

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

MAY 24, 2010
8:30 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Bradley W. Marley, Elizabeth M. Stull, and Mayor John R. Dennis, who presided. Member Jonathan C. Speaker was absent.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 17, 2010, Meeting

Mr. Marley moved to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2010, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Stull seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Update on Purdue University Projects, Summer 2010 – Mr. Chris Skiba, Purdue University

Mr. Chris Skiba [Project Manager, Physical Facilities, Purdue University] provided an update on some of the 300 Purdue University projects which will be under construction this summer. Some of the work will close streets around the University at various times. The Summer 2010 Construction Map and updated parking and traffic information, including street closures, are at www.purdue.edu/physicalfacilities/travelalert.php. It is the University's intent to have the roads open before move-in for the fall semester.

City Engineer Buck reported that, at last week's Traffic Commission meeting, details of lane restrictions and street closures were discussed in detail. The Traffic Commission recommended that the Board permit the lane restrictions on the City streets. He summarized those and asked for Board approval of these:

Street closures: State Street/SR26, between University and Waldron
First Street between University and Waldron

Alley closure: north-south alley between University and Waldron –
closed for duration of Marriott Hall project

Lane restrictions: University Street
Russell Street
Third Street

Parking impact: Waldron Street

Ms. Stull moved to approve the street closures as indicated by Mr. Buck, in conjunction with the Summer 2010 Purdue University construction projects. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

Ms. Stull asked what the detour plan was for the street closure on State Street/SR26. Mr. Skiba answered that a driver heading west on State Street would turn south on Grant Street, west on Harrison Street, and north on Jischke Drive to State Street. The reverse of that route would be the eastbound plan. Stop signs have been placed at University and Harrison, due to the increased traffic.

Mayor Dennis asked City Engineer Buck if any of the University construction activity would have adverse impact on City resurfacing or sidewalk replacement projects. Mr. Buck responded that it would not, that the City's effort has been dovetailed with the University's projects.

The motion was adopted.

Mayor Dennis thanked Mr. Skiba for his presentation.

b. SRF Payment Requests and Related Listing – WWTU

i. Payment Request No. 108 – \$1,602 to Greeley and Hansen for Design Services – Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division IV Project

and

ii. Payment Request No. 109 – \$1,789 to Greeley and Hansen for Construction Services – Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division III Project

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson stated that Division IV of the Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project is in the planning stages. INDOT intends to let bids for relocation of US231 in October 2010. Division IV sewer project will be constructed as part of that effort. The Division III project is down to punchlist items. Rain has been a factor in completion of site restoration.

Mr. Marley moved that the SRF Payment Requests be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

iii. Project Payments Listing

There were no comments or questions on the listing.

c. Salary Increases for Certifications: Adam Huwe, T.J. Overman, and Steve Nelson – WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson stated that twice a year, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management [IDEM] offers wastewater certification exams. Three of the Wastewater employees passed their certifications: Adam Huwe achieved Class I Operator status, T.J. Overman received his Class III Operator certification, and Steve Nelson reached Class IV Operator rank. With a Class IV Operator rank, Mr. Nelson is now qualified to carry out certain WWTU functions, should Director Henderson be absent. The increases of each will increase by \$38.46 biweekly, retroactive to April 22, 2010. The rates are as determined by salary ordinance. Mr. Henderson asked for Board approval.

Ms. Stull moved that the salary increases for Adam Huwe, T.J. Overman, and Steve Nelson be approved as requested by Wastewater Utility Director Henderson. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

d. Acceptance of Bid for Refuse Truck – Street

Street Commissioner Downey reminded the Board bids for the refuse truck were opened on April 26. The two low bidders demonstrated their trucks on City streets. The low bid is from Best Equipment Co., Inc. He requested Board approval of the \$155,000 bid, which is about \$10,000 lower than the next lowest. All the bids were on International chassis. The Best Equipment offer is a Kann body.

Mr. Marley moved that the bid for the refuse truck be accepted. Ms. Stull seconded the motion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes noted for the record that the bid includes a \$2,900 trade-in of a 1990 garbage truck.

The motion was adopted.

e. New Hire: Cody Armes – Driver/Collector/Processor – Street

Street Commissioner Downey reported that a driver/collector/processor left for a job with better pay about two weeks ago. He requested the Board approve the hiring of Mr. Cody Armes effective May 25 at biweekly rate of \$1,222.25.

Ms. Stull moved that Mr. Cody Armes be hired as a driver/collector/processor in the Street Department, effective May 25, 2010, at \$1,222.25. Mr. Marley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

f. Request for Acceptance: Quote for 2010 Crack Sealing Project – Engineering

City Engineer Buck recommended approval of the only quote received for this project. Pavement Solutions, Inc. quoted a price of \$67,979.39 for the work. This company did the crack sealing project in 2008.

Ms. Booker moved that the quote from Pavement Solutions, Inc. for the 2010 Crack Sealing Project be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

City Attorney Burns asked if the quote were within the estimate of the cost of the work. City Engineer Buck responded that the estimate was just over \$65,000.

The motion was adopted.

g. Request for Acceptance: Quote for Indian Trail & Huron Sewer Repair Project – Engineering

City Engineer Buck stated that there had been only one quote for the repair of the sewer at Indian Trail and Huron Street. He recommended the approval of the quote from Atlas Excavating, Inc. to repair and install a manhole in the intersection. The quote was for \$32,000.

Mayor Dennis asked when the project would begin. City Engineer Buck answered that, after a pre-construction meeting, the work should begin in two to four weeks.

Mr. Marley moved that the quote from Atlas Excavating, Inc. for the Indian Trail & Huron Sewer Repair Project be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion.

City Attorney Burns asked if the quote is reasonable for the work. Mr. Buck answered that the estimate was about \$27,000. The concern was that there was only one quote, but the timing of this project with contractors' other projects may have been the issue. Mr. Buck added that the City has worked with Atlas in the past and he feels that the company is capable to handle anything with this work. Mr. Burns questioned whether, if other quotes were sought, was there any reason to believe that better quotes would be received. Mr. Buck responded that he did not think there would be substantially more or better quotes.

The motion was adopted.

h. Contract: Milestone Contractors, L.P. – 2010 Street Resurfacing and 2010 ADA Universal Access Ramp & Sidewalk Spot Repair Project – Engineering

City Engineer Buck requested Board approval for the low bidder, Milestone Contractors, for the 2010 Street Resurfacing and 2010 ADA Universal Access Ramp & Sidewalk Spot Repair Project. The bid was \$674,487.50, with \$300,000 from the Levee/Village TIF Fund and the rest from MVH funds.

Ms. Stull moved that the contract with Milestone Contractors, L.P. for the 2010 Street Resurfacing and 2010 ADA Universal Access Ramp & Sidewalk Spot Repair Project be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

i. Request for Street Closing: Stadium Avenue between Maple and Vine for Work at the Intersection of Stadium and Salisbury – May 25 and 26, 2020 – Engineering

City Engineer Buck reported that this closure is as a result of the ARRA-funded resurfacing project on Salisbury Street. Rieth-Riley is the contractor on the project. Some full-depth patching is necessary, primarily the intersection of Stadium. After the agenda for this meeting was set, the patching at Lutz and Salisbury was determined to be necessary, so he requested that this be added to the closing request. These closures will not be concurrently, each taking one to two days. Salisbury at Stadium would be open during the day, one lane at a time, with flagmen coordinating north and south through the work zone. Stadium would be closed to through traffic, with barricades on east and west sides of the intersection, and additional signage at Robinson and Grant Streets, to alert drivers to detour. The work would only occur during daytime working hours, with barricades removed and full traffic flow at night. A similar work plan would be in place at Salisbury at Lutz, one to two days later this week, weather permitting.

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

j. Request for Street Closing: Grant Street between Forest Hill and Dodge for the Greater Lafayette Soap Box Derby – June 5 and June 20, 2010 – Police

Sergeant John Watson reported that the request to close Grant Street between Forest Hill and Dodge on June 5 and June 20 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. came from Eric Demerly. The event has been held for many years, and an off-duty Police officer provides security. He recommended approval of the request.

Mr. Marley moved that the request for closing Grant Street between Forest Hill and Dodge on June 5 and June 20 be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

k. Claims

i. AP Docket	\$	440.00
ii. AP Docket		67,505.77
iii. AP Docket		113,886.00
iv. AP Docket		151,522.15
v. PR Docket		323,791.21

Ms. Stull moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Marley seconded the motion.

Questions raised about individual claims by the Board were answered by department heads and Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes.

The motion was adopted.

l. Informational Items

i. Wastewater Solutions, Inc. Optimization Report – WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson provided an overview of the report prepared by Mr. Brad Musick of Wastewater Solutions, Inc. In his optimization review, Mr. Musick has identified several areas that have potential large electrical energy savings. Mr. Henderson reported that two smaller, quick-hit things are underway, and other items will be implemented.

Mayor Dennis clarified that Mr. Musick made the City an offer that if he did not find significant issues that would save the City money, there would be no cost. City Attorney Burns asked what the projected savings are. Mr. Henderson answered that estimated annual savings are \$473,783, if all the ideas were implemented. The payment to Mr. Musick (Wastewater Solutions, Inc., \$23,000) is included in the claims approved today.

ii. Quote Opening for Sidewalk Leveling – Engineering

City Engineer Buck reported that the quote package was distributed to the Board. The quotes will be received by 4:00 p.m. on June 4, with opening at the June 7 Board of Works meeting.

m. Other Items

i. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes reported that Director of Development Poole had to leave for another meeting, but asked that she announce that there is a request for quotes for the West Lafayette Cultural District Branding Sign Project. Quotes will be due by 4:00 p.m., when they will be opened with witnesses present.

ii. Mayor Dennis announced that the next Board of Works meeting is Tuesday, June 1, due to the City holiday on May 31.

iii. City Engineer Buck mentioned that the projected hot weather should dry Cumberland Avenue out, so that work on that project can continue.

iv. Street Commissioner Downey reminded people that it is orange barrel season, and the Street Department will be digging up the streets in various locations to patch sewers that were identified during the winter effort of televising and cleaning sewers.

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v. Parks Superintendent Payne announced that the pool opens Friday with “Splash Bash.”

vi. Police Chief Dombkowski pointed out that this is the last week of school, and reminded drivers to watch school zones speeds.

vii. Councilor Hunt said that Budget & Finance Committee Chair Councilor Dietrich has started Council work sessions on the 2011 budget.

3. 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.