

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

JUNE 28, 2011

8:30 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Bradley W. Marley, Elizabeth M. Stull, and Mayor John R. Dennis, who presided. Member Jonathan C. Speaker was absent.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. June 20, 2011, Meeting

Ms. Stull moved to accept the minutes of the June 20, 2011, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. SRF Payment Request No. 126: \$434,382 to City of West Lafayette for INDOT Reimbursement – WWTU

Mayor Dennis called Wastewater Utility Director Henderson to the podium, announcing that today is Mr. Henderson's birthday.

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson requested Board approval for the second reimbursement to the City from SRF funds for the work being done on the Western Interceptor project with INDOT's US231 Relocation project. The amount is \$434,382. About 45% of the pipe has been installed, and the majority of the jack and bore work is completed, including placing the pipe under the railroad and the work at the Airport.

Mr. Marley moved that SRF Payment Request No. 126 be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

i. WWTU Project Listing

There were no comments or questions on the listing.

b. Continuing Professional Services Agreement: Donohue & Associates, Inc. – WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson explained that this agreement is for Donohue & Associates to be on-call for services. Mr. T.J. Short of Donohue & Associates was present to answer questions. Specifically, the first task is design help in the Gumball Alley sewer, which has had four sanitary sewer overflows this year in a short period. It is a difficult location, due to the age of the buildings, proximity of utilities, and other challenges. Mayor Dennis added this is a problem, especially in the summer, with the odors. Mr. Henderson said fixing this sewer is a high priority.

Ms. Booker moved that the agreement with Donohue & Associates be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion.

Ms. Stull asked if this solution would be the long-term fix. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson answered that they have been working on a long-term solution, and this is

the agreement that allows the issuance of the task order to Donohue & Associates to design the fix. They are looking at the longer-term use of the area, investigating what flows might be coming into that sewer from various redevelopments in that area.

Ms. Booker questioned the timeline of the project, what the estimate of the completion date is. Mr. T.J. Short of Donohue & Associates responded that it should be a month or so, depending on what is encountered. This is an emergency, and Donohue & Associates and the City have limited control over what may be found and how it can be dealt with. The alley is tight and, combined with the age of the adjoining buildings, it could be difficult to fix. Mr. Short said that some of these projects have been done in as little as two weeks. Ms. Booker said there are many variables involved. Mr. Short agreed.

The motion was adopted.

i. Task Order No. 1: Emergency Sewer Repairs in Gumball Alley – Not to Exceed \$9,955.00

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson explained that this task order is to accomplish the design for the repairs in Gumball Alley.

Ms. Stull moved that the Task Order No. 1 with Donohue & Associates be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

c. Agreement for Services: August Mack Environmental – \$1,875 – Pre-Demolition Asbestos Survey – Development

Director of Development Poole asked for Board approval for pre-demolition inspection of two structures on Yeager Road, as part of the Yeager Road project. If asbestos is found, a plan to deal with it will be developed. Mayor Dennis asked which buildings are involved. Mr. Poole said they are the insurance building and the Steckel house.

Ms. Booker moved that the agreement for services with August Mack Environmental be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion.

Mr. Marley asked if the City already owned the properties. Director of Development Poole answered that the City does own them. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes added that these properties were purchased by the Redevelopment Commission as part of the Yeager Road project.

Ms. Booker asked whether City Engineer Buck had reviewed everything, since the letter was written to him. Mr. Buck answered that he had reviewed it.

City Engineer Buck said that he and Director of Development Poole had discussed who would handle the August Mack Environmental contract. Since the funds to pay for the inspection are under Mr. Poole's control, he presented it.

The motion was adopted.

d. Grants of Easement for Division IV of the Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Line – Engineering

Mr. Buck said that the grants of easement between the Trustees of Purdue University and Purdue Research Foundation to the City are for the construction and maintenance of sewer pipe for Division IV of the Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor project. He

provided a map that showed the outsides of the INDOT highway right-of-way and the location of the pipes. These are similar to previous agreements for Divisions I, II, and III. He requested Board approval.

Ms. Stull moved that the grants of easement be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

Ms. Booker asked for clarification of "Deed not found" that was shown for a parcel on the map. City Engineer Buck answered that the parcel is shown as being to Purdue University, but there is not a last deed of record found. That issue would be one between INDOT right-of-way and Purdue. There should be no impact on the parcels under consideration now.

Ms. Stull asked when an easement is temporary or permanent. City Engineer Buck said that a temporary easement is requested when a property is needed for initial construction for tying to existing driveways or the limits of excavation to install a pipe, but that the land is not needed for permanent maintenance of the pipe. These are rights of entry.

The motion was adopted.

e. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$656,384.39
- ii. AP Docket 49,239.00
- iii. AP Docket 33.00
- iv. PR Docket 103,605.06

Ms. Stull moved that the claims be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

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

The motion was adopted.

f. Other Items

i. Director of Development Poole announced that a successful third annual Art in Bloom occurred on Saturday. It was a good day, as some artists went back to their studios to get art to sell. He thanked all who attended. Mayor Dennis said that coordinator Bev Shaw did a great job. Mr. Poole agreed.

ii. Fire Chief Drew reviewed the restrictions on fireworks usage during this time period and the July Fourth holiday, which affect times and places when fireworks may be set off. He emphasized that fireworks must be used only on private property, not public areas such as City parks. Fireworks purchased out of state cannot be used in Indiana. He recommended that citizens enjoy their fireworks and show courtesy to neighbors. He urged caution in using only 1.4G-rated consumer fireworks that are permitted for private use.

iii. Parks Superintendent Payne announced that the annual Stars and Stripes Concert and Fireworks Display would be held in the City's Tapawingo Park and in Lafayette's Riehle Plaza on July 4. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m., with fireworks at 10:00 p.m. Fireworks are not permitted in parks. Mayor Dennis stated that the control arms at the

Wabash Landing parking garage would be open for those using that facility on July 4.

iv. Councilor Hunt reported that the Art in Bloom was quite successful. She thanked Director of Development Poole for his participation. There were many volunteers, including the Master Gardeners, and a large attendance. The weather was wonderful.

v. City Engineer Buck introduced Michael Susong, the new Assistant City Engineer. Mr. Susong provided some personal background information, and said he was eager to begin work. Mayor Dennis welcomed Mr. Susong to the City.

vi. Police Chief Dombkowski reiterated Mayor Dennis' statement that the control arms of the Wabash Landing parking garage would be open on July 4. Both West Lafayette and Lafayette have allocated resources for traffic control and public safety, to ensure a safe celebration.

vii. Councilor Burch announced that the Pre-Council meeting would be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, with the Council meeting on Tuesday, July 5, at 6:30 p.m. In response to a question from the Mayor, Councilor Burch reported that the Fiddlers Gathering held the past weekend was fantastic, with great weather, great music, and many people.

### 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.