

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 1, 2013

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in Council Chambers at City Hall on August 1, 2013, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order and presided.

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

Absent: Bunder

Also present were City Attorney Associate Murtaugh, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, Public Works Director Buck, Housing Program Coordinator Dixon, Police Chief Dombkowski, Street Commissioner Downey, Human Resources Director Foster, Fire Chief Heath, WWTU Director Henderson, and Parks Superintendent Payne.

REPORT OF APC REPRESENTATIVE

Councilor Keen stated that there are a number of things going through Area Plan Commission that pertain to West Lafayette.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Beautification Award

Councilor Hunt stated that Councilor Burch will present the award.

LEGAL

Mayor Dennis noted that City Attorney Associate Murtaugh is present in the absence of City Attorney Burns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 19-13 Historic Preservation Commission: Boundaries, Powers, Duties, Guidelines And Procedures (Submitted by Councilor Bunder)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 19-13 by title only and noted that a comprehensive presentation is planned for the Council meeting.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 20-13 An Ordinance Setting The 2014 City Budget And Setting The 2014 Tax Levy On Property And Tax Rate (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 20-13 by title only and stated that most of the Council members have worked on this spending plan.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 15-13 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 15-13 by title only.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that transfer is from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund.

Street Commissioner Downey explained that this is to get new radios to be in compliance with Federal Communications Commission regulations. It will also enable Street Department to use radios to communicate with the Police Department, which will be a benefit during snow storms. He stated that the total cost is approximately \$70,000, so the transfer amount of \$15,475 is only a part of the cost, with the remainder pooled together from other accounts. In response to an inquiry from Mayor Dennis, Street Commissioner Downey stated that it is his understanding that nothing can be done with the current radios, but he will see if it is possible that another town can use them.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 16-13 A Resolution To Appropriate Grant Reimbursement In The General Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 16-13 by title only.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes explained that this is a reimbursement grant received from the Tippecanoe County Prosecutor's Office for expenses in the General Fund. The procedure is for the Council to use a resolution appropriation to restore the appropriation by the amount of the grant reimbursement. This related to forensic computer training for Officer Hartman.

Police Chief Dombkowski explained that the Prosecutor's Office provided funds to send an officer for training that would help in preparing evidence to prosecute cases.

There was no further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Burch moved for adjournment. Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:36 p.m.