

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

APRIL 25, 2011
8:30 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 18, 2011, Meeting

Mr. Stull moved to accept the minutes of the April 18, 2011, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Speaker seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proclamation: JCM5K Mental Health Awareness Weekend – Mayor

Mayor Dennis read a proclamation, declaring April 29 through May 1, 2011 as JCM5K Mental Health Awareness Weekend.

The Mayor announced that, immediately following the Board of Works meeting, there would be a press conference, at which Mr. Travis Dorsch and others would discuss the activities of the weekend.

b. SRF Payment Request No. 121: \$3,121 to Greeley & Hansen for Construction Services – Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division IV Project – WWTU

Wastewater Utility Director Henderson stated that the payment request relates to Greeley & Hansen having representatives at the preconstruction meeting for the Western Sanitary Sewer Interceptor-Division IV—US231 Relocation Project

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

i. WWTU Projects Payments Listing

There were no comments or questions about the listing.

c. New Hire: Adam Clauss – Intern – Engineering

City Engineer Buck requested the Board to approve hiring Adam Clauss as a summer intern in Engineering for \$10.00 per hour. Mr. Clauss is a Purdue civil engineering student from Terre Haute.

Ms. Stull moved that the request be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

Mayor Dennis asked when Mr. Clauss would begin work. City Engineer Buck answered that May 9 would be his first day. Mr. Buck added that he hopes another student will accept an offer of summer employment, so that two interns can work together on GIS data collection, counts of streetlights and street signs, normal public works inspections,

and infrastructure activities. Mayor Dennis said that the street light count is a priority. Mr. Buck agreed.

The motion was adopted.

d. Rehire: Susan Laurie – Intern – Development

Director of Development Poole asked the Board to approve rehiring Susan Laurie as a summer intern in Development, effective May 10 at \$10.00 per hour. Ms. Laurie is a student at Indiana University. Last year she helped with the Farmers Market, social media, and other projects.

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

e. Request to Approve Refuse Truck Bid – Street

Street Superintendent Downey stated that four bids for the refuse truck were received. The low bids of \$174,512 and \$178,665 did not meet the specifications. There were two bids, which did meet the specifications, and the bid of \$181,165 from Pyramid Equipment, Inc. was recommended for Board approval. Additionally, Mr. Downey requested five additions to the bid, which would be beneficial to the drivers of the truck. Those additions total \$2,442, making the total purchase price \$183,607.

City Attorney Burns asked Mr. Downey to explain why the first two bids were not in compliance, given the fact that the low bid was not accepted and some bids were not in compliance. Mr. Downey stated that the \$174,512 bid was from Best Equipment, and it did not meet the horsepower specification. More importantly, the hopper configuration was nearly half a yard smaller. The Street Department used a loaned truck from Pyramid Equipment to pick up trash along two routes, and the assessment was that the larger hopper was more efficient and durable.

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

Mr. Marley asked if the truck would be paid outright or through lease/purchase. Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes answered that it is budgeted in the WWTU as a lease/purchase financed item. A lease/purchase arrangement will be made, and Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes said she would provide details at the next Board of Works meeting. Mr. Marley noted that rates are low now.

The motion was adopted.

f. Two 2011 Dump Trucks: Reject Bids Opened February 22, 2011 and Approve Notice to Bidders and Revised Specifications – Street

Street Superintendent Downey asked the Board to refuse the bids opened on February 22, 2011, as there were many bids, but he did not feel that any of the bids were satisfactory. He revised the specifications, which will be more beneficial to the City in the end. The trade-in option is being dropped, and the older vehicles are being kept to use in case of emergency. In addition, the salt spreader and the snowplow are optional in the revised specifications, although the plumbing and the electrical for a salt spreader and snowplow are specified. Mr. Downey stated that, from what he has at the Street Department shop now and other sources, the City will save money.

Mayor Dennis thanked Mr. Downey for his skill and experience in assessing what the City

needs to make the equipment last.

Mr. Speaker moved that the request to refuse the prior bids be approved. Ms. Stull seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Marley moved to accept the revised notice to bidders and specifications. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhodes noted that the Notice to Bidders specifies that the bid opening would be at the Board of Works meeting on Monday, May 16, but that bids are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13. The advertisement of the Notice to Bidders is scheduled for April 26 and May 3.

The motion was adopted.

g. Claims

- i. AP Docket \$133,509.18
- ii. AP Docket 86,793.01
- iii. AP Docket 34,363.33
- iv. AP Docket 1,795.00
- v. PR Docket 315,257.13

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.

h. Other Items

i. Parks Superintendent Payne announced that the Parks Department accepted the quote from TruGreen, the lowest responsive and responsible quoter, for the safety surfacing on playgrounds at Morton Community Center and Peck-Trachtman Park. There may be another purchase order for the same product from TruGreen for Tommy Johnston Park in the fall, after some work is done there.

ii. Wastewater Utility Director Henderson announced that the Wastewater Plant is processing large flows from the combination sewer system. There have been several CSO [combined sewer overflow] alerts sent via email, which citizens may receive by signing up on the website. The Wabash River is currently at about 17 feet.

Mayor Dennis asked Mr. Henderson to explain CSOs. Mr. Henderson reported that the older part of the City has combination sewers, which mingle stormwater and sanitary waste from homes and businesses. When these were constructed decades ago, they were built with overflow points into the River, rather than permitting backups into homes and businesses. These relief points allow the combination of stormwater and wastewater to release into the Wabash River. West Lafayette is not unique in this situation, as there are 103 CSO communities in the State, and over 770 in the United States. Each community with CSOs is working on long-term control plans to control the overflows, to reduce the frequency and the volumes released during heavy rains. In nearly 20 years, the City has spent nearly \$45 million in projects to help alleviate CSOs,

and there will be more projects to help reduce these. Indianapolis is planning to spend more than \$2 billion over the next 20 years to reduce their CSOs. West Lafayette recently has done some flow modeling of the collection system, and Mr. Henderson is working with Wessler Engineering to develop the next part of the long-term control plan. The Western Interceptor Project is the last milestone project in the original long-term control plan. West Lafayette is still ahead of the game in Indiana, almost finishing our long-term control plan and working on the next one.

iii. Director of Development Poole announced that the second of the public input sessions for the historic preservation commission ordinance would be held today at 6:00 p.m., focusing on the creation of the actual commission and receiving names of possible candidates for the commission. The second phase would be approval of the specific rules of the commission.

iv. Councilor Hunt announced that the Pre-Council meeting would be held on Thursday at 4:30 p.m., and the Council would meet on Monday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m.

v. City Engineer Buck reported that water backed up on the west segment of Cumberland Avenue, and that Street Superintendent Downey and the Street Department helped to unclog the pipe. The water backup was because the landscaping and median area plantings have not been established yet. Straw and mud got into the inlet and clogged it at the low point. He asked citizens to help keep street inlets and backyard inlets clear of leaves, twigs, and branches.

vi. Street Superintendent Downey reported that Mr. Kriebel's column in yesterday's newspaper reminded him of some of his own history. Mr. Downey said that he was the Assistant Superintendent at Happy Hollow Park when the pipe bomb was found in the old stripped fighter plane. After the bomb was removed, Fauber Construction used a crane to lift the plane. A large truck moved it to Aretz Airport. He stated that he is unaware of what happened to it after that.

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.