

City of West Lafayette, Indiana
Board of Public Works and Safety
REVISED MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 2008
11:29 a.m.
City Hall Lower Level Conference Room

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

- I. CAUCUS TO REVIEW AGENDA
Agenda items were discussed among Board members and Department Heads.

- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. October 28, 2008, Meeting
Mr. Marley moved to accept the minutes of the October 28, 2008, Board of Works meeting. Mayor Dennis seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

- III. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. SRF Payment Requests and Related Listings – WWTU
 1. Payment Request No. 25 – \$17,788 to M.D. Wessler & Associates for Digester Renovation Project – Engineering Services
 2. Payment Request No. 84 – \$1,887 to Greeley and Hansen for Western Sanitary Sewer-Division III – Engineering Services
 3. Listings
 - a. Digester Renovation SRF Payments Listing
 - b. Western Interceptor SRF Payments Listing
 - c. WWTU Project Payments

WWTU Director Henderson explained SRF Payment Request No. 25 is for costs for the resident representative of Wessler & Associates on the construction site, keeping everything moving along. He noted that it had been a busy few weeks with the good weather. The digester lids are being sandblasted today. SRF Payment Request No. 84 is to Greeley and Hansen for engineering services and materials for the Western Interceptor Division III spec books and drawings as we prepare to request permission to advertise for bids. The motion to approve payment was made by Mr. Marley. Mayor Dennis seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

B. Request to Advertise for Bids for Western Sanitary Sewer-Phase III – WWTU
WWTU Director Henderson introduced Tom Poehls from Greeley & Hansen. Copies of the aerial layout showing where this section of the Western Interceptor is located were distributed. Mr. Poehls explained that this is Phase 3 of what will be a four-phase project. Phase I and Phase 2 are complete. The purpose of the Western Interceptor is to divert sanitary flow away from combined sewers and express delivery to the treatment plant. It is being coordinated

with the INODT project, and that is part of the reason it is being done in phases. There is one remaining phase after this, which will be the part that will be constructed with INDOT. We want to get as much in the ground that we can at today's prices. When things are finalized with INDOT, we will be starting again next year on that last phase to get the design completed so that the whole system will be put in service. Mayor Dennis asked how long this Phase 3 of construction would take. Mr. Poehls answered it would be about one year. The motion to approve advertisement of bids for Phase 3 was made by Mr. Marley. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dennis. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes stated the bids would be advertised November 7 and November 14, with a pre-bid conference on November 26, and bid opening on December 9. The motion was adopted.

C. Bid Acceptance with Alternates and Contract: Fairfield Contractors – Salisbury Street Phase 2 Safety Improvements Project – Engineering

City Engineer Buck reported that the review of bids for the Salisbury Street Phase 2 project has been completed. Fairfield Contractors is the low bidder and all items check out. He reported that he met with the WLSC and discussed the alternates as well as the price for the demolition of the Burtsfield building. He recommended that the base bid be accepted for \$1,134,209.08. He also recommended acceptance of all three alternates: Alternate #1 for road fabric in the amount of \$43,751.00; Alternate #2 for the signal which is a two-part item that includes deducting item #45 from the base bid of \$83,044.00 and adding back \$92,035.00—basically a \$9,000 add; and Alternate #3 for the building slab removal in the amount of \$61,395.00. The total is \$1,248,346.08 for the whole project. City Attorney Burns requested that the prevailing party language be added to Article 8, Indemnification, of the proposed contract with Fairfield Contractors, to wit: "In the event litigation is commenced to enforce any term or condition of this contract, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable costs of litigation, including a reasonable attorney fee." Mayor Dennis remarked that, for clarification, there has been some conversation and discussion about this particular event, and some misunderstanding. He added that several points of clarification have been made at both at the Council meeting and several times at Board of Works meetings. [West Lafayette School Corporation] Superintendent Killion has clarified the matter at school board meetings as well. One of the issues that people seem to be expressing concern about is that the City is spending more than \$1 million to demolish Burtsfield School, and that is not the case. The City is entering into a cooperative agreement with the school corporation that is going to be mutually beneficial and save the taxpayers money. The City will demolish Burtsfield School, but will get easements and some right-of-way at the intersection of Lindberg and Salisbury. It will allow us to continue with our Salisbury Street Safety Improvements Project through an agreement with the school system. It basically comes out as being revenue neutral.

WLSC Superintendent Rocky Killion said if the school had been doing this we would have been using borrowed money. Because it is attached to a city street project, you got a better price than we would have as an individual or as stand-alone project. We had numbers in the neighborhood of \$300,000 to \$350,000 being projected that it would cost the school district plus the interest attached to that, which is being saved for taxpayers. So I do appreciate the cooperation that we have and it is going to save taxpayers money, and it is actually costing less to do this.

Mayor Dennis said again at the end of the day, I have said this before and I will say it again, a cooperative spirit is good, especially when it is saving taxpayers money.

The motion to accept the bid was made by Mr. Marley. Mayor Dennis seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

D. Contract: Kreager Brothers Excavating, Inc. – Demolition of Burnham’s – Development
Development Director Chandler Poole reported that quotes were opened last week for the demolition on the Burnham’s site. He recommended that the contract with Kreager Brothers for \$9,864.00 be approved, with the work to be completed by December 1. Mayor Dennis asked how long it would take. Director Poole answered that it would take approximately two weeks. City Attorney Burns stated that he had reviewed the contract and it was in acceptable legal format. The motion to approve the contract was made by Mr. Marley. Mayor Dennis seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

E. Claims

Mayor Dennis moved to approve the claims as submitted in three dockets in the following amounts:

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| 1. AP Docket | \$11,083.12 |
| 2. AP Docket | \$320,389.57 |
| 3. PR Docket | \$104,092.52 |

Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

F. Other Items:

1. Police Chief Dombkowski announced that the West Side sectional is Friday night, and the WLPD is working in a cooperative spirit on that, and have allocated resources for the event.
2. WWTU Director Dave Henderson reported that on Thursday a representative from IDEM would be visiting three City departments for the Clean Community Challenge initial site visits and walkthrough. They will tour the WWTU, the Street Department, and maintenance shop at Happy Hollow Park for the Parks Department. Mayor Dennis asked if everyone was notified. Mr. Henderson explained he had coordinated with Lee Booth in Parks and Mr. Downey in the Street Department, trying to make it as convenient as possible.
3. City Engineer Buck reported that work at Happy Hollow for the relocation of the storm water line from the Happy Hollow Elementary School site is wrapped up for the fall, again a cooperative project with the school. He provided illustrations of the project, showing the new route for the pipe, the protection for the beehive inlets to prevent fine particles from getting into the storm water and going down on the river, and the riprap. He is hoping to get some grass seed established, to provide more erosion control protection through the winter. The trail will be re-opened and, in the January to March timeframe, some correcting work to the landslide area will be done to knock down the sheer face that is there, make it safe, and prevent future mudslides with trees falling in and power lines being knocked down. Mayor Dennis asked what this area was like before. Mr. Buck said it was a wooded area. Mayor Dennis commented on how quickly the work was done. Mr. Buck characterized this site project as “a work of art for an engineer.”
4. City Engineer Buck noted that Mayor Dennis and he would be going door-to-door on Sycamore Lane Saturday morning, to talk with property owners about the sidewalk and traffic calming project that is being done by BF&S. He noted that Ryan Smith from BF&S is here today. Mr. Buck reported that project plans are moving forward, and that acquisition of temporary right-of-way is getting underway in the next few weeks. The project is slated to begin construction in the spring of 2009. Mr. Buck pointed out that

both the Sycamore and the Salisbury Street projects will be going on at the same time, and there will be a lot of construction-related activity in this part of the City. Mayor Dennis commented that is it going to create great change. Mr. Buck commented it would connect everybody along there with sidewalks.

5. Street Commissioner Downey noted that fuel prices are down to \$1.80 for gasoline and \$2.50 for diesel. He commented this is a good note since leaf pickup, which is now in process, uses a lot of fuel. Mayor Dennis commented that the lower fuel prices would really help at the end of the year with the budget, and could not come at a better time. Mr. Downey reported that, as of the end of October, the income for sales of recyclables surpassed the \$100,000 he estimated would be received this year. He reported that leaf season is going fine.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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