

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

August 7, 2012
8:30 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 31, 2012, Meeting

Ms. Stull moved to accept the minutes of the July 31, 2012, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Street Closing: Marsteller St. - Police

Sergeant Jason Philhower requested approval for the closure of Marsteller Street between State Street and the south end of St. Thomas Aquinas Center on Friday, August 24 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, August 25 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday, August 25 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The closures are for Blockbuster Weekend, which has been an annual event for the last few years.

Mayor Dennis confirmed with the Police and Fire Chiefs that there are no problems with this plan.

Mr. Speaker moved that the closing of Marsteller Street on the aforementioned dates be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

b. New Hire: Edith Gonzalez as an Intern - Development

Director of Development Chandler Poole requested approval for the hire of Edith Gonzalez as an intern in the Department of Development from August 2012 to May 2013 at a pay rate of \$10 per hour. He explained that Ms. Gonzalez worked all summer as an unpaid intern at the Farmer's Market; she did such a great job that they would like to keep her on and actually pay her for her work. He also noted that she will graduate in May from Purdue with a degree in Communications.

Ms. Stull moved that the hire of Edith Gonzalez be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

f. Claims

i.	AP Docket	\$568,154.13
ii.	AP Docket	\$11,882.51
iii.	RDC Docket	\$567.52
iv.	AP Docket	\$209,720.14

Questions raised about individual claims by the Board were answered by department heads, City Attorney Eric Burns, and Clerk-Treasurer Judy Rhodes.

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

The motion was adopted.

g. Informational Items

i. Project Payment List – WWTU

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

ii. Legal Budget and Expense – Clerk Treasurer

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

h. Other Items

i. Ben Anderson, Engineering Assistant, gave an update on current and upcoming City construction projects. He stated that the roundabout at Yeager Road and Northwestern is scheduled to open on August 9, weather permitting. Final asphalt surfacing is to be finished by August 8, and pavement markings will be put down on August 9. Mr. Anderson thanked Milestone Contractors and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) for their hard work and effort to make the project successful. In the next few weeks the trail construction, light pole installation, and paving on Yeager Road will be completed. Cumberland Road is on target to be usable for the exhibition football game with Harrison High School on August 10. In response to a question from Mayor Dennis, Mr. Anderson confirmed that no parking spaces have been removed. Final surfacing and pavement markings will be done the Saturday following the game. Afterwards, Phases I and II of the Cumberland project will be open for public use full-time. Phase III will involve closing the Yeager and Cumberland intersection. The 2012 Street Resurfacing project is being finished today with Soldiers Home Road. Mr. Anderson noted that there is a gap in the resurfacing on the Soldiers Home Road. Just north of Hamilton Street is the responsibility of the County instead of the City. The County will be replacing culverts and resurfacing in the next several weeks.

Mr. Speaker asked if a roundabout is going in at Yeager Road and Cumberland Road as part of Phase III.

Mr. Anderson confirmed that there will be a roundabout in that location. He explained that first there needs to be coordination done with the utility companies, Vectren and Duke. It will take Vectren around two weeks to lower a high pressure gas main, beginning August 22. The hope is to have Duke in by the end of September to move transmission poles. The scheduled completion for Phase III is November 1.

ii. Parks Superintendent, Joe Payne announced that this is the final week to use the municipal swimming pool after a record summer.

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iii. Mayor Dennis said that people have been concerned about potential erosion on the new trail in Happy Hollow Park. This is because the plants would not survive. He gave assurance that proper foliage will be planted when the weather stabilizes, and filling in will be done as needed.

iv. Councilor Ann Hunt announced that there was a Common Council meeting on August 6. She also announced, with the Mayor's confirmation, that there is no Board of Works meeting next week, August 14. Ms. Hunt announced that there is a Meet and Greet event at the Purdue Visitor Center on Northwestern on August 21, at 6:30 p.m. This fun event involves students, City officials, and the Dean of Students informing people, particularly in the rental units, on how to have a party without getting into trouble. Information on recycling will also be provided. Ms. Hunt also reported that the Tree Fund Committee still needs volunteers to help water trees. Members of the Fund have been working hard on this project, and they are seeing some new growth.

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.