

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 1, 2014

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Morton Community Center on May 1, 2014, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order and presided.

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

Absent: Bunder and Dietrich,

Also present were City Attorney Burns, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, Public Works Director Buck, Facilities Director Clark, Police Chief Dombkowski, Street Commissioner Downey, Human Resources Director Foster, Fire Chief Heath, WWTU Director Henderson, Parks Superintendent Payne, and Director of Development Poole.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 11-14 An Ordinance Concerning The Construction Of Additions And Improvements To The Sewage Works Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, The Issuance Of Revenue Bonds To Provide The Cost Thereof, The Collection, Segregation And Distribution Of The Revenues Of Said Sewage 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 John R. Dennis)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 11-14 by title only.

WWTU Director Henderson explained that this ordinance addresses a State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program bond for the replacement of two lift stations. These are the last of the older-style canister lift stations from 1974 and 1963. The stations do not have on-site backup and has confined space for entry by personnel.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 12-14 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Subdivision Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect (USO Amendment #9 Allowing Parcelizations in A, AW, & AA Zones) (Submitted by the Area Plan Commission)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 12-14 by title only.

Councilor Thomas stated that he would like help with the term *slider*.

City Attorney Burns explained that *slider* is an old term that used to apply to people who wanted to take a parcel, for example of 10 acres, and create lot lines or create smaller lots within that parcel. There was an exception which allowed them to take a parcel and *slide* it within that 10 acres and create additional parcels that way. He stated that he does not believe *sliders* are

needed anymore. It used to be a loophole through, and now they are putting it in the actual ordinance so the smaller parcelizations can be done without a doing a full-blown subdivision.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 13-14 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect (UZO Amendment #81 Digital Zoning Maps) (Submitted by the Area Plan Commission)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 13-14 by title only.

Councilor Keen explained that this will make the digital zoning maps official. The maps will stay the same but will be digitized to be more accessible.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 14-14 An Ordinance Providing For Temporary Loans (Police Pension) (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 14-14 by title only.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes explained that this is for cash-flow purposes pending receipt of our pension relief payment from the State.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 15-14 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation To The 2014 Budget And Transfer From Rainy Day Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Ordinance No. 15-14 by title and stated that this basically the financial response to our winter.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 06-14 A Resolution Appropriating Insurance Recovery Received For Damage To City Property (Facilities) (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 06-14 by title only.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated that this is our first, and she hopes not our last, insurance recovery for the flood damage at City Hall.

Councilor Hunt asked about the percentage of return on the damage.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes responded that we submitted \$13,355 of damages for this claim. We had a deductible of \$5,000 resulting in a recovery of \$8,355.

Councilor Hunt asked if it is a one-time deductible.

Public Works Director Buck responded that there were two events so there will be a deductible for each event. The question of how much the insurance company will pay is in the insurance

company's court right now. They are reviewing both of our claims, and this is the first money to come back on the first claim from the first water leak.

Councilor Hunt asked if this is the evaluation or the repair.

Director Buck responded that this is for the damages incurred after the first leak when companies had to come in to do the drying and get the water shutoff. He confirmed for Councilor Hunt that it was for the response to the leak rather than the evaluation.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 07-14 A Resolution Providing For Payment Of Claims By Electronic Funds Transfer (Submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 07-14 by title only.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes explained that this is to allow us to use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments to our vendors in addition to our existing check or credit card payment modes.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 08-14 A Resolution Authorizing The Filing Of An Application With The U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development, For Community Development Block Grant Funds, As Provided In Title I Of The Community Development Act Of 1974, As Amended (Submitted by Department of Development)

Mayor Dennis read Resolution No. 08-14 by title only. He asked Director of Development Poole about the percent change this year and Director Poole responded that it is down 0.6%. Mayor Dennis stated that they thought it might be double digits, so we got lucky this year.

There was no further discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor Hunt stated that along with several of our City staff, including some from Fire and Police, she attended a seminar on campus about the mental health issues that affect college students. She stated it was very well done. There were several councilors from the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) and the student wellness center. She stated it was encouraging. She noted that college age is a time when schizophrenia and other serious mental problems come to the fore. They are doing a lot of educate people on campus, including faculty, staff, and students, and also working to inform parents. Councilor Hunt was glad that we were represented.

► Councilor Hunt and Mayor Dennis discussed the transition of the City email addresses with Mayor Dennis noting that the long version of the address still works but we can use the shortened version [@wl.in.gov instead of @westlafayette.in.gov]. However, we have discontinued use of the version with a hyphen [@city.west-lafayette.in.us].

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Burch moved for adjournment. Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:45 p.m.