

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2012  
8:30 a.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 4, 2012, Meeting

Mr. Marley moved to accept the minutes of the September 4, 2012, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proclamation: National Preparedness Month - Mayor

Mayor Dennis noted that it has become abundantly clear that society is gravitating toward more self-reliance, and part of that self-reliance is making sure that in the event of an emergency, we are able to handle that emergency. Part of that is being coordinated between the American Red Cross, who has declared the month of September to be National Preparedness Month. Mayor Dennis then read a proclamation provided by the American Red Cross:

Whereas, no one can predict when or where the next crisis will arise;

Whereas, West Lafayette, Indiana is vulnerable to natural disasters or human-caused emergencies;

Whereas, the American public remains largely unaware and unprepared for possible disasters and other life-threatening emergencies in their own community;

Whereas, government agencies and disaster organizations cannot bear the sole responsibility to prepare for and respond to disasters;

Whereas, the American Red Cross, an organization that prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies, encourages households to create a family disaster plan during National Preparedness Month to ensure everyone is ready for the next emergency or disaster;

Whereas, National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort held each September to raise awareness about the importance of planning for all types of disasters, and to encourage Americans to learn more about preparedness at home and in their community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor John Dennis, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as National Preparedness Month.

Mayor Dennis asked Police Chief Dombkowski, an American Red Cross board member, to make some comments.

Police Chief Dombkowski noted that the American Red Cross does a lot of work, not only in Tippecanoe County, but specifically in West Lafayette. The American Red Cross provided assistance at several house and apartment fires the last few years and helped place several people in temporary housing for up to a month at a time. For resources in order to do that, they are constantly raising money in our community. He asks that when the American Red Cross sends something in the mail, think twice about possibly donating because they are not supported by any government agency and are solely self-funded.

b. Agreement: Yeager Road, Phase II Project - Rieth-Riley Contractors Co., Inc - Engineering

Public Works Director Buck requested permission to enter into an agreement for the Yeager Road Phase II Project with Rieth-Riley Contractors Co., Inc. in the amount of \$978,010.00. This project is on the section of Yeager Road starting at Kalberer Road and going north for approximately a quarter of a mile, turning the gravel road into a road similar to what is south of that area. Public Works Director Buck stated that the substantial completion date is October 31, 2012. However, contract completion is June 30, 2013. He explained the purpose of this schedule is to get the road open and usable for the building of the ARPL plant, and then sidewalks and surface will be completed afterwards.

Mr. Marley moved that the agreement for Yeager Road, Phase II Project be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Notice of Intent to Award: North Side Regional Lift Station and Force Main Improvements - R.L. Turner Corporation - WWTU

WWTU Director Henderson explained that a signed letter of Notice of Intent to Award is required by the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program process. Before the bid can be awarded, the Notice of Intent requests permission from SRF to award to the low bidder, R.L. Turner Corporation, based on the recommendation of the Engineering Department. WWTU Director Henderson noted that the bond ordinance is still in the process of being approved with the Common Council. This Notice of Intent helps keep things moving along in case SRF grants the loan.

Mayor Dennis questioned what would happen if the SRF loan is not approved, and if there are any parameters in which it would not be granted.

WWTU Director Henderson replied that he has not seen that happen before.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that it could happen if the entity has not complied with the public bidding laws or has engaged in other conduct which would exclude them.

WWTU Director Henderson noted that the City has a sterling history with the SRF project.

Mr. Speaker moved that the Notice of Intent to Award for North Side Regional Lift Station and Force Main Improvements project be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

d. Hire: Probationary Police Officer - Brandon J. Bonnell - Police

Police Chief Dombkowski requested approval for the hire of Brandon J. Bonnell as a Probationary Police Officer, effective September 17, 2012 at a bi-weekly salary of \$1,752.63. Mr. Bonnell was selected by the West Lafayette Police Merit Commission, and has been a Sergeant with the Logansport Police Department for six years.

Mr. Marley moved that the new hire of Probationary Police Officer Bonnell be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

Dennis questioned how this affects the size of the staff for the Police Department.

Police Chief Dombkowski responded that this hire puts the Department at authorized staff for this year.

The motion was adopted.

e. Street Closing: Decatur St. - Police

Sergeant Philhower requested approval for the closure of Decatur Street, between Jennings Street and Hamilton Street, on September 23 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This closure is for a neighborhood block party.

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

Mr. Speaker moved that the closure of Decatur Street at the aforementioned date be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

f. Quote Acceptance and Agreement: Wabash Heritage Trail Tapawingo Extension – Milestone Contractors, LP - Parks

Parks Superintendent Payne requested permission to accept the low quote and enter into an agreement with Milestone Contractors, LP. for the Wabash Heritage Trail Tapawingo Extension project in the amount of \$118,930.00. This will be the final segment of what will be signed as the four-mile West Lafayette segment of the Wabash Heritage Trail. This piece of the trail goes between the State Road 26 bridges to the KBS Railroad Bridge, up to the corner of State Street and Tapawingo Drive. In response to a question from Mayor Dennis, Parks Superintendent Payne further explained that this makes the connection to get to the trail without having to cross State Street. He predicted that it would someday be heavily used.

Mayor Dennis agreed and stated that it would probably be heavily used as soon as it is completed. He feels that it is amazing how packed and well-used the City's trail system is.

Mr. Marley moved that the proposal for Wabash Heritage Trail Tapawingo Extension be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

g. Claims

i.	AP Docket	\$133,842.28
ii.	AP Docket	\$92,194.20
iii.	AP Docket	\$1,120.00
iv.	RDC Docket	\$22,652.48
v.	PR Docket	\$324,405.79

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.

h. Informational Items

i. Legal Budget & Expenses – Clerk-Treasurer

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

i. Other Items

i. Police Chief Dombkowski gave a reminder that there is a Homecoming Parade on September 14 at 5:30 p.m. for West Lafayette High School. The parade route goes from the fields at Boone and Lagrange Streets to the varsity fields on Salisbury.

Mayor Dennis noted that Boiler Bridge Walk is also taking place at 5:30 p.m. the same day.

ii. Fire Chief Heath announced that the West Lafayette Fire Department and the Police Department are working together at Breakfast Club. RTVs will be stationed in the Village at all home football games. He stated that it worked out very well last week; they were there when they were needed. As long as it is working out, the departments will continue to be there on standby. In response to an inquiry from Mayor Dennis, Fire Chief Heath reported that there was positive response from the students.

Mayor Dennis said that it puts the right people in the vehicles communicating with the kids, reminding them to be smart.

iii. Mayor Dennis noted that Bob Wolenberg, Executive Director of the Tippecanoe County Chapter of the American Red Cross had arrived.

Mr. Wolenberg thanked all of the City's first responders on behalf of the American Red Cross.

iv. Councilor Hunt announced that the Art on the Wabash event is September 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mayor Dennis noted that it is an awesome event, with artists displaying their wares.

v. Public Works Director Buck reminded everyone that there is an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Presentation on September 12 at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the presentation is to update the community on the work the City has been doing on the ADA Transition Plan, gather input from the community, and begin a comment period to collect that input and help us guide our transition for accessibility in the City.

Public Works Director Buck also gave updates on construction projects. He reported that the Yeager Road Phase I project is pretty much wrapped up, and everything is pulled off of that job. However, the intersection of Yeager Road and Cumberland Avenue is now closed for the Cumberland Phase II project, where utility work is being done and the contractors have started work. Next week there will be a pre-construction meeting to kick off the Yeager Road Phase II project. There will also be some sidewalk and curb work on Oak and Lawn Streets between Grant and Vine Streets.

Mayor Dennis stated that as often as he is complimented on the City's trail system, he gets an equal number of compliments on the roundabouts, especially the one on Northwestern and Yeager Roads. He commented on how the traffic pattern has changed there, and people have adapted to the roundabout.

Public Works Director Buck agreed and stated that the drag race in that area has ended because there is no traffic light to beat, or a rush to merge.

### 3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mayor Dennis took the consent of the Board to adjourn the meeting.