

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MINUTES
September 4, 2007

Approved at the September 11, 2007, Board of Works meeting.

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana met in regular session in the Board of Works Room at City Hall on September 4, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. Present were Janet L. Broyles, Gilbert T. Satterly, and Mayor Mills, who presided.

Elevation in Rank: Daniel R. Phillips to Specialist – Police

Police Chief Marvin said I request the Board approval to elevate 1st Class Patrol Officer Daniel R. Phillips to the rank of Specialist to be effective September 9, 2007, his anniversary date. Officer Phillips serves the department as a Certified Drug Recognition Expert, and he's maintained good evaluations during each evaluation period. His new biweekly pay would be \$1,835.50. He does work the late night shift, which would entitle him to the \$0.50 per hour differential, so the new biweekly rate would be \$1,875.50.

Ms. Broyles said I move that we approve to elevate 1st Class Police Officer Daniel R. Phillips to the rank of Specialist, effective September 9, 2007. His new biweekly salary would be \$1,875.50. Motion was seconded by Mr. Satterly, and the vote was AYE.

Information for Board and for Public: Swearing-in of New Police Officers – Police

Police Chief Marvin said I just want to remind everybody—I know it was put out to the media—that we have a swearing-in ceremony immediately following the Board of Works for two new officers over in the Courtroom. So we'd like to welcome everybody to come and join us.

Mayor Mills said excellent, thank you.

SRF Disbursement Request No. 57: Greeley and Hansen, LLC – Construction Services for Western Interceptor – WWTU

Public Works Director Downey said I would ask the Board to approve an SRF Disbursement for the Mayor to sign, one for Greeley and Hansen, which is the Western Interceptor for \$44,037.

Ms. Broyles said I move that we approve the SRF Disbursement Request, No. 57 to Greeley and Hansen, for the Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor construction services in the amount of \$44,037. Motion was seconded by Mr. Satterly, and the vote was AYE.

SRF Disbursement Request No. 88: M.D. Wessler & Associates – Engineering Design Services for Digester Renovation – WWTU

Public Works Director Downey said and I have another SRF Disbursement for Wessler & Associates of \$45,440, and it's for the Digester Renovation Project.

Mr. Satterly said I move we approve the 88th Request on SRF Loan No. CS18207501. This is to Wessler & Associates for the Digester Renovation, and it's in the amount of \$45,440. Motion was seconded by Ms. Broyles, and the vote was AYE.

Change Order #2: Atlas Excavating – Salisbury Street Sewer Improvement Project – WWTU

Public Works Director Downey said I would ask the Board to approve a Change Order #2 for the Salisbury Street Sewer Improvement Project. It's a deduct from the contract with Atlas Excavating for \$78,968.28. It's for various piping and concrete curb work and sidewalk work that was eliminated from their contract and we put that out into another contract with Milestone.

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Ms. Broyles said I move that we approve Change Order #2 for the Salisbury Street Sewer Improvement Project. It's an actual deduct of \$78,968.28. Motion was seconded by Mr. Satterly, and the vote was AYE.

Contract: Indiana Datapipe LLC – Fiber Optic Installation Project – Engineering

City Engineer Buck said I do have one item for the Board this morning. It's an agreement between the City of West Lafayette and Indiana Datapipe, LLC. This actually benefits the Police Department, City Hall, and the Fire Station #2 in completing a fiber optic loop which terminates behind the Police Building and City Hall here and connects back out to the line that's at [US] 52, giving a redundant service that can be fed either direction to those buildings, in case one side of the loop or line would go down. That's in the amount of \$21,000. I'd ask the Board to approve that.

Mr. Satterly said I move we approve the contract with Indiana Datapipe LLC. It's a fiber optic installation project, and the estimated sum is \$21,000. Motion was seconded by Ms. Broyles, and the vote was AYE.

Approval of 2008 WWTU Salary Schedule – WWTU

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said may I ask for one more item. May I ask for Board approval for the 2008 Wastewater Treatment Utility Salary Schedule. The Council is due to have the final vote on this September 10. The WWTU Salary Schedule is submitted by the Board of Public Works and Safety.

Mr. Satterly said I move we approve the Ordinance No. 25-07, which is the 2008 Wastewater Treatment Utility Salary Schedule, as submitted by the Board of Public Works and Safety for approval by the Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana. Motion was seconded by Ms. Broyles, and the vote was AYE.

Claims

Mayor Mills moved to approve the claims as submitted in seven dockets in the following amounts:

Accounts Payable	\$222,395.31
Accounts Payable	\$878.61
Payroll	\$95,104.07
Payroll	\$10,918.72
Payroll	\$288,769.75
Accounts Payable	\$4,524.65
Accounts Payable	\$92,656.68

Motion was seconded by Ms. Broyles, and the vote was AYE.

Request for Street Closure: State Street and University – Purdue University

Mr. Pusey [Engineer, Physical Facilities, Purdue University] said I'd like to thank, first of all, the City Engineer's Office, their folks; Purdue Police; the gas company; and all the people involved in getting this accomplished. As you know, the gas company's had a problem down in the area around State Street, up University Street. The old system finally is corroded to that point that the ground is kind of saturated. The last couple weeks, they've been working very furiously to refeed some of Purdue's buildings and housing and things of that nature and set things up for the last big challenge, which is in University Street. That involves refeeding both Stone Hall and Matthews, which come off of University Street. That particular location of their old gas line just so happens to be right in the middle of the street, directly underneath the old concrete bed and steel rails of the old interurban system. Now to accomplish what needs to be accomplished, which is quite complicated to keep Stone Hall in operation and Matthews Hall in operation during this period of time, we felt that, after discussion with all the parties and whatever that it was important that the street basically

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be closed down for safety reasons. We've talked to the bus company, we worked with them. Last Friday morning at 11 o'clock, myself and Jerry Knecht from the gas company, John Cox from Purdue Police, John Metzinger from the bus company, and myself and a couple of other folks basically walked the planned detour and discussed the signage. All the signs were delivered to the site Friday late, so that we could start things early this morning, being that this is a short week and Purdue's got a home football game this weekend. During the work that's been done so far, Murphy—and the old saying about Murphy's Law—has already visited the gas company at least seven times that I know of in an attempt to fix this. And so that we didn't take any chances and make sure we got everything back open, we thought that it was needed to start as early as possible this morning. Murphy also visited the site. Our students are typical. When I came by about 6:30 this morning, they had barrels in the middle of Waldron and First Street things of that nature, but we only had two vehicles we had to tow. And so we towed them to the South C lot and left notifications. We tried to call them again to trace them down, tried to be the good neighbor, but they were in the way. The process that's left right now will be to uncover everything in University Street. And as I was leaving the site, they had a Hydrahoe banging on the concrete which was extremely hard, in the middle of University Street. The signage that was put up, we got all the signs. We had all of them, we had a "Detour" sign that probably is in somebody's dorm room or fraternity house now. They were in the process of going to get another "Detour" sign. The gas company has hired two security people who are directing traffic. I had a call right before we came in from John Cox [Purdue University Police]. He'd gotten into the traffic cabinet and INDOT had somehow had locked down the "pickle," and so we called INDOT so we can get the "pickle." Otherwise, we've got two guys out there with STOP signs, hand signs, to stop, because we're trying to get the traffic to flow through the University, because we pinch everything down to one. I think with that "pickle," INDOT will send technicians up and whatever. We were able, through the aid of the University News Service—and you can pass that around, just for information—this went out to all the news media on Friday afternoon. The paper picked it up very kindly and it was on the front of the Local on Saturday morning. So basically, to make it official, because the University from State to First is part of the West Lafayette street system, I would ask you if it's okay that we do this work.

Mr. Satterly said what would happen if we said no?

Mr. Pusey said well, let's put it this way. It's already closed, we've already dug a hole in the street. We don't want any buses or anybody falling into it or driving into it. Or anything blowing up, you know. That's very expensive. The comment was from the traffic people and the people on the counter at the Purdue Police Department, "If I get one more call that says, 'We smell gas at State and University.'" So, you know, people are doing what they're supposed to do, which is call when they smell it. And we're doing our best to get it done as quick as possible and as painless as possible.

Mr. Satterly said so do we have to approve it now?

Mayor Mills said yes, we do.

Mr. Satterly said I move we approve the closing of University Street between State and First streets, starting at 8:30 this morning—

Mr. Pusey said actually, the barrels didn't get out until 9 o'clock—

Mr. Satterly said Tuesday morning through Friday?

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Mr. Pusey said up to three days. There again, we need to have it closed back because football weekend. So once they start certain processes, they will be working late, they will work until that process gets done. And the reason we wanted to make sure, the reason we asked for three, we think we'll get it done in two, but for three. That way, we can patch it back to your specifications, plate it, and open everything back up, so that when we get ready, we just pull the plate off it and that's already prepared. That's the plan.

Mr. Satterly said so through Thursday?

Mr. Pusey said yes.

Motion was seconded by Ms. Broyles, and the vote was AYE.

Mr. Satterly said you could get an extra day.

Mr. Pusey said well, we'd take it. But if we need it, I'll give Dave [City Engineer Buck] a call. Thank you very much for your assistance. Like I say, it's one of those things where cooperation's what made it take place and it's for safety purposes of drivers and everybody.

Minutes

Mr. Satterly said I move we approve the minutes of the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting of August 28, 2007, as distributed. Motion was seconded by Ms. Broyles, and the vote was AYE.

Adjournment

There being no further business at this time, Ms. Broyles moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Satterly, and the vote was AYE.