

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 24, 2008

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Lower Level Conference Room at City Hall on November 24, 2008, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

In the absence of Mayor Dennis, Council President Hunt said called the meeting to order and presided. She announced that she would not attend at the Council meeting.

Present: Bunder, Burch, Hunt, Keen, Roales, and Thomas [who arrived at 4:32 p.m.].

Also present were City Attorney Burns, Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes, City Engineer Buck, Street Commissioner Downey, Fire Chief Drew, Human Resources Director Foster, WWTU Director Henderson, Police Captain Leroux, Parks Superintendent Payne, and Director of Development Poole.

Council President Hunt went through the agenda. Councilor Bunder will present the December Beautification Award. Director of Development Poole noted that there would be a Golden Paintbrush Award also.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 31-08 An Ordinance To Set The Salaries Of The Elected Officials, City Of West Lafayette, Indiana, For The Year 2009 (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Council President Hunt noted that the first reading of this ordinance was at the October 6 Council meeting.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 32-08 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation (City Hall) **PUBLIC HEARING** (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Council President Hunt stated that there would be a public hearing on this ordinance.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 33-08 An Ordinance Establishing The Fuel Internal Service Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Council President Hunt reported that the first vote on this ordinance was on November 3.

There was no further discussion.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 34-08 An Ordinance Providing For Temporary Loans From A Fund Having Sufficient Balance To A Depleted Fund (Insurance Payment Fund) (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Council President Hunt called on Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes to speak about this ordinance.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes explained that the Insurance Payment Fund is the fund from which payments are made for COBRA and retirees. Because the third-party vendor handles COBRA, the remittances are sometimes received after the due date of the bill, so a temporary loan is required. There is need for the temporary loan, because of additional COBRA participants this year. It is a timing issue.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 23-08 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Motor Vehicle Highway, Cumulative Capital Development Fund) (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Council President Hunt asked if there were questions about this resolution.

Councilor Thomas questioned the money from Contract Services for Parks.

Parks Superintendent Payne answered that this is the Vermont Systems annual maintenance for RecTrac registration system. He added that he hopes that funds will be available in 2009 to switch to WebTrac for online registrations, making it easier for people to register for classes.

Councilor Thomas thanked Mr. Payne.

Council President Hunt mentioned that there was a comment at the Park Board meeting last week. Mary Nauman, a new member of the Park Board, asked what could be done to increase registrations for classes and leagues, now that the economy is such that people aren't traveling as much and may want to do more hometown activities.

There was no further discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilor Bunder made a request that he receive a copy of the capital street projects and a timeline for the completion of those projects, with projected revenue that would support those projects. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes answered that the Council was given that listing during the budget process, and that she would provide another one to Councilor Bunder.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Keen moved for adjournment, and the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:38 p.m.