

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

MAY 14, 2013
8:30 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 7, 2013, Meeting

Ms. Stull moved to accept the minutes of the May 7, 2013, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Elevation: Firefighter First Class – Joseph Heater – Fire

Fire Chief Heath requested approval to elevate Joseph Heater to Firefighter First class. His biweekly salary would be \$2,055.57, effective May 18, 2013. Fire Chief Heath stated that Mr. Heater has gone above and beyond what was asked of him during his first two years.

Mr. Speaker moved that the elevation of Joseph Heater to Firefighter First Class be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

b. Notice to Bidders: 2013 Street Resurfacing – Engineering

Engineering Assistant Anderson requested approval to for the Notice to Bidders for the 2013 Street Resurfacing project. The notice is to be published May 16 and 23, 2013. Bids will be due on June 4, 2013. He stated that one of the major roads on this project will be Grant Street from Northwestern Avenue to Meridian Street. Other streets include Summit Drive and Garden Street. There will also be curb work on Andrew Place.

Ms. Stull moved that the Notice to Bidders for 2013 Street Resurfacing be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. Claims

i. AP Docket \$554,497.04

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

Questions raised about individual claims by the Board were answered by department heads.

The motion was adopted.

d. Informational Items:

i. Notice of Summer Sewage Rate – WWTU

WWTU Director Henderson explained that the summer sewage rate is applied on the billing cycles for June, July, and August. This allows for additional water usage for watering landscape. The rate is calculated by averaging the usage for December, January, and February. He stated that it is often extended for a fourth month when it is dry.

ii. Project Payment List – WWTU

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

iii. Legal Budget & Expenses – Clerk-Treasurer

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

e. Other Items

► Public Works Director Buck expressed his thanks to the media and to Milestone Contractors, LP for getting the word out about the construction work on Northwestern. He stated that people have been heeding warnings and traffic is lighter. It is restricted to one lane between Lindberg and Yeager Roads. He reported that Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is also doing overnight patching on the off-ramp for Northwestern southbound and the bridge for Northwestern northbound, so that area is closed from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. every night for the next two weeks. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Speaker, Public Works Director Buck stated that lanes will be restricted all summer, in earnest until the beginning of August. Between the City, INDOT, and the utilities, work is being done before the students return. He stated that there are penalties in our contract if things do not get done by several intermediate dates. The curb work should be done in July, and in August the lanes need to be reopened, and then everything complete by the end of September.

Engineering Assistant Anderson stated that at the end of the week there will be a temporary closure on Stadium Avenue for water taps. A water main is being installed for Wang Hall up Hayes Street, and water lines are being rerouted off of Garfield Street. He also reported that overhead work is continuing by Metro FiberNet, LLC and Duke Energy to add lines for fiber. He also reported that the CDBG Sidewalk Replacement project is in full swing on Maple Street and Lutz Avenue.

► Information Technology Director Newman stated that there was a news story about West Lafayette and Lafayette working together for Wi-Fi connection. He stated that there is a meeting this week to get the right equipment and start that process. This will allow, for example, a citizen to walk across the pedestrian bridge and seamlessly change between the two Wi-Fi connections.

► Fire Chief Health reported that they have a new squad truck, which is a smaller version of a pumper, allowing for more efficient and quicker service. Specifically, it is a Ford F550 diesel pickup truck. He stated that it is almost as long as an engine, and has 300 gallons of water, with a 1,500 gallon per minute pump. Its primary use will be for medical, but will also act as a fill-in for when an engine is down. He also reported

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that there have been some dumpster fires, and asked that citizens remember to ensure that charcoal is completely extinguished before putting it in a dumpster.

► Councilor Hunt reported that the trash fee is going to go up on July 1, 2013. There are some new regulations, including tight-fitting lids and a minimum amount of hours the waste and recycling can sit at the curb, but yard waste is a different product. She also reported that there is a Council meeting next Monday to discuss annexation.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Speaker moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.