

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
PRE-COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 31, 2019

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Council Chambers at the Temporary City Hall – Former Happy Hollow Elementary School on October 31, 2019, at the hour of 4:30 p.m.

President Bunder called the meeting to order and presided.

Present: Peter Bunder, Steve Dietrich, Larry Leverenz, David Sanders, Gerald Thomas, and Norris Wang [4:46 pm].

Absent: Nick DeBoer, Jonathan Jones, Gerry Keen, and David Sanders.

Also present: Mayor John Dennis, Corporation Counsel Eric Burns, Assistant City Attorney Patrick Jones, Clerk Sana Booker, IT Director Brad Alexander, Street Commissioner Ben Anderson, Deputy Director of Development Erin Easter, City Engineer Ed Garrison, City Controller Peter Gray, Fire Chief Tim Heath, WWTU Director David Henderson, and Building Commissioner Chad Spitznagle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 29-19 An Ordinance Requesting An Additional Appropriation To The 2019 Budget (General Fund, Major Budget Classification: Personal) (Submitted by City Controller) **[PUBLIC HEARING]**

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance No. 29-19 by title only.

There was no discussion.

Ordinance No. 31-19 An Ordinance Vacating A Portion Of The Right-Of-Way Of Old McCormick Road Within The City Of West Lafayette (Submitted by Franciscan Alliance, Inc.) (Sponsored by Mayor John Dennis) **[PUBLIC HEARING]**

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance No. 31-19 by title only.

There was no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 32-19 An Ordinance For The Removal Of Vehicles, Trailers, And/Or Other Equipment Parked On The Street During The Clearing Of Snow On Emergency Snow Routes (Sponsored by Mayor John Dennis)

Councilor Bunder read Ordinance No. 32-19 by title only.

Street Commissioner Ben Anderson distributed maps to the Councilors, which illustrated the proposed emergency snow routes. He listed all of the roads which would be included in the emergency snow route. All of the schools, including Purdue, as well as public safety entities, have requested emergency snow routes that do not have parking on the streets. The streets that have been included currently have a no vehicle parking included on them.

Councilor Leverenz and Commissioner Anderson discussed various streets that were listed and excluded within the ordinance.

Mr. Anderson noted that the City does not currently have any type of legislation for emergency snow routes, and this is an attempt to begin that process. For transparency reasons, he noted that it makes everything quicker and safer when there are no vehicles parked on the street during the snow removal process.

Corporation Counsel Eric Burns asked if the routes would be marked, to which Mr. Anderson confirmed.

Councilor Bunder asked how the snow routes would be changed, to which Counsel Burns responded that Council would amend the ordinance. The City is not allowed to post signage or ticket without Council action, therefore all action would need to be approved by the Council. Only in an emergency situation would the towing of a vehicle be allowed.

Councilor Dietrich asked if residents would be subject to a fine and towing expense, to which Mr. Anderson responded yes. After discussion with the Police Department, it was established that the City does not have a contact with a wrecker company. When the Police Department issues a ticket and calls for a towing service, a citizen will then need to pay for the impound cost.

Councilor Dietrich questioned if a storage fee should be included within the language.

There was no further discussion.

Resolution No. 13-19 A Resolution Approving The City Of West Lafayette's Application To The Regional Assistance Program And The Community Drinking Water And Wastewater Project (Regional Biosolids Center Feasibility Study) (Sponsored by Mayor John Dennis)

Councilor Bunder read Resolution No. 13-19 by title only.

Wastewater Director Dave Henderson explained that this item is a request for approval to receive a grant for the Indiana Finance Authority. The grant will cover a study that will look at the feasibility of a regional biosolid center, which would serve the City of Lafayette and the City of West Lafayette. Currently each city participates in a land application. However, as the cities continue to grow and the demand of storage increases, we need to look into other possibilities for biosolid storages for the future. West Lafayette will more than likely need to look into the probability of retiring the lagoon, while closing it according to Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) standards. The City may need to build storage tanks that are similar to the ones in Lafayette. The amount of the grant is \$30,000.00.

[Councilor Wang arrived 4:46 pm.]

There was no further discussion

Resolution No. 14-19 A Resolution Requesting The Transfer Of Funds (Police) (Prepared by City Controller)

Councilor Bunder read Resolution No. 14-19 by title only.

There was no discussion.

COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor Bunder stated that in 2015 we cancelled the Council meeting prior to the election, and rescheduled it one week later. Unfortunately, that will not work this year because November 11, 2019, is Veteran's Day. He brought up that the meeting could either remain the same this year, or be moved to Wednesday, November 6, 2019.

Further discussion took place between the Councilors about the rescheduling of the meeting.

Councilor Dietrich moved that the November 4, 2019, Council meeting be rescheduled to November 6, 2019, and that the vote be by voice vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor Leverenz. The motion was adopted.

Counsel Burns stated that there are two public hearings scheduled for the November Council meeting, which will need to be tabled. The public hearings are for Ordinance Nos. 29-19 and 31-19.

Councilor Leverenz moved to table the public hearings for Ordinance Nos. 29-19 and 31-19 to November 6, 2019, and that the vote be by voice vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dietrich. The motion adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor Thomas moved for adjournment. President Bunder adjourned the meeting, the time being 4:51 p.m.