

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2, 2009

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers at City Hall on November 2, 2009, at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Jon Hoggatt was sworn in as the 1st District Councilor by Mayor Dennis.

Mayor Dennis called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Present: Bunder, Burch, Dietrich, Hoggatt, Hunt, Keen, and Thomas.

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

MINUTES: Councilor Keen moved for acceptance of the minutes of the October 1, 2009, Pre-Council Meeting, and the October 8, 2009, Common Council Meeting. Councilor Burch seconded the motion, and the motion passed *viva voce*.

Introduction of Representative from League of Women Voters

Councilor Hunt introduced Ms. Beth Goodman from the League of Women Voters, who will attend Council meetings regularly.

COMMITTEE STANDING REPORTS:

STREET, SANITATION, AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT UTILITY

Councilor Bunder invited Wastewater Utility Director Henderson to explain the plastic jugs, which are at each Councilor's place. Mr. Henderson said that the jugs are the City's attempt at a City residential grease and cooking oil recycling program. Instead of using a jar to collect grease, which ends up in the trash can, residents can put their used grease and cooking oil in the jug, and can exchange them for empty jugs when they are full. The contents of the jugs will be fed to the digesters, creating methane gas, which will generate electricity. Councilor Bunder asked if the jugs were free and where they would be available. Mr. Henderson responded that this is a free service, and that jugs would be available at City Hall, the Street Department, and the Wastewater Utility. Councilor Keen reiterated that this is no charge to citizens, but that waste haulers would be charged. Mayor Dennis summarized that this process will keep things out of the landfill, helps produce energy, and saves the City and the taxpayers money.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND ORDINANCE

Councilor Keen presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

PURDUE RELATIONS

Councilor Hoggatt presented this report. At his invitation, Mr. Tom Seto, president of the Purdue Interfraternity Council, addressed the Council, providing information about his organization and its activities.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilor Hunt presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilor Thomas presented this report, which will be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

PERSONNEL

Councilor Burch mentioned that the IACT Medical Trust Agreement was signed at this Board of Works meeting earlier in the day. This is a three-year agreement, effective January 1, 2010, with six participating cities and towns. The City is expected to save over 10% of the budgeted health insurance costs, with some of the savings being used to promote the City's health promotion program.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Councilor Hunt stated that the final budget reading was made on October 29, and the 2010 budget was approved.

REPORT OF APC REPRESENTATIVE

Councilor Keen noted that the APC did pass the Tippecanoe Regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture, which includes new local projects, additional information about INDOT projects, and reflects recent changes in the national architecture. The goal of the document, and its associated databases, is to guide the implementation of technology systems in the region, and to coordinate funding, deployment, information sharing, and operations of IT systems for the years 2006-2016. The version passed includes updates to the City of Lafayette's advanced traffic management system, which creates a traffic management center and interconnects INDOT and Lafayette traffic signals. In the future, the ATMS will incorporate West Lafayette traffic signals. The new components to the CityBus fare box system will allow onboard creation of traveler cards as well.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

West Lafayette Community Beautification Award

Councilor Thomas presented the October 2009 Beautification Award to Mary Lou and Dan Schendel of 1327 North Grant Street and their daughter Pam Schendel who lives at 1407 Grant Street,

Police Officer of the Quarter Award

Police Chief Dombkowski and Police Merit Commission President Leverenz presented the Officer of the Quarter Award to Detective Jeff Ray.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes reported that the 2010 City budget was filed today with the Tippecanoe County Auditor. The tax rate will not be known until the County can provide a certified assessed valuation to the Department of Local Government Finance. That will be delayed until appeals of assessments are completed. The first payment of property taxes was due on October 30; the County has 51 days to remit the settlement to the City. The second payment is due December 10. She noted that the State Board of Accounts reports for October have been distributed to the Council.

LEGAL REPORT:

City Attorney Burns reported that he filed reports for September and October. There were no questions.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 29-09 An Ordinance Vacating A Certain Utility And Drainage Easement In The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana (Submitted by City Engineer Buck; Sponsored by Mayor Dennis)
PUBLIC HEARING

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 29-09 by title and moved that it be passed on second and final reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no discussion from the Council

Mayor Dennis opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 29-09. There was no discussion. Councilor Keen motioned to close the public hearing. Councilor Burch seconded the motion, and the public hearing was closed by consent of the Council.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 29-09 passed on final reading, 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 30-09 An Ordinance To Vacate Drainage And Utilities Easement (Submitted by Stuart and Branigin, LLP; Sponsored by Councilor Burch)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 30-09 by title and moved that it be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 30-09 passed on first reading, 7-0.

Ordinance No. 31-09 An Ordinance Lifting The City Of West Lafayette's Restrictions On The Import Of Certain Types Of Waste Generated Outside The Corporate Limits Of The City Of West Lafayette (Sponsored by Mayor John Dennis)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 31-09 by title and moved that it be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

Mayor Dennis called on Wastewater Utility Director Henderson to explain the ordinance. Mr. Henderson said that the fats, oil, and grease receiving station is the last phase of the digester renovation project. In the current City Code, there is a section that restricts waste to only that generated within the City limits. This ordinance would allow the Wastewater Utility to accept fats, oil, and grease from outside the City. There is ample capacity for dealing with this, and the tipping fees will generate a good revenue stream, while the gas will generate electricity. This is a "green power" project.

Councilor Thomas asked Wastewater Utility Director Henderson to describe the benefits of citizens participating in the process. Mr. Henderson said that one gallon of grease would produce electricity to power a 40-watt light bulb for 24 hours.

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Councilor Bunder said that compliments are due to [Councilor] Ann Hunt and all of her predecessors on City Council and in previous City administrations. The FOG [fats, oil, and grease] portion of the digester renovation was controversial in its day.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 31-09 passed on first reading, 7-0.

Councilor Keen asked to suspend the rules to consider this ordinance for final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no discussion.

The motion to consider Ordinance No. 31-09 on second reading passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 31-09 by title and moved that it be passed on second and final reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 31-09 passed on second and final reading, 7-0.

Ordinance No. 32-09 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation – Clerk's Record Perpetuation Fund (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 32-09 by title and moved that it be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 32-09 passed on first reading, 7-0.

Ordinance No. 33-09 An Ordinance Providing For Temporary Loans From A Fund Having Sufficient Balance To A Depleted Fund (WWTU to Parks & Recreation Fund) (Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 33-09 by title and moved that it be passed on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 33-09 passed on first reading, 7-0.

Councilor Keen moved to suspend the rules to consider the ordinance for second and final reading. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no further discussion.

The motion to consider Ordinance No. 33-09 on second reading passed by unanimous voice vote.

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Councilor Keen read Ordinance No. 33-09 by title and moved that it be passed on second and final reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no further discussion.

Ordinance No. 33-09 passed on second and final reading, 7-0.

Resolution No. 13-09 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Police Department)
(Prepared by the Clerk-Treasurer)

Councilor Keen read Resolution No. 13-09 by title and moved that it be passed on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Burch.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 13-09 passed on first and only reading, 7-0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

► Councilor Dietrich recognized the passing of Bob Taylor, a retired West Lafayette Police Officer, who served from the late 1950s through the early 1970s. Mayor Dennis expressed sympathy to Mr. Taylor's family.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Keen moved for adjournment. Motion was seconded by Councilor Burch, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting, the time being 7:18 p.m.