

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in Council Chambers at City Hall on September 27, 2012, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order and presided.

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

Also present were City Attorney Burns, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, Public Works Director Buck, Street Commissioner Downey, Human Resources Director Foster, Fire Chief Heath, WWTU Director Henderson, Parks Superintendent Payne, Information Technology Manager Newman, Director of Development Poole, and Police Captain Sparger.

COMMITTEE STANDING REPORTS

Councilor Thomas requested that Councilor VanBogaert prepare to speak at Council about the incident at Purdue University's Krannert School of Management.

REPORT OF APC REPRESENTATIVE

Councilor Keen reported that the Scheumann Properties development was recommended for denial to the County Council, with a vote of 11 to 1.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

West Lafayette Community Beautification Award

Councilor Hunt reported that Councilor Thomas will be presenting the Beautification Award because he was a student of the winners.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 21-12 An Ordinance Setting The 2013 City Budget And Setting The 2013 Tax Levy On Property And Tax Rate (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 21-12 by title only.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes reported that we have received the State forecast on our County Option Income Tax (COIT) for the General Fund and the Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Fund, and they are up. She gave the Council members updated Form 4Bs and noted that this revision to revenue will be recognized when the budget is filed, but it does not make a difference in the amount filed for the levy. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes noted that this is an example of why we advertise the budget high, because when there is a shift in miscellaneous revenues, the higher advertised amount allows the operating balance to absorb the shift. She reported that it is a very welcome forecast given the additional appropriation that will be done on the General Fund at this meeting.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 22-12 An Ordinance To Fix The Salaries Of Appointed Officers, Employees, And Members Of The Police And Fire Departments Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, For The Year 2013 (Submitted by Mayor John Dennis)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 22-12 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 23-12 An Ordinance To Fix The 2013 Wastewater Treatment Utility Salary Schedule As Submitted By The Board Of Public Works And Safety For Approval By The Common Council Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana (Presented by the Board of Public Works and Safety)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 23-12 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 24-12 An Ordinance To Set The Salaries Of The Elected Officials, City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, For The Year 2013 (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 24-12 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 25-12 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation For The General Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 25-12 by title and noted that it will require a public hearing.

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 26-12 An Ordinance concerning the construction of additions and improvements to the sewage works of the City of West Lafayette, the issuance of revenue bonds in one or more series to provide the cost thereof, the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of said works, the safeguarding of the interests of the owners of said revenue bonds, other matters connected therewith, including the issuance of notes in anticipation of bonds, and repealing ordinances inconsistent herewith (Sponsored by Mayor Dennis)

Mayor Dennis stated that Ordinance No. 26-12 pertains to the SRF Loan.

There was no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 27-12 An Ordinance Providing For Temporary Loans From A Fund Having Sufficient Balance To A Depleted Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis stated that Ordinance No. 27-12 is being withdrawn.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes reported that this ordinance was a loan for pension payments for the end of the month. However, the State has released the cigarette tax money early, making the temporary loan unnecessary. She requested the ordinance be withdrawn.

Taking the consent of the Council the Mayor withdrew Ordinance No. 27-12.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 15-12 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 15-12 by title only.

There was no discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Burch moved for adjournment. Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:39 p.m.