

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

AUGUST 22, 2011
8:30 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 15, 2011, Meeting

Mr. Marley moved to accept the minutes of the August 15, 2011, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Board of Works Resolution No. BW-2011-01: West Lafayette Building Corporation – City Attorney

City Attorney Burns explained that the Board of Works ratifies the appointments to the West Lafayette Building Corporation, and that group will need to meet soon. He requested Board approval of Marguerite Trachtman, Sherry McLauchlan, and Richard Bossung as members of the West Lafayette Building Corporation.

Mr. Speaker moved that Board of Works Resolution No. BW-2011-01 be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

Ms. Stull asked the purpose of the West Lafayette Building Corporation. City Attorney Burns answered that the corporation does not meet often, but that there is an opportunity for refunding of bonds, because of low interest rates. He asked Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes the amount of that bond issue. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes responded that the First Mortgage Bonds for the Police Station building were approximately \$5.95 million. City Attorney Burns said the refunding would save money, and that is the main reason for the meeting. The corporation was originally created for financing building of the Police Station.

Mr. Speaker asked if this was the same process as was done for the Redevelopment Authority. Mayor Dennis responded that it was the same process.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes asked City Attorney Burns if the effective date of the resolution would be January 1, 2011, to cover all activities of the West Lafayette Building Corporation this year. Mr. Burns answered the ratification should be effective January 1, 2011.

The motion was adopted.

b. Contract: Wycom – Renewal of Maintenance Agreement for 2011-2012 – Clerk-Treasurer

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes explained that the maintenance agreement is for the check signer in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office. There has been no increase in the fee in at least six years.

Mr. Speaker moved that the maintenance agreement with Wycom be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Requests for Street Closure – Police

Police Chief Dombkowski stated that both of the street closure requests are standard. There are no changes to how these have been done in the past. The Police Department has no objections to the closures.

i. Seneca Lane – Saturday, August 27, 2011, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Neighborhood Block Party

ii. Columbia Street – Friday, September 2, 2011, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 3, 2011, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Global Fest

Ms. Stull moved that the requests for street closure be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

Fire Chief Drew has no objection to the closures.

The motion was adopted.

d. Request to Approve Bid: KCB Water Quality Improvements – Atlas Excavating – Engineering

City Engineer Buck reported that the bids that were opened at last week's Board of Works meeting had been reviewed by his office and by Schneider Corporation. The recommendation is that the project be awarded to Atlas Excavating and accept the base bid of \$231,487.50. The contract and notice to proceed will be presented at an upcoming Board of Works meeting.

Mr. Marley moved that the request be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion.

Mr. Marley asked about the bid from R & W Contracting, where the company submitted no bids for the two alternates. City Engineer Buck answered that the company was contacted. Their base bid was not the lowest. R & W Contracting did not provide bids for the alternates, because their bonding company would only allow a \$250,000 bid, so they could not bid higher than their base bid. As it turns out, the alternates are not being considered at this time. Alternate #2 would be for a pond liner; the hope is that the soils would allow for an adequate liner, rather than buy a plastic liner. Alternate #1 is a decorative stone instead of a standard white riprap rock used on road projects. Discussions with Purdue are underway, to determine whether the cost of the decorative stone is necessary.

The motion was adopted.

e. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$132,770.19
- ii. AP Docket 53,239.68

Mr. Marley moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

Questions raised about individual claims by the Board were answered by City Attorney Burns and department heads.

The motion was adopted.

f. Informational Items

i. Project Payment Listing – WWTU

There were no comments or questions on the listing.

g. Other Items

i. Mayor Dennis asked Director of Development Poole to have the New Chauncey Neighborhood sign at the intersection of Grant and Meridian repaired.

ii. Mayor Dennis reported that the Police Department hosted a charity bike ride for the Shop with a Cop program. He thanked Lieutenant Sparger, Officer Dearing, and Officer Gosney for an excellent ride. About 15 bikers participated. Police Chief Dombkowski explained that West Lafayette Police have participated with deputies from the Sheriff's Department for a number of years, and the proceeds of the ride support this program.

iii. Code Enforcement Supervisor Walker reported that the dumpster project was completed last Thursday. Fifty-one hauls of just over 53 tons of debris were diverted. It was a useful project. The population-dense areas, including Vine and Pearl Streets and Vine and Stadium where 16 hauls were made, and at Williams and Chauncey where 15 hauls were made, had the most activity. It was a heavily used program. General feedback was that it was a well-received effort. There was some need to educate contractors that the dumpsters were not for construction debris. Mayor Dennis added that the program helped to educate renters as well as contractors.

iv. City Engineer Buck reported that Jack Isom Construction is continuing work on North River Road, where the Wabash Heritage Trail-Phase I is nearing the completion deadline of August 25. The company has asked for 10 additional days to complete the work. That matter is under discussion. The company's current plan is to have the concrete curb poured along North River Road this Wednesday and Thursday, during daylight hours, under traffic. There will be flagmen, but there will be traffic backups. The work along Happy Hollow and in Happy Hollow Park also needs to be completed. Mr. Buck said his office would issue a press release, to advise the public about the Wednesday and Thursday construction, encouraging them to find alternate routes. The company will be asked to delay work until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, to allow safe traffic flow.

City Engineer Buck reported that Stadium and Robinson Streets have been milled, and they should be repaved later in the week. Parking should return to normal, after the striping is done.

City Engineer Buck reported that Harrison Street from Sheetz to University, Phase I of

the Perimeter Parkway Project should be opened by now. Phase II will begin this week, with work on Harrison from University Street to Jischke Drive.

City Engineer Buck reported that Lindberg Bridge has had two of the three pours, with the final pour planned.

v. Director of Development Poole announced that the Purdue Visitor Center on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. is the gathering place for the annual Meet and Greet, where City representatives go house to house in the near campus neighborhoods to deliver information and meet students. Mayor Dennis invited the Board of Works to join in this program, which is well received by residents.

Director of Development Poole announced that Thursday, the Historic Preservation Commission would meet for the first time.

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.