

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

JUNE 3, 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. May 27, 2008, Meeting

Ms. Goldman noted that on page 3, Item F, Approval of Claims, she seconded the motion to approve the claims.

Mr. Marley moved to accept the minutes of the May 27, 2008, Board of Works meeting, as corrected. Ms. Goldman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted

III. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Dennis administered the oath of office to Director of Development Chandler M. Poole.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bid Opening: 2008 Street Resurfacing – Engineering

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes read the bids aloud.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Rieth-Riley Construction Company, Inc.	\$577,486.74
Milestone Contractors	\$522,946.65

City Attorney Burns noted that the bids appear to be in order, to be verified also by the department.

Mr. Marley moved that the bids be taken under advisement. Ms. Goldman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

B. Quote Opening: Crack Sealing – Kalberer Road and Salisbury Street – Engineering

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes read the quote aloud.

<u>Quoter</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pavement Solutions, Inc.	\$48,528.91

Ms. Goldman moved that the quote be taken under advisement. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

C. Take-Home Vehicle Policy and Take-Home Vehicle List – Mayor

Mayor Dennis complimented the department heads on their identification of those who actually need City vehicles, and parking those vehicles that are not for essential employees. Changes to the policy include the provision that those who live out of the County no longer have the option to have a take-home vehicle, and that fees are assessed for personal mileage, based on the IRS formula. Mayor Dennis said while it is restrictive, it is the right thing to do.

Ms. Goldman moved that take-home vehicle policy be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

D. Siemens Water Technologies Service Contract – WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson presented a contract for Siemens Water Technologies for work to be done on the control systems for the Wet Weather Treatment Facility which requires a factory representative and some programming time. The cost is \$6,150.

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

E. Contract: Friendship House Trail Extension Project – CDBG Funding – Development

Assistant Director of Development Grady requested Board approval for a contract with Milestone Contractors for \$14,000 for a sidewalk connector from the Friendship House property to the City trail system. He noted that Milestone is honoring the \$14,000 estimate that was from 2007. This is a CDBG project, as Friendship House is a Section 202 project for low and moderate income persons.

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

Mr. Marley asked if this was leading from Friendship House to the pedestrian/bike trail. Mr. Grady noted that an easement for this had been granted a month or so ago. Parks Superintendent Payne responded that the trail leads from the main entry of Friendship House north to the eight-foot sidewalk, and provides curb ramps to an island that they have; it provides marked crossings on the roads, through the grass over to the hard surface. This is part of the City's and Parks' continuing efforts to improve accessibility on the trails network.

The motion was adopted.

F. Request to Declare Items Surplus – Development

Assistant Director of Development Grady requested that three desks and a small drafting table which are excess to needs in the Department of Development be declared surplus.

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

G. Change Order #s 15 and 16: Tapawingo Drive South Project – Engineering

City Engineer Buck provided a spreadsheet showing the history and funding of the Tapawingo South Extension Project. This was a federal aid project, INDOT-administered, with the City paying 20%. The original construction bid from Crider & Crider was approximately \$1,582,000, and the City was invoiced for its share of approximately \$316,000. During construction, issues related to dynamic compaction resulted in a redesign. The compaction was deleted and an undercut method was selected, resulting in the large Change Order #3 for \$1,155,749.77. The City was invoiced for its 20% share of this and other Change Orders as the project has proceeded. Mr. Buck reported that the remainder of the project went well. At this time, construction is complete and the final documentation, measuring, and calculations have been done. The final quantity adjustments are underruns, saving about \$117,000, and relate mostly to stone and undercutting included in the large undercut Change Order. The contractor has filed some claims with INDOT, disputing the City's measurements of quantities of stone based on construction inspection by HNTB. The dispute is based on discrepancies between the City's measurements of how much stone went where and the contractor's tickets on stone tonnage delivered. INDOT has recommended that the City agree to a settlement agreement for \$56,828.87 with Crider & Crider, with the federal highway share at 80% or \$45,463.10, and the City share the remaining 20%. Mr. Buck recommended that it is in the City's best interest to resolve this because of ongoing engineering costs in the dispute. The additional cost of \$11,365.77 will mostly be covered by the City's credit balance on this project with INDOT, and any in excess of that will be covered out of existing road funds. Funding for the original construction was from the Levee/Village TIF District Fund. The total project was originally estimated at about \$3.7 M but has come in at about \$3.1 M.

Mr. Marley asked if there was written evidence that the State and contractor have accepted the settlement, and that the State will pay its 80% share. Mr. Buck responded this has been documented by INDOT and that Crider & Crider has signed off.

Ms. Goldman moved that both change orders be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

H. Agreement: Street Lights in Phases 1 and 2 of Prophet's Ridge Subdivision – Engineering

City Engineer Buck recommended an agreement for street lights in Prophet's Ridge with the Prophet's Ridge Homeowners' Association [HOA] be approved. The Association wishes to have decorative light fixtures installed by Tipmont REMC and has agreed to pay the additional amount beyond the standard wood poles and fixtures. Tipmont's charge to the City is lower than it would be to the

HOA directly, so they would like the City to agree to accept payment from the HOA and pay Tipmont directly. For the 29 street lights, the HOA portion is \$66.43 per month, \$265.72 per quarter, \$398.58 for six months, or \$797.16 per year. The City's portion of each light is \$6.99 per month, a total of \$202.17 per month for all. City Attorney Burns has reviewed the agreement.

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

I. Request for Street Closing: Wilshire between Essex and Barlow & Sparta between Covington and Wilshire – July 4, 2008 – Police

Police Captain Leroux asked for approval of a street closing request of the Barberry Heights Neighborhood Association for their annual Fourth of July Children's Parade. The closure would be on July 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and the streets are Wilshire between Essex and Barlow, and Sparta between Covington and Wilshire. The Police Department has no objections to this closure, neighbors are aware of the situation, and both Engineering and Street Departments have signed off on this request.

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

J. Proclamation: Dump the Pump Day – June 19, 2008 – Mayor

Mayor Dennis read a proclamation declaring June 19, 2008 as Dump the Pump Day, encouraging citizens to ride public transportation that day.

K. Claims

1. PR Docket - \$103,889.08
2. AP Docket - \$ 11,067.12
3. AP Docket - \$441,490.09

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

L. Other Items

1. Projects Payments Listing – WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson presented the Board with the current WWTU Projects Payments Listing.

2. Grant Street from Forest Hill to Dodge Will Be Closed Saturday, June 7 for Soap Box Derby – Police

Police Captain Leroux reminded citizens that Grant Street from Forest Hill to Dodge Street will be closed Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Soap Box Derby.

City Attorney Burns asked where the Soap Box Derby was moving after this year. Captain Leroux responded that it would be held on South 18<sup>th</sup> Street near Wea Ridge Middle School and the Wea Summer Recreation Baseball Diamond. Street Commissioner Downey mentioned that at that location, they would be able to use the site year round.

3. Notice of Action in Regard to General Services Agreement – Engineering

City Engineer Buck told the Board that he has verbally authorized HNTB to investigate the erosion issues in Happy Hollow Park near the School property. He presented photographs that HNTB has taken to document the issue. Stopping the erosion and stabilizing the area are the goals. Mr. Buck will bring more information to the Board when he has it.

4. Recognition of Guests

Mayor Dennis noted that West Lafayette Community School Superintendent Dr. Rocky Killion was in the audience. In addition, two student employees from WBAA were also present.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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