilor Bunder asked what the first steps are with the fatality in the River Road fire.

Chief Heath responded that we are at square one with an open investigation which cannot be commented on at this time because it is open. He noted that the Fire Department on scene that early morning did an amazing job. The building had 32 units and 8 units were damaged upon arrival on scene. It is absolutely a tragedy, but we have an ongoing investigation.

Councilor VanBogaert stated that he read something about an individual reentering the building at some point. He asked how that is generally handled and how the perimeter is maintained once the Fire Department shows up.

Chief Heath stated that to be honest, it is organized chaos on a fire ground when the first trucks are arriving because there are a lot of spectators, especially on a college campus during Grand Prix week. He expressed appreciation to the Police Department because they do an amazing job of ground control. He explained that while setting up that initial incident command, the Fire Department has to assess the building and determine if and how they will enter the building, where the water supply will come from, who the resources are, and what other Departments may be needed. To answer the question about another individual entering the building, they are conducting interviews with witnesses and putting that together.

Chief Dombkowski added to the Lutz Street fire discussion, stating that there is a meeting later this week with the attorney and the Neighborhood Resource Team (NRT) to discuss code violations, specifically over-occupancy issues. He hopes to have more clear direction from there.

Councilor Bunder stated that he is concerned about the Lutz Street fire because it is in his district, but he is also concerned about the death of both of these young people. If there is something we can do better with building inspection, code enforcement, and building codes as we move through both of these investigations, he would love to discuss that further.

Chief Dombkowski stated that the detective division is still assisting the Fire Department and the State Fire Marshall's Office on the South River Road fire. He stated that when he arrived at that fire, it was an extremely hot fire and it was a serious matter for firefighters that were in there trying to save lives. He stated that in 21 years that was one of the more involved hot fire scenes that he has witnessed.

Councilor Thomas noted that he is from Connersville and when he went there last week the death of this young man was the talk of the town. It is a close-knit community and this was tragic.

Chief Heath stated that he has had a lot of phone calls from across the country including Connersville, with a lot of parents calling and he can see that it is a close-knit community.

Councilor Burch asked City Attorney Burns about the Sigma Chi lawsuit.

City Attorney Burns responded that it is a dispute over a sewer line that was apparently misconnected by a contractor several years ago. The City was named in it and it was turned over to defense counsel. He does not anticipate that it will be any problem for the City as it involved a contractor for an INDOT project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 11-14 An Ordinance Concerning The Construction Of Additions And Improvements To The Sewage Works Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, The Issuance Of Revenue Bonds To Provide The Cost Thereof, The Collection, Segregation And Distribution Of The Revenues Of Said Sewage Works, The Safeguarding Of The Interests Of The Owners Of Said Revenue Bonds, Other Matters Connected Therewith, Including The Issuance Of Notes In Anticipation Of Bonds, And Repealing Ordinances Inconsistent Herewith (Sponsored by Mayor John R. Dennis)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 11-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 11-14 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

WWTU Director Henderson explained that we are preparing to close another State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program bond with the Council's approval for the replacement of two aging lift stations. These are the last two stations on the multi-year plan for replacement of lift stations. The lift stations are the Sheridan next to Wal-Mart and the Fairway Knolls at the end of Palmer Drive. The Sheridan is a vintage 1974 station and Fairway Knolls is from 1963. He introduced Jim Treat (O.W. Krohn & Associates) who will go through the financials.

Mr. Treat reported that the last bond, the \$4 million open-market competitive sale which the Council approved at the March meeting, closed recently. He thanked Huntington bank for the rate of 2.64%, which was the lowest of five bids. He explained that the this ordinance for the SRF bond will be more straight-forward as the Council is familiar with the SRF process. The rate for this bond is 2.6%. Mr. Treat provided the Council with a handout showing financials related to the bond. He stated that we will bond \$2.2 million to cover costs, which includes construction and engineering costs. He noted that easement costs cannot be covered by SRF, so some cash on hand is needed. Referring to the payment schedule, Mr. Treat stated that the payment for this bond will be approximately \$140,000 per year. The Combined Debt Service Schedule shows that payments for all current bonds and this proposed SRF bonds will be approximately \$3,630,000 per year through 2026. From a credit-worthiness standpoint, there will be approximately \$11 million in ongoing revenues pledged for the Utility and projected operating expenses is approximately \$5.2 million, leaving approximately \$5.8 million for reserves and debt payments. That produces a coverage ratio of almost 160% after both 2014 bonds are issued. This is well in excess of the 125% that SRF requires to continue the program.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes noted that bond counsel is present, and Mr. Treat introduced Dennis Otten (Bose McKinney & Evans LLP).

Mr. Otten noted that this bond ordinance is very similar to the one approved last month except that there are special SRF provisions that will be incorporated into the bond ordinance. It authorizes the bonds of \$2.2 million for this project.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 11-14 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 12-14 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Subdivision Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect (USO Amendment #9 Allowing Parcelizations in A, AW, & AA Zones) (Submitted by the Area Plan Commission)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 12-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 12-14 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Councilor Keen explained that this ordinance allows for parcelizations in these particular agricultural zones. The purpose is to allow those who have acreage to subdivide their land without having to go through a public hearing process and with fewer fees than it would be to go through a minor subdivision process. The parcelization does not require access to a road or have frontage along an existing road while a minor subdivision has those requirements.

Councilor VanBogaert asked if this would affect the land along the new bypass. He expressed concern that it would cause loss of control without the public hearing process. He asked how it would interact with our plans to redevelop the corridor.

Councilor Keen responded that the minor subdivision only allows for lots to be divided into four different parcelizations. Most of the develop in the US 231 area would be a lot larger than that. He does not see it having a major impact on development there.

Director of Development Poole stated that the most of the development there will be on larger commercial lots and this should not have an effect on that.

Councilor Keen noted that this parcelization is only allowed in Agricultural and Agricultural Wooded zones and most of that US 231 area will be rezoned to planned developments.

Councilor Dietrich asked if it is correct that these parcelizations can be without a process.

Councilor Keen responded that there is still a process, but it avoids the public hearing process and lowers the fees. He noted that this only applies to smaller areas of land. A larger developer cannot use this process. It is mostly for farmers. An example would be someone who wants to allow their children to live on a piece of their property.

Councilor Burch noted that the APC Staff Report mentions that generally parcelizations are used by farming families to split off two acres to sell or gift to a family member.

Councilor Keen stated that he does not believe this will have any impact on the US 231 corridor.

Councilor Bunder asked if there are any parcels in the City that this would effect immediately.

Director Poole stated that he believes there is some Agricultural in the US 231 corridor.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 12-14 passed on first and only reading.

Ordinance No. 13-14 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect (UZO Amendment #81 Digital Zoning Maps) (Submitted by the Area Plan Commission)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 13-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 13-14 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Councilor Keen explained that this allows for the digitalization of zoning maps and the official record to be as such.

Zachary Baiel (124 Connolly Street) stated that he applauds the digitalization of the zoning maps. He expressed concern about the chosen software platform, which is Microsoft Silverlight—a proprietary platform that is not open and accessible on all pieces of technology. He stated that while this is a good move, he encourages the Council and the City to encourage the County to make sure it is in a more open platform so that people can access it who have computers that may not have the proprietary software.

Councilor Keen stated that he believes this was geared toward the developers and the type of submissions they have.

Councilor VanBogaert asked if this binds us to a specific platform, and Councilor Keen responded that he does not know.

Mr. Baiel expressed that he would like to talk further about it as there are open platforms for zoning maps.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 13-14 passed on first and only reading.

Ordinance No. 14-14 An Ordinance Providing For Temporary Loans (Police Pension)  
(Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 14-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 14-14 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that this is a request for the Police Pension fund pending receipt of the State pension relief. She requested two readings because there is likely to be a problem before June. She confirmed for Councilor Burch that this will be repaid to the Wastewater Utility and explained that this is usually a bridge loan for a week or so. The pension payment is made at the end of the month, but the Fire Pension may not have all of the funds in place from the pension relief. It is a timing issue.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 14-14 passed on first reading.

Councilor Keen moved to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance No. 14-14 for second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 14-14 on second reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, May 5, 2014, CONTINUED

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 14-14 passed on second and final reading.

Ordinance No. 15-14 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation To The 2014 Budget And Transfer From Rainy Day Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 15-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Ordinance No. 15-14 on first reading and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that this additional appropriation was requested by Public Works Director Buck.

Mayor Dennis stated that in a nutshell this is the cost of our winter. It is to cover a lot of the equipment and overtime. It was one of the worst winters in history and required several weeks straight of overtime.

Director Buck stated that part of this request is for the Facilities account that has been depleted in the issue of moving out of City Hall. A lot of those costs in that budget have been put forward on the faith that we will be getting more insurance recovery. A big part of it is to add money to the MVH fund to do additional advanced maintenance. We have done a lot of work. We try to do things right and do not want to give up ground on the gain we have done over the last several years in keeping our facilities and catching up with the condition of our streets. There is a lot of programmed work on the docket and this additional appropriation will allow additional work, including patching, resurfacing, and crack sealing, which is needed due to the harsh conditions this winter.

Councilor Keen asked what would be left undone if this ordinance is not approved.

Director Buck responded that priorities would need to be reshuffled and slide some items back on the current docket, or we would need to forego some of those repairs and have issues with our streets that could become emergencies.

Councilor Keen stated that his big concern is not with the work that needs to be done, but more with the fund that we are taking this money out, with the Rainy Day Fund. He asked what the remaining balance would be in the fund.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes responded that a cash position sheet was provided to the Council which shows that the impact of the additional appropriation. The current balance in approximately \$740,000 and this would have it at approximately \$356,000.

Councilor Keen asked what ongoing deposits are put into the fund on a regular basis.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes responded that the fund was largely established approximately seven years ago with excess COIT and EDIT income taxes, which the State determined it was holding. The excess was required to be put into a Rainy Day Fund. The Council has the prerogative of transferring now into the Rainy Day Fund from any fund with excess cash. She stated that the most fascinating part of the Rainy Day Fund is that we may also transfer out of the Rainy Day Fund to any fund; it really acts like a money laundering fund despite the great efforts of the State to separate various revenues. She noted that this balance has been there for some time.

Councilor Keen expressed his concern at depleting the fund by roughly half. Though it is not often used, it is nice knowing it is there when things happen. He understands that the roads is one of those things that happen.

Mayor Dennis stated that things happened.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that when our operating reserves are totaled we are still in a very strong financial position.

Councilor Dietrich asked what the urgency is to do this now as opposed to seeing at the end of the budget where those other funds stand.

Director Buck responded that he will no longer be in the 2014 construction season at that point and we will have to go through another winter with doing our best to Band-Aid some of the streets that are cracked to the point that snow plows will peel them up.

Councilor Dietrich asked for clarification on why the money is being moved to two different funds if it is all going to that type of project.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes responded that the transfer into the General Fund is to reimburse Facilities for expenditures already made for addressing the flood remediation while City Hall was occupied. The transfer to MVH is for work as Director Buck described.

Councilor Keen asked which fund, the General or Rainy Day, the insurance money will go into when it is received.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes responded that it will go into the General Fund, Facilities Department. Our best estimate is that the upcoming insurance reimbursement, combined with this transfer, will make that budget whole.

Councilor Burch asked why the money is not being transferred from the Wastewater Utility as is done for most other transfers of funds.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes responded that the biggest reason to transfer funds from the Utility is for temporary loans, which are repaid. We do not have the funds to repay out of the General Fund, unless we were to take it out the reserves. She strongly recommended against doing so, explaining that although the total reserves of all of the operating funds are strong, the bond market is particularly interested in what remains in the General Fund alone. We do not want to go below 15%, and typically in the 20%-range. She is reluctant to put that much stress on the General Fund.

Councilor Hunt asked if it is correct that we have to repay everything we take from the Utility by the end of the year and we may not be able to repay that.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes responded that Councilor Hunt is correct and we can only repay that by doing an additional appropriation in the General Fund which would come directly out of those reserves. Part of this is a matter of where we place our reserves, as well as the total of reserves. The current estimate is that the reserves will be on the order of at least \$3.4 million, though she suspects that is conservative. The money being transferred with this ordinance is a small portion of our total reserves.

Councilor Hunt stated that in this need due to this tough winter is national news across the country.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch		✓		
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 6 AYES and 1 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 15-14 passed on first reading.

Councilor Hunt expressed her thanks to the Police and Street Departments for working hard to get us through this tough winter.

Resolution No. 06-14 A Resolution Appropriating Insurance Recovery Received For Damage To City Property (Facilities) (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 06-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Resolution No. 06-14 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that this is the first of our insurance recovery. The claim submitted was for \$13,355.04. After a \$5,000 dollar deductible the recovery is in the amount of \$8,355.04. We hope that this is the beginning of a series of recoveries.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

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	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Resolution No. 06-14 passed on first and only reading.

Resolution No. 07-14 A Resolution Providing For Payment Of Claims By Electronic Funds Transfer (Submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 07-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Resolution No. 07-14 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes explained that this authorizes the option of paying vendors through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), directly to bank accounts. It is cost effective and vendors have been interested in it for some time. The new software system will allow this function.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Resolution No. 07-14 passed on first and only reading.

Resolution No. 08-14 A Resolution Authorizing The Filing Of An Application With The U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development, For Community Development Block Grant Funds, As Provided In Title I Of The Community Development Act Of 1974, As Amended (Submitted by Department of Development)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 08-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen moved for passage of Resolution No. 08-14 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Director Poole explained that this is the yearly request to apply for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the upcoming 2014-2015 funding cycle. It is the fifth year out of a five-year program, The amount awarded this year is \$332,289, which is a 0.6% reduction over the previous year. The year before that was a 13% reduction.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYES and 0 NAYS.

Mayor Dennis announced that Resolution No. 08-14 passed on first and only reading.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

► Councilor Bunder reported that the APC has begun work on the rezones that are a part of the New Chauncey Land Use Plan. The first will be to work on a standard rezone that matches the Plan, and then move on to a form-based code for the historic district.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

► Jan Myers (1909 Indian Trail) spoke about various topics, including expressing her thanks to Zach Baiel who visited her house to gain an understanding of what accessibility means under HUD, her safety concerns on the trails new US 231, the importance of planting native plants to help the honeybee population, and community artwork, including providing wood to local wood artists from the ash trees that have to be removed due to the emerald ash borer.

Councilor Hunt noted that this Wednesday there will be a talk about the emerald ash borer at the Nature Center, and this is relevant to our budget.

► Chris Kulesza (190 Burke Court, Apt. 312), President of the Purdue Graduate Student Government (PGSG), reported on the PGSG budget and election results, including that he was elected as President for a second non-consecutive term. He stated that most relevant to the City, the contractor has been selected for the Graduate Student Community Center. That facility should be operational by September and it will be the main event center.

► Mr. Baiel spoke about various topics, including information he has found in researching regulations for signage, expressing his appreciation for street patching and sweeping, his concerns about the statistics used in the Bicycle Crash Analysis report from the APC, noting that the student population is going down and not up according to the APC Student Rental Report and Survey and his concerns that there are hundreds of new bedrooms coming online. He reminded everyone that people who use strollers and children under 16 on bicycles will also appreciate ramp and curb cutout improvements on the sidewalks along with those who are helped by the ADA accessibility.

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► Several Councilors, City Attorney Burns, and Mayor Dennis discussed the removal of political signs after the primary elections have finished.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Burch moved for adjournment, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting the time being 8:08 p.m.