

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

May 29, 2012  
8:30 a.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 22, 2012, Meeting

Mr. Speaker moved to accept the minutes of the May 22, 2012, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Acceptance of Quotes: Extrication Equipment - Fire

Fire Chief Heath requested approval of the quote for extrication equipment from 5 Alarm Fire & Safety, Inc. in the amount of \$62,200.98. He explained that the quote was for three sets of extrication tools which include spreaders, cutters, power packs and an expansion pole which can be used to push open a doorway. Fire Chief Heath explained that with their current outdated tools, they cannot cut some of the boron steel they are using in the newer vehicles, but will be able to with the new tools.

Mayor Dennis related that the Redevelopment Commission had received an excellent display and explanation of how the equipment works and its cost from the Fire Department. Fire Chief Heath explained that other duties kept the firefighters from coming to the Board meeting today.

Mr. Marley moved that the quotes for extrication equipment be approved and the used extrication equipment be declared surplus and used for trade-in. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

Mr. Marley asked if the equipment would be paid out of the Fire Department's allocated funds.

Mayor Dennis responded that the equipment is being purchased under the authority of the Redevelopment Commission from TIF.

Mr. Speaker asked how long it will take to get this equipment. Chief Heath responded it would be 4 to 6 weeks.

The motion was adopted.

b. Bid Opening: Recycling Carts – Sanitation and Recycling

Street Commissioner Downey explained that changes in the recycling service have resulted in an increase of almost 7%, prompting the need to provide larger recycling containers.

Mayor Dennis said we are enhancing the recycling program that has been in the City for over 30 years. One thing that West Lafayette does very well is recycling. Because of the effort on the part of our citizens, we have reached the point where the current toters don't quite get the job done. When we first started the program, basically two things got recycled: paper and aluminum. Now we take almost everything, as long as it is clean and as long as it is potentially recyclable. We used to only pick up every other week. Now we pick up every week. Citizens used to have to both clean and separate the recyclables. Now we comingle. Because of these changes, there is a higher volume of recycling, yet we are still using the same red bins to get that mission accomplished. Now we are expanding our recycling program. Philosophically, we understand the need of the community and are responding to that by purchasing the toters. The recycling toters are similar to the 48 gallon toters that are seen in front of driveways now. The difference is that there will be a yellow lid and the West Lafayette icon will be on the side. We will be providing the toters to citizens so that every home has a larger recycling toter. Like every program we do, there are going to be exceptions based on the need of that individual citizen. We have had numerous complaints about recyclables being blown around the streets or caught up in the trees. We also recognize that when people go to the effort of recycling and fill up their toters before their trash pick-up day, the remaining recyclables may get put into the trash, which means recyclables going to the landfill, which is what we don't want to do. We are going to have a program with an amnesty approach, where we will exchange their red bins for the toters. We will then expand on that. This is the first phase of the program. Our goals are the same, to increase recycling and minimize what we put in the landfill. Our secondary goal is to go to the "one-armed bandit" trucks that can mechanically pick up the toters.

Street Commissioner Downey emphasized that the new recycling toters program will provide better safety and less litter on the streets.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said that that one bid had been received, the bidder being Best Equipment Company. She read the bid aloud.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Total Price</b>
48 gallon cart	3,500	\$39.45	\$138,075.00
96 gallon cart	1,500	\$47.26	\$70,875.00
Freight per truckload	7	\$1,280.00	\$8,960.00
Color changes (non-granite)		(\$1.00)	(\$5,000.00)
City Logo body stamping		\$0.00	\$0.00
User Instructions/Pictures			
Lid Stamping	5,000	\$3.46	<u>\$17,300.00</u>
Total Bid with granite color			\$235,210.00
*Minimum order quantity of 100 carts			

Mayor Dennis commented that as the program expands in the future, different colored lids on toters will be used to denote recycling, with yellow, and trash, with a darker color.

Mr. Speaker moved that the recycling cart bid be taken under advisement. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Street Closing: North Street from Grant to Andrew - Police

Police Chief Dombkowski explained the closing was for North Street from Grant to Andrew on July 21<sup>st</sup> only from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the University Church Arts Festival. He said the contact person was Ed Carpenter, with whom they had worked in the past.

Mayor Dennis asked Fire Chief Heath if the closing looked acceptable from an emergency standpoint. Chief Heath responded that it did.

Ms. Stull moved that the North Street closing from Grant to Andrew for July 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

d. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$180,117.11
- ii. RDC Docket \$1,948.89

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

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

The motion was adopted.

e. Informational Items

- i. Project Payment List – WWTU  
There were no comments.
- ii. Legal Budget & Expense – Clerk-Treasurer  
There were no comments.

f. Other Items

i. Public Works Director Buck said that although all the construction projects around the area are summer nuisances, when they are all done there will be much improved, more mobile and safer roads. He noted that Milestone is going to open up more of the pavement on Yeager Road and allow travel on the stone. They have committed to keeping it watered down to prevent too much dust.

ii. Councilor Burch reminded everyone that Pre-Council meets on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. and Common Council meets Monday at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

iii. Fire Chief Heath noted that Tippecanoe County has issued a voluntary no-burn ban, and with the lack of rain expected in the near future that may be upgraded to a mandatory no-burn ban.

Mayor Dennis asked what the “voluntary no-burn ban” meant, especially with regard to open fire pits. Chief Heath indicated they can be used but would not be allowed if the

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County goes to a mandatory no-burn ban. He explained that the County has issued the voluntary ban, but down the road the City could look at its own ban if the dry weather does not improve.

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.