

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 7, 2011

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers at City Hall on November 7, 2011, at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Present: Bunder, Burch, Dietrich, Hunt, Keen, Thomas, and VanBogaert.

Also present were City Attorney Burns, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, City Engineer Buck, Police Chief Dombkowski, Street Commissioner Downey, Fire Chief Drew, Human Resources Director Foster, WWTU Director Henderson, Parks Superintendent Payne, and Director of Development Poole.

MINUTES

Councilor Keen moved for acceptance of the minutes of the September 29, 2011, Pre-Council Meeting, and the October 3, 2011, Common Council Meeting. Councilor Burch seconded the motion, and the motion passed *viva voce*.

COMMITTEE STANDING REPORTS

STREET, SANITATION, AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT UTILITY

Councilor Bunder presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND ORDINANCE

Councilor Keen presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

PURDUE RELATIONS

Councilor VanBogaert presented this report.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilor Hunt presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilor Thomas presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

PERSONNEL

Councilor Burch presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

No report.

REPORT OF APC REPRESENTATIVE

No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

West Lafayette Community Beautification Award

Councilor Thomas presented the November 2011 Beautification Award to Olga and Bob Jeffares of Pawnee Circle.

Police Officer of the Quarter Award

Police Chief Dombkowski and Police Merit Commission President Leverenz presented the Police Officer of the Quarter Award to Officer Stason Wiete.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes reported that the State Board of Accounts reports have been filed with the Council. The 2012 budget was filed through the online DLGF Gateway system, the day after it was adopted by the Council, and it has been accepted. The public portal will allow the City's budget to be compared to other municipalities' budgets, and should be available by the end of the year. A debt-reporting portal will also be brought up soon. The State is making more municipal financial information available, so that citizens can benchmark communities in the State.

LEGAL REPORT

City Attorney Burns stated that the legal report has been filed, and Councilors have received copies. He offered to answer any questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 26-11 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation And Transfer Of Funds For The Police Pension Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 26-11 by title.

Councilor Keen moved that Ordinance No. 26-11 be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Mayor Dennis called for discussion of Ordinance No. 26-11.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said that the additional appropriation would allow all pension benefits for this year to be paid before year-end. The budget for 2011 for pension benefits was a bit tight and did not anticipate change in the roster. The transfer will provide the payroll tax for the newly elected Police pension secretary. This ordinance requires two readings. There will be a public hearing and second vote in December.

There was no further discussion.

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 7, 2011, CONTINUED

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYE and 0 NAY.

Mayor Dennis announced that Ordinance No. 26-11 passed unanimously on first reading.

Resolution No. 14-11 A Resolution Appropriating Insurance Recovery Received For Damage To City Property (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 14-11 by title.

Councilor Keen moved that Resolution No. 14-11 be passed on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Mayor Dennis called for discussion of Resolution No. 14-11.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes explained that the request is to appropriate insurance proceeds, which will help with the 2012 budget. The City has received insurance recovery for damages to Police vehicles, Parks vehicles, Parks equipment, and signals and lights, all related to accidents that have occurred throughout the City over the past year. The proceeds have been received and will be appropriated for expenditure for the repair or replacement of property. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said that she just received a check this afternoon for nearly \$47,000 for payment for lightning damage, so there would be another insurance appropriation resolution in December.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes called the roll call vote:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
Burch	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Hunt	✓			
Keen	✓			
Thomas	✓			
VanBogaert	✓			

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that the vote was 7 AYE and 0 NAY.

Mayor Dennis announced that Resolution No. 14-11 passed unanimously on first and only reading.

COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor Dietrich thanked Clerk-Treasurer's Assistant Thayer-Copeland for updating his City Code book, checking it page by page.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

► Mr. Thomas Kesler (479 Maple Street) said that he recently wanted to review the comments about the Wang Hall-Hayes Triangle, so he checked the minutes of the September 6, 2011, Council meeting. He said he found the paragraph that covered comments by Mr. Joe Hornett of Purdue Research Foundation, but only found a list of six names for those in opposition and one name of the individual who spoke in support of the ordinance. There was nothing else about the comments given. On the other hand, Mr. Kesler said, his comments at the October meeting appeared quite well. He was disappointed that he could not review the debate in the September minutes.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said that recordings of the meetings are always available for review.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Burch moved for adjournment, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting, the time being 6:53 p.m.