

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

SEPTEMBER 6, 2011  
8:30 a.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. August 29, 2011, Meeting

Mr. Marley moved to accept the minutes of the August 29, 2011, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proclamation: September 2011 is American Red Cross National Preparedness Month – Mayor

Police Chief Dombkowski, who is on the Red Cross board, stated that the Red Cross has two months of the year where they focus their efforts, in September for Preparedness Month and in March for the Heroes Campaign. During September, there will be a joint emergency response drill with police and fire departments and emergency medical personnel and TEMA [Tippecanoe Emergency Management Association] participating. Mayor Dennis added that the exercise is a federal requirement.

Mayor Dennis read a proclamation declaring September as National Preparedness Month.

Ms. Booker and Mayor Dennis are former board members of the Red Cross.

b. Board of Works Resolution No. BW-2011-02: West Lafayette Building Corporation – City Attorney

City Attorney Burns requested the Board to approve Board of Works Resolution No. BW-2011-02, as Marguerite Trachtman, who served on the Building Corporation for a number of years, has resigned, and the Mayor has asked Jacquelyn Ralph to serve on the Corporation.

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

Ms. Booker asked how long Ms. Ralph been in the community. Mayor Dennis answered that she has been in the community a long time, 20 or 30 years.

The motion was adopted.

c. SRF Payment Requests: City of West Lafayette for INDOT Construction Reimbursement – Western Interceptor Project – WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson stated that there were two requests because INDOT did not forward a few invoices to the City. He requested the Board approve the documents, to reimburse the City for expenses on the Western Interceptor that INDOT is installing through the contractor.

i. Request No. 131: \$251,233.00

ii. Request No. 132: \$546,949.00

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

iii. Project Payments Listing

Mr. Marley said the listing looked good.

d. Amendment No. 3: Greeley and Hansen LLC – Construction Engineering Services for Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Divisions IV and V Projects – WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson explained that the agreement with Greeley and Hansen needed to be amended, to allow money for continuing the Division IV construction inspection services, and to cover the costs for Division V, as Atlas prepares to begin on that phase. There have been some additional costs on Division IV, because of some of the nighttime jack and bore activities going under the railroad. The subcontractor chose to work during the evening hours. There also have been delays with INDOT and Purdue, working through their issues and moving the high voltage power lines, which has now happened. Beginning today, pipe installation should continue.

Ms. Booker moved that Amendment No. 3 with Greeley and Hansen for construction engineering services for Divisions IV and V of the Western Sanitary Sewer Project be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

Ms. Booker asked whether the evening work had to do with the hot weather, and whether there was additional cost for night work. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson said that there was some picketing of the US231 Project, and some of the subcontractors did not want to cross picket lines. The picketers did not demonstrate in the overnight hours. Ms. Booker asked if the City paid more for that night work. Mr. Henderson said there were no direct costs for the installation, but an inspector was required for the daytime activities and the nighttime activities. Typically, those would have happened during the daylight hours and one inspector would have inspected it all, but there were two inspectors for a while. That was out of the City's control, as INDOT is employing the contractors.

The motion was adopted.

e. Transfer of Employee: Linda Owen as Part-time Office Assistant – Engineering

City Engineer Buck requested the Board approve the transfer of Ms. Linda Owen from the Parks Department to Engineering as a part-time office assistant. Margaretha Angenent retired in August and quit her part-time position in Engineering. Ms. Owen expressed interest in the position. The transfer would be at the same pay rate. The position is paid 80/20 out of Wastewater and the General Fund.

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

Ms. Booker asked if Parks Superintendent Payne would have to replace Ms. Owen. City Engineer Buck said yes.

The motion was adopted.

f. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$319,544.24
- ii. AP Docket 11,448.26
- iii. PR Docket 103,754.57

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

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

The motion was adopted.

g. Other Items

i. Mayor Dennis mentioned that two weeks ago, Board of Works member Mr. Speaker asked the City to help create a monument at the West Lafayette High School football field. The huge rock close to the intersection of Cumberland and Salisbury, with assistance from Street Commissioner Downey and the Street Department, was relocated to the entry of the stadium. The rock will be sandblasted and etched, and will be a touchstone for the football players as they enter the field.

ii. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson announced that the current issue of *Treatment Plant Operator* magazine has an article about the West Lafayette Wastewater Plant and the partnership with Purdue University for the University's food waste. He said he would provide the link to the article, which documents a unique partnership between the City and the University. Mr. Henderson said he discussed this partnership at an EPA webinar recently. There are other communities that are looking at the City's partnership and use of the food waste to generate ethanol and electricity, to implement similar programs.

iii. City Engineer Buck reported that street resurfacing is wrapping up in the campus areas. Alley work will be started in the Dodge-Evergreen-Hayes-Meridian-Grant area.

iv. Parks Superintendent Payne thanked all who helped in making Global Fest successful again this year, including Mayor Dennis for fundraising, Betina Cochran, Assistant Superintendent of Parks Ainsworth, the Parks staff, and many community volunteers. Global Fest requires a lot of work. Mayor Dennis added that Assistant Superintendent of Parks Ainsworth and Recreation Director Foley were amazing, making sure that even the food vendors under the tent awnings were hydrated. Parks Superintendent Payne said it was the hottest Global Fest ever.

v. Fire Chief Drew announced that on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in Riehle Plaza, there would be a brief community-wide event to recognize the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11 attacks. The West Lafayette Fire Department will have an aerial truck and another fire truck at Riehle Plaza, and there will be other area fire departments involved.

Fire Chief Drew announced that there is a second event at 3:00 p.m. in Ross-Ade Stadium. Five years ago in Denver, there were five firefighters who began a stair-climb event to recognize the 343 firefighters who were killed in the World Trade Center attacks. Most of the firefighters who died were in the stairwells, climbing up the stairs to help evacuate people. This year, the West Lafayette firefighters will hold a stair-climb in the memory of the 343 by climbing the equivalent of 110 stories. The place chosen to simulate the 110 stories is Ross-Ade Stadium. Firefighters, some police officers, and some EMS personnel will go up and down every aisle in the stadium, either individually for the whole climb or as part of a team.

vi. Councilor Hunt announced that tonight's Council meeting agenda is heavy. There are several public hearings and components within the budget. The Council will vote on the rezone of 516 Northwestern, also known as Wang Hall.

vii. Police Chief Dombkowski reported that there were no incidents during the weekend's events. In two weeks, there is another Purdue home football game, for which the barricades will be used in the Village. The Chief also reported that, at 4:03 a.m. today, he was notified of a theft that was initially reported as a robbery. West Lafayette Police officers apprehended an individual who was in process of stealing gas from U-Haul. He gave kudos to the department for apprehending the individual when the theft was in progress.

### 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.