

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

JULY 11, 2011

8:30 a.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 5, 2011, Meeting

Mr. Speaker moved to accept the minutes of the July 5, 2011, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Stull seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Notice to Bidders and Specifications: Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division V Project – Engineering

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson explained that this is for the final phase of the Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project, and is the capstone project in the City's original long-term control plan. This has been in the planning stages for over 20 years. It will take away three lift stations, which will eliminate the need to operate and maintain those. A significant amount of sanitary sewage from the combination system will move into a "sewage superhighway" to the Plant, putting it first in line for treatment. Within the next three to four weeks, the pipe installation should be completed.

Ms. Stull moved that the notice to bidders and specifications be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

Ms. Stull asked what the period is for the work. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson answered that the bids would be received July 29 and opened August 1. The hope is to accept a contract and give a notice to proceed in August, with the work to be completed by mid-January 2012. [The bids will be advertised July 12 and July 19.]

The motion was adopted.

b. Declare Gumball Alley Sewer Repair An Emergency – Engineering

In the absence of City Engineer Buck, Mayor Dennis cited the emailed notice from Mr. Buck, which stated that, "Gravel was found in the line which indicates the likelihood of a significant break or offset joint. Also, we cannot access a portion of the sewer in question because of a known offset joint. These conditions, combined with the time of year, force this repair to be dealt with immediately and prior to the return of Purdue students." Mayor Dennis asked Wastewater Utility Director Henderson to explain what the declaration means. Mr. Henderson explained that gravel in the sewer line is a big problem, and that the declaration of emergency allows quick selection of a contractor and issuance of a notice to proceed. Mayor Dennis asked for confirmation that the declaration did not indicate a public safety or public health hazard, it allows for expeditious resolution of the

matter. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson confirmed the Mayor's statement. City Attorney Burns asked Mr. Henderson to explain what gravel in the line indicates and the reason that this, in Mr. Henderson's view, is an emergency. Wastewater Collections System/GIS Supervisor VanAllen explained that gravel in the line indicates that there is potentially a break in the line. Most of the soil conditions in the area are gravel-based. With the large quantity of gravel now observed, and previous cleaning processes by the Street Department also requiring removal of gravel, this indicates a continuing issue. There is limited ability to do a visual inspection of the sewer, due to the gravel, the offset joint, and the large bellies in pipes. There are many unknowns. Some contractors are coming today to review the situation. The plan is that a notice to proceed would be issued by Friday, for work to begin July 18 and be finished by August 1. Mayor Dennis stated that the work needs to be finished before students return, and asked whether State Street would be closed for this project. Mr. VanAllen responded that the steps planned should reduce disruption to pedestrian and vehicular traffic, as well as affects to businesses. Director of Development Poole and his staff have been notifying the businesses in the area.

Ms. Stull asked if there was a long-term fix being developed. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson answered that, when this planned work is completed, the long-term solution will be in place. It is a 6-inch line that transitions to an 8-inch line into State Street. This is an old line, so this repair should resolve the matter permanently and better accommodate the businesses that are served by this line.

Ms. Stull moved that Gumball Alley sewer repair be declared an emergency. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Amendment to Housing Services Agreement – New Chauncey Housing, Inc. – Development

Director of Development Poole asked for Board approval for an extension of the CDBG agreement with New Chauncey Housing, Inc. through September 2011. New contracts are still in process, and the prior contract has expired. New Chauncey Housing will be selling a house between the time of the expiration of the prior contract and before a new contract is executed. The HUD auditor who was on site last week recommended this extension.

Mr. Speaker moved that the request to amend the Housing Services Agreement with New Chauncey Housing, Inc. be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

d. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$607,805.46

Ms. Stull moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

There were no questions raised about individual claims.

The motion was adopted.

e. Informational Items

i. WWTU Projects Listing

There were no comments or questions about the listing.

f. Other Items

i. Director of Development Poole reported that the HUD auditor who was on site last week said that the West Lafayette CDBG is in good shape.

ii. Police Chief Dombkowski reported that the City of West Lafayette's and the Go Greener Commission's entries won the boat races on Saturday at Riverfest over the City of Lafayette and Tippecanoe County. Mayor Dennis added that the City recorded the fastest time of any community ever. Lafayette Mayor Roswarski has issued a challenge for the fire departments at 2012 Riverfest.

Chief Dombkowski also reported that Dancing in the Streets would occur this weekend, with activities at Riehle Plaza and in Tapawingo Park. Eight to 10 West Lafayette officers are assigned to this event, making sure that this is a safe event. Mayor Dennis asked if the Lafayette Mosey Down Main Street events have any impact in West Lafayette. Chief Dombkowski responded that there is not usually any activity. Mayor Dennis stated that next year there might be some Mosey activities in West Lafayette.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Speaker moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.