

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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

8:30 a.m.

City Hall Lower Level Conference Room

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Bradley W. Marley, and Mayor John R. Dennis, who presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 14, 2009, Meeting

Mr. Marley moved to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2009, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Dennis began by thanking Mr. Payne and the Parks staff for the excellent work they did over the weekend, managing the events in Tapawingo Park.

a. Quote Opening: Concrete Vault for Tapawingo Park – Parks

Parks Superintendent Payne stated that the vault is for the hole on the east side of the rink, so that the valves are accessible.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes read the quotes aloud:

<u>Quote from</u>	<u>Price</u>
J. R. Kelly Company, Inc.	\$13,400.00
Mid-States General & Mechanical Contracting Corp.	9,650.00
Simon Construction	10,445.00

Mr. Marley moved that the quotes be taken under advisement. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

b. Street Closure Request: Decatur Street – 4:45-7:30 p.m., September 27, 2009 – Neighborhood Cookout – Police

Police Chief Dombkowski requested approval for the closure of Decatur Street on September 27 for a neighborhood cookout.

Mayor Dennis asked Fire Chief Drew if the Fire Department had any problems with the closure. Chief Drew said they did not.

Ms. Booker moved that the request be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

c. Contract: Vectren – Relocate Regulator Station and Lower Steel Gas Main – Cumberland Avenue Reconstruction Project – Engineering

City Engineer Buck provided an updated quote from Vectren; the item submitted for the agenda estimated the cost at \$220,729.80, and the new quote is \$204,319.80. He

expects the actual cost may be even lower. Mr. Buck explained that Vectren has a 30-foot wide easement for a 10-inch high-pressure gas main in the area just west of Kent and all along the north side of westbound Cumberland Avenue. Even though this is within the right-of-way, this relocation is a reimbursable cost for Vectren. Part of the work involves a regulator station that is in the median area; that will be relocated 270 feet west, putting that in the future median, once construction is completed. That regulator station is partially out of the current easement, so only about one-third of their costs are reimbursable by the project. Part of the work will be installing barricades to protect the regulator station from westbound traffic. The work will begin today, if the agreement is approved, with the first week moving the regulator station and setting up the traffic control, and the second week will be lowering the main back to the east, through the intersection of Kent and Cumberland. Vectren has requested to close the crossover at Cumberland, so that northbound traffic will turn right and use a crossover; southbound traffic will have to detour another direction for about a week, beginning next week. Mr. Buck noted that Mr. Brandon Fulk from The Schneider Corporation was present to answer questions.

City Attorney Burns asked why the line has to be lowered. City Engineer Buck answered that the current depth is about 20 inches and would require a reinforced concrete slab to bridge the traffic loads over the gas main. Paying Vectren to lower the main is advantageous to the regulator station. Mr. Burns asked what the structure for the regulator station look like. Mr. Buck responded that there is one there now; there is one there currently, but it is hidden with some landscaping, which will also be done in the new location. Mr. Fulk added that the slab is 6 feet by 6 feet; with the guardrails, it is about 9 feet by 9 feet.

Mr. Burns has reviewed the contract and found it to be in order.

Ms. Booker moved that the request be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

d. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$193,353.50
- ii. AP Docket 33,900.38

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

► Mr. Marley asked how Global Fest is funded. Mayor Dennis answered that it is primarily funded through donations. Mr. Marley asked if it is fully funded through contributions. Mayor Dennis responded that it is as close as the City can get to being fully funded.

► Ms. Booker asked about the \$743.50 payment to A & L Great Lakes Laboratories. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson answered that this cost was for sludge testing, although the company does other quality testing and analyses for the Wastewater Utility throughout the year. Ms. Booker questioned the frequency of testing. Mr. Henderson responded that the sludge tests are governed by federal regulations for metals content and bacteria content, before it can be land-applied to farmland. Strict requirements demand frequent testing throughout the year, and when land-applications are made, there is additional testing.

- ▶ Ms. Booker asked about the \$174.28 payment to Carrier & Gable, Inc. Street Commissioner Downey answered that it was for repair on a traffic signal control box.
- ▶ Ms. Booker asked about the \$214.55 credit from Tri-State Cola Cola Bottling for Global Fest. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes answered that Coca Cola requires a deposit, then based on actual consumption, there is a charge for the product used. A refund is issued if the deposit was more than the usage. This was for Global Fest.
- ▶ Ms. Booker asked about the Wastewater payment of \$997.19 to Dillterra, LLC. City Engineer Buck answered that Dillterra is a consultant who is assisting with stormwater inspections for ongoing construction projects
- ▶ Ms. Booker asked for information about the \$14.80 paid to Dale Dixon for a HobNob conference. Director of Development Poole explained that this was for parking at a dinner in Indianapolis.
- ▶ Ms. Booker asked about the \$46.00 Parks payment to Maxwell Sales. Parks Superintendent Payne answered that this was a de-foamer solution for Margerum Fountain.
- ▶ Ms. Booker questioned the \$1,486.00 payment to MJV Group, Inc. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes answered that this was janitorial service for City Hall.
- ▶ Mr. Marley asked what the Motorola contract is for, citing payment of \$1,687.77. Police Chief Dombkowski answered that this is part of the communications network. The equipment is expensive, with hand-held units costing up to \$5,000
- ▶ Ms. Booker asked what the \$77.44 payment to Tynan Equipment covered. Police Chief Dombkowski responded that this was for brakes for the Parking Control scooters. He added that they are looking at using electric vehicles as the scooters are phased out.
- ▶ Mr. Marley asked about the \$46.99 payment to the Wild Bird Shop. Parks Superintendent Payne answered that this is for seed for the birds at Lilly Nature Center, with most of the money coming from donations and from the Audubon Society.

The motion was adopted.

e. Other Items

- i. Fire Chief Drew reported that there was a lot of building undamaged by the fire on Waldron Street late Friday. Two apartments and the roof were damaged; the cause was a grill. Police Chief Dombkowski added that the building owner Jim Cochran and the insurance agent Trent Johnson were there. Chief Drew stated that Purdue had first response on the fire, with West Lafayette assisting.
- ii. Parks Superintendent Payne announced that, for the second year, a major cleanup in Tommy Johnston Park occurred. Art on the Wabash was a success, with the artists pleased with the turnout.
- iii. Director of Development Poole mentioned that there was a good turnout for the boathouse groundbreaking Sunday.
- iv. Mayor Dennis thanked Human Resources Director Foster and his assistant Betina

Cochran for their help with the Art on the Wabash.

v. Police Chief Dombkowski noted that the barricades were removed Sunday morning, and Community Corrections cleaned up the Village. There were no incidents with the barricades. Mayor Dennis added that he received many compliments about the barricades.

vi. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson observed that today begins Green Week at Purdue University. Wastewater staff will conduct tours of the Plant on Tuesday, and will help with Purdue's Detrash the Wabash on Friday.

vii. City Engineer Buck mentioned that today is the Autumnal Equinox, which begins the fourth quarter of construction season. The push is on to finish the construction projects. Salisbury Street will be patched this week, then will be paved. The concrete was in good shape, but the joints and patched potholes will have overlay mat before paving. A connector sidewalk and new crosswalk on Cumberland Avenue will be started as part of the Safe Routes to School Project. Curbs and most of the driveways are done on the west side of Sycamore Lane, then the sidewalks will be installed. Plans and specifications for Cumberland Avenue Reconstruction Phase 1 will be presented to the Board next week.

viii. Street Commissioner Downey stated that moving the barricades in the Village went very well.

ix. Mayor Dennis stated that he is proud of the department heads and their staffs, for their good work. He also mentioned that he would not be at next week's Board of Works meeting.

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.