

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
MINUTES

APRIL 22, 2008

11:00 A.M.

City Hall Lower Level Conference Room

Members present were Susan K. Goldman, Bradley W. Marley, and Mayor John R. Dennis, who presided.

I. PRE-CAUCUS

Agenda items were discussed among Board members and Department Heads.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 15, 2008, Meeting

Ms. Goldman moved to accept the minutes of the April 15, 2008, Board of Works meeting. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bid Acceptance and Contract: 2008 CDBG Sidewalk Replacement Project – Engineering

City Engineer Buck recommended Fairfield Contractors' bid, as theirs was the lowest most responsible and responsive bidder at \$108,437, and asked that the contract be approved.

Ms. Goldman moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

Ms. Goldman asked about the wide range of bid amounts. City Engineer Buck responded that this reflects the large differences in the pricing for the removal and replacement of the sidewalks. This could reflect factors such as union-related factors and whether a company may be looking for work. Assistant Director of Development Grady commented that the bid was done in accordance with wage scale requirements since this is a CDBG project. City Attorney Burns advised that the contract is in acceptable legal form.

The motion was adopted.

B. Quote Announcement and Contract: Spring 2008 Operation Releaf and Amberleigh Village Planting Projects – Development

Assistant Director of Development Grady recommended acceptance of the quote of Jenkins Country Gardens, as theirs was the lowest at \$11,491.20, and asked that the contract be approved.

Mr. Marley moved that the recommendation be approved. Ms. Goldman seconded the motion.

Ms. Goldman asked whether Article 1 of the contract needed to be corrected, as the number of 1.5-inch trees to be installed should be 51 rather than 41, since the number of trees is 74 as specified in the request for quote and in the submitted quote. Mr. Grady asked that the matter be deferred until later in the meeting, so that he could clarify this item.

The motion was adopted later in the meeting, after Mr. Grady confirmed that the number of trees to be installed should be 51.

The motion was approved.

C. Quote Acceptance Announcement: Sidewalk Repairs – Bexley, Chelsea, Ravinia – Engineering  
City Engineer Buck recommended that the \$38,399.40 quote of Fairfield Contractors be accepted, as it was the lowest quote.

Ms. Goldman moved that the recommendation be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Fire Protection Agreements for 2008 – Fire Department

1. Chemtura Corporation - \$7,772.49
2. Wabash Valley Hospital - \$8,003.34

Fire Chief Drew recommended the Board approve the contracts for fire protection of facilities outside the City limits. The agreements have been in place for many years, and the rates are increased each year for inflation and other factors.

Ms. Goldman moved that the fire protection agreements be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. City Attorney Burns advised that the agreements were both in acceptable legal form. The motion was adopted.

##### B. Contracts with INDOT for Safe Routes to School Project - Engineering

1. A249-8-320449 – Crossings at Happy Hollow and Cumberland Elementary Schools - \$271,250
2. A249-8-08-320451 – Establish Transportation Safety Committees - \$71,500

City Engineer Buck noted that these are the agreements, standard master contracts, between INDOT and the LPA, local public agency. These represent grants for the Safe Routes to School Project received from the Federal Highway Department. The first one is actually a \$250,000 grant, but contingencies and other items increased the amount to \$271,250. The City would be responsible for the \$21,250, if needed. Mr. Buck recommended the Board approve both contracts.

Ms. Goldman moved that the contracts be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. City Attorney Burns noted that both are in acceptable legal form. The motion was adopted.

##### C. Increase in Salary to Reflect Elevation in Rank – Police Department

Police Chief Dombkowski requested the Board increase the biweekly salary of Lt. Troy Harris who was recently elevated from the rank of Sergeant. The new biweekly amount will be \$2,181.97, effective April 14, 2008.

Ms. Goldman moved that Lt. Troy Harris' biweekly salary be approved, as requested in the memorandum from Police Chief Dombkowski. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

D. SRF Payment Request and Review of Project Payments Listing – WWTU

1. Request No. 72: \$487,347 to Atlas Excavating, Inc. for Construction Services – Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division II Project

Public Works Director Downey provided an update on the Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division II Project, noting that there may be a problem with the two deepest manholes, where the castings may be weak or fractured. There may be a change order later.

Mr. Marley moved that SRF Payment Request No. 72 be approved. Ms. Goldman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

E. For Board Information:

1. Projects List – Engineering Department

City Engineer Buck noted changes to reflect payments and the addition of the projects just approved by the Board.

2. Quotes: Used Fork Lift and New Skid Steer Loader – Sanitation Department  
Public Works Director Downey informed the Board that the Council approved a transfer from Salaries to Equipment to replace a worn-out fork lift and a new skid steer, with a cost of approximately \$25,000 each. Quotes will be opened next week.

F. Claims

1. AP Docket - \$32,259.92
2. AP Docket - \$312,631.50

Ms. Goldman moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

G. Other Items

1. April 29, 2008, Board of Works Meeting

Mayor Dennis noted that he will not be present for next week's meeting.

2. WWTU

Utility Director Henderson reported that the solution to the odor at the Plant is to add a chemical which will alleviate some of the symptoms. Two aerators also have been off-line for a few weeks. The motors on those aerators are being dried out and repaired. Mr. Henderson has requested a quote from Merrell Brothers to bring in a belt press, dewater on site, and haul it off to their biosolids center in Kokomo. That solution will provide more relief quicker.

3. Parks

Parks Superintendent Payne said he will have a greenway easement ready for Board action next week for the Northwest Greenway Trail. Mr. Payne also noted that today is Arbor Day and there is a ceremony at 3:30 at Cumberland School. Mayor Dennis will read a proclamation and a tree will be planted. There will also be a tree planting by Klondike School on Friday at the Celery Bog, sponsored by PEFCU.

4. Street/Sanitation

Public Works Director Downey asked Mayor Dennis to read the press release "Free Donation, Trash Pickup May 3 in New Chauncey Neighborhood."

V. ADJOURNMENT

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