

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2018

The Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana, met in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Morton Community Center on December 3, 2018, at the hour of 6:30 p.m.

President Bunder called the meeting to order and presided.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Peter Bunder, Nick DeBoer, Steve Dietrich, Jonathan Jones [Arrived at 6:36 p.m.], Larry Leverenz, David Sanders, Gerald Thomas, and Norris Wang.

Absent: Gerry Keen

Also present: Mayor John Dennis, Corporation Counsel Eric Burns, Clerk Sana Booker, IT Director Brad Alexander, Street Commissioner Ben Anderson, Director of Development Erik Carlson, Facilities Director Tim Clark, Human Resources Director Diane Foster, City Engineer Ed Garrison, City Controller Peter Gray, Interim Police Chief Troy Harris, Fire Chief Tim Heath, WWTU Director David Henderson, and Building Commissioner Chad Spitznagle.

MINUTES

Councilor DeBoer moved for acceptance of the minutes of the November 1, 2018, Pre-Council Meeting, and the November 5, 2018, Common Council Meeting. Councilor Leverenz seconded the motion, and the motion passed by voice vote.

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

There were no comments.

REPORT OF THE APC REPRESENTATIVES

There was no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Council Elections:

i. Council President Nomination and Election

Councilor Leverenz moved to nominate Councilor Bunder as Councilor President, and Councilor DeBoer seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. President Bunder moved that the nominations be closed, and Councilor DeBoer seconded the motion. President Bunder asked for a vote for those in favor of having him serve again as Council President, and the motion passed by voice vote.

ii. Council Vice-President Nomination and Election

Councilor DeBoer moved to nominate Councilor Dietrich as Council Vice-President, and Councilor Sanders seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. President Bunder moved that the nominations be closed, and Councilor DeBoer seconded the motion. President Bunder asked for a vote for those in favor of having Councilor Dietrich serve as Council Vice-President, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Council Appointments:

i. West Lafayette Redevelopment Commission

President Bunder stated that it is time for the annual appointments to the Redevelopment Commission. We are again putting forward the name of Larry Oates, as well as Patrick Hagmaier, who is the proprietor of The Pint, to serve in 2019. Councilor DeBoer motioned to approve the two appointments. Councilor Dietrich seconded the motion, and the motion passed by voice vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

City Controller Gray stated that the City has used 84% of the budget with encumbrances, while we are 92% of the way through the year. We are still under budget and looking to stay that way for the rest of the year.

LEGAL REPORT

This report is on file.

Councilor Dietrich asked for Corporation Counsel Burns to elaborate on the draft memorandum for the Airbnb relating to fee, occupancy affidavit, and sex offender registry. Corporation Counsel Burns explained that he has been asked to participate in this neighborhood issue. We are looking at the state statute that preempts a great deal of any local action and trying to come up with some solutions to some neighborhood problems caused by the Airbnb.

Councilor Dietrich asked if there will be an obligation to do a check through the sex offender registry, to which Corporation Counsel Burns responded that the idea was discussed. However, the way the law is structured on the state level there is no meaningful way to use it.

Councilor DeBoer stated that at the beginning of the Council term we began rewriting the code for the City. He noted that he would like to see this project completed before the end of the term and asked for a status update. Corporation Counsel Burns responded that a draft is coming from the codification company by the end of the year. There will be legislation within the next 30 days that will not automatically become part of that recodification and will be taken care of at a later date. We fully expect an ordinance in front of the Council for approval in January or February.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

Joint Board Report

Councilor DeBoer stated that the next Joint Board meeting will be held at the Happy Hollow Complex on January 15, 2019, at noon.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance No. 28-18 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 23-18, To Fix The 2019 Salary Schedule For Appointed Officers, Employees, And Members Of The Police And Fire Departments Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana (Presented by the Controller)

Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 28-18 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 28-18 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dietrich.

City Controller Gray stated that this ordinance has a title change on the second page, which changed Inspector (Rental Housing Inspection) to Inspector II. He explained that the main reason for the amendment on this ordinance and the following two ordinances is to reflect the 2.25%

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cost-of-living increases, which the Council has already approved. The original ordinances reflected a 2.50% increase, so these amendments are necessary in order to correct those amounts.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Dietrich	Aye
Jones	Aye
Keen	Absent
Leverenz	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 28-18 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 29-18 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 24-18, To Fix The 2019 Salary Schedule For The Wastewater Treatment Utility As Submitted By The Board Of Public Works And Safety For Approval By The Common Council Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana (Presented by the Board of Works)

Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 29-18 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 29-18 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dietrich.

City Controller stated that there was no new information.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Dietrich	Aye
Jones	Aye
Keen	Absent
Leverenz	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 0 NAYS.

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President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 29-18 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 30-18 An Ordinance To Amend Ordinance No. 25-18, To Set The 2019 Salary Schedule For The Elected Officials Of The City Of West Lafayette, Indiana (Submitted by the Controller)

Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 30-18 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 30-18 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dietrich.

There was no discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

<u>Councilperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Dietrich	Aye
Jones	Aye
Keen	Absent
Leverenz	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 30-18 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 31-18 An Ordinance Providing For Temporary Loans (2019) (Sponsored by Controller)

Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 31-18 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 31-18 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sanders.

City Controller Grey stated that this ordinance is providing for temporary loans for 2019. This is our normal process at the end of the year, and is for the cash flow issues throughout the year as we are waiting for the tax disbursements to come in from the County.

Councilor Dietrich stated that he would assume that we did this process last year. He asked if those loans were repaid before December 31, 2017, and if these new loans are paying for the previous loans, to which Controller Grey confirmed that the old loans were paid off by December 31, 2017. However, the new loans are not paying off last year's loans. He further explained that we do this same process at the end of June each year as well.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, DECEMBER 3, 2018, CONTINUED

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Dietrich	Aye
Jones	Aye
Keen	Absent
Leverenz	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 31-18 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 32-18 An Ordinance To Approve Blanket Bond Coverage For 2019 (Prepared by Clerk Sana G. Booker)

Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 32-18 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 32-18 on first reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dietrich.

Clerk Booker stated that this is the annual bond coverage for employees. A blanket bond is done rather than bonding each position. The amount is up to \$750,000.00, which is what we have done the last few years.

Councilor Bunder asked if it covers the City Council, to which Clerk Booker responded no, because they do not handle money.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Dietrich	Aye
Jones	Aye
Keen	Absent
Leverenz	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 32-18 passed on first reading.

Ordinance No. 33-18 To Amend Certain Portions Of The Unified Zoning Ordinance Of Tippecanoe County, Indiana, Designating The Time When The Same Shall Take Effect. (Evergreen Campus Rentals, LLC) (R3W to PDRS) (Submitted by Area Plan Commission)

Councilor DeBoer read Ordinance No. 33-18 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Ordinance No. 33-18 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dietrich.

Joe Bumbleburg (Ball Eggleston PC), representing the petitioner, stated that this rezone request is from R3W to PDRS, in order to construct a five-story building. The building will have 64 bedrooms, 48 units, and a parking garage. He noted that this received a favorable APC staff report and a unanimous yes vote from the APC. The recommendations in the staff report are standard and acceptable to the petitioner. There was a question in regards to an alley that has been used over time, but any supporting documents for it were never able to be found. Now in the final dedication for this alley, it will become the City's alley and any discussions about it will be able to be put to rest. Mr. Bumbleburg added that the staff report also discusses the architecture for the building. The petitioners are in attendance this evening to answer any questions.

Councilor Thomas asked where the additional offsite parking will be located that is discussed in the ordinance, to which Mr. Bumbleburg responded that there is a map that illustrates the parking location. The petitioners own property within several hundred feet that includes available parking, and has been identified at the Area Plan Commission (APC) meeting.

Development Director Carlson added that the petitioner also owns the building that houses Einstein's Bagels, and there is parking that remains vacant behind that building. In order to get the staff to a comfort level with the amount of parking that would be in this building, they are also dedicating spaces behind Einstein's Bagels for this site.

Councilor Dietrich asked if the lot allows 24 hour parking, to which Mr. Carlson responded yes, for the residents.

Councilor Bunder stated that the West Lafayette Village Downtown Study Plan is about to begin. If this property had come before us later, we would be trying to figure out how it would fit into the study plan. There is nothing else you could do with those two lots.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

<u>Councilperson</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Dietrich	Aye
Jones	Aye
Keen	Absent
Leverenz	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Ordinance No. 33-18 passed on first and only reading.

Resolution No. 22-18 Resolution of the Common Council approving the Lease between the West Lafayette Community School Corporation and the City of West Lafayette Redevelopment Commission and other matters related thereto. (Submitted by the Department of Development)

Councilor DeBoer read Resolution No. 22-18 by title only.

Councilor DeBoer moved for passage of Resolution No. 22-18 on first and only reading, and that the vote be by roll call. The motion was seconded by Councilor Dietrich.

Larry Oates, Redevelopment Commission President, stated that in prior meetings earlier this summer we talked about renovating City Hall. A plan was in place and we would not just leave City offices hanging out on various street corners without a home. An idea was in place, but all of the particulars had not been worked out at that time. Now everything has been worked out. The West Lafayette School Corporation (WLSC) have built a new school, and have now vacated the old school. When the old school was vacated, the prospect of it sitting there empty allowed us to realize the potential possibilities for us. This facility has the capability to allow all of the Morton and Park activities, as well as all of the City offices, back under one roof again. It does not only benefit the City to be able to put all of the City offices in one building, but also the WLSC by having a use for their building so it does not sit idle. A building that sits idle and has no use tends to deteriorate quickly. We began negotiating with the school corporation in order to come to terms on the lease. The lease has been approved by the Redevelopment Commission (RDC). Corporation Counsel Burns interjected that the WLSC has made a few changes to the lease, but they have approved the principal terms. Mr. Oates proceeded by stating that the bottom line is that we will lease the bottom floor of Happy Hollow School until the end of 2020. The time frame allows us enough time to make sure that the renovation is completed, as well as the necessary time to move staff out of the building. The lease will begin January 1, 2019. However, the WLSC has allowed us to take possession before then so we are able to get staff moved in before the holidays. The facility is almost doubled in size compared to our current location. Mr. Oates stated that there are a couple of reasons as to why there is such a difference in size of the buildings. The first reason is because we currently do not house all of the City departments that we will now be at the new location. The second reason is that there are already walls up in the space. Since we will only be there for two years, we do not plan on doing a lot of renovation to rooms or changing the layout of the school. To minimize our construction costs, we needed additional space. An additional bonus to the building is that it has the gymnasium type of facility that we need for the Parks program to be able to run and operate. When the RDC began discussion about renovation for City Hall, we wanted to make sure that we did not put Parks behind the 8-ball when it came to shutting down their programs that serve so many residents of the community. Under the terms of the lease, there will be three payments made. The payments will be made on April 1 of the various years. The first payment is \$500,000.00, which is already in the 2019 RDC budget. The second year the payment will be \$750,000.00, and the final payment will be \$250,000.00. The City was able to budget for these payments by spreading them out. This appears to be an advantage point and a win-win situation for both parties involved. We will be paying for the heating and cooling for the next two years, while keeping the building in active use.

In response to a question asked by Councilor Bunder, Mr. Oates confirmed that the City will be paying for the utilities at the school just like they are currently paying at Morton.

Councilor Sanders asked what sort of facilities are already present that may be of use for the Parks Department at the school, while giving an example of a kiln for pottery. Mr. Oates responded that there was a kiln in Happy Hollow School, but was not sure if it is still in the building. If it is still there it could be used for the Parks Department.

Mayor Dennis inserted that he believes there is still a kiln, and that it will remain. The gymnasium will allow some additional programming, as well as several classrooms for programs with the Parks Department too. It will be a better fit than we currently have at Morton because it will all be on one floor.

Mr. Oates continued with some information that was tangent to the lease, which is where we are with the rebuild of Morton. We are currently working with the designers and the construction firm that has been hired by the RDC to get those plans together. The plans for this facility are further along than the plans for the recreation center. We are currently in a process to try to figure out whether all the wants that the City departments and officials have are actually able to be within our budget. We are finding some headwinds in a couple areas. The tariff situation on steel has been tough, and there is the potential for some cost overruns on building materials. Our options are to make sure that when we get done with the building that the structure itself is in the best possible shape we can have it. We are talking about a facility that is flexible for the future use, does not leak water, opening up spaces for large meeting rooms, and more. We are less concerned about the floor covering material. If it comes down to a budget crunch we want to make sure that the money is well spent for our citizens. Another area that has been a bit problematic, but we have put our foot down on, is that all of the restrooms in this facility are going to be gender neutral restrooms. We have an ordinance that allows anyone to decide which restroom they want to use. We do not know where we will be in ten years from now that are binary. It costs a little more upfront because there are more walls and cubicles. It will be money well spent in the long run because it allows everyone to have a facility that is inclusive of all. We have also hired an ADA advisor on both projects to make sure that all ADA accessibility guidelines are being met. Mr. Oates stated that at the last RDC meeting they were working on the aquatic center portion, which have three different ADA accessible ways to get into the pool. We want to make sure we are covered completely, and everyone has a way to be included in the pool.

Councilor Sanders asked how liability insurance works for the new building compared to Morton, to which Corporation Counsel Burns responded that we will be paying liability insurance for the new structure as the tenant. Morton will be banned by public usage, so the liability for Morton will decrease significantly after being picked up by the contractors.

Councilor Sanders asked what the cost will be for our insurance at Happy Hollow School, to which Corporation Counsel Burns responded that he was unsure of that answer. The translation between that structure and our current one should not be great.

Jan Myers (1909 Indian Trail), stated that there may be three ways to enter a pool, but she will only be able to use one. She informed the Council and City employees that she has a wheelchair at home that is accessible on a down ramp, and would be happy to show anyone that may be interested how the logistics of it all work. The wheelchair is manual, and someone else has to maneuver her up and down the ramp. The least used type of ADA accessibility into a pool that she has seen used is the chair lift. Ms. Myers expressed her questions for the ADA accessibilities at the Happy Hollow School because some of the West Lafayette schools she has been to are far from being ADA accessible. She also wanted to know how much parking the school would have available for the public and ADA accessible. She thanked the City for changing the spot at Morton where her ramp was going into the exit ramp of the parking lot. On another note, she did attend the most recent RDC meeting. One of the items that struck her was the amount of \$10,000.00

for artwork. If we are working with the school district, she urged the City to begin working with some of their art students. She stated that she brought examples of art work from various places across the world, which have included their communities during the design process. Two of the three examples are also helping us to understand about recycling.

There was no further discussion.

Clerk Booker called the roll call vote:

Councilperson	Vote
Bunder	Aye
DeBoer	Aye
Dietrich	Aye
Jones	Aye
Keen	Absent
Leverenz	Aye
Sanders	Aye
Thomas	Aye
Wang	Aye

Clerk Booker stated that the vote was 8 AYES and 0 NAYS.

President Bunder announced that Resolution No. 22-18 passed on first and only reading.

REPORT BY THE MAYOR

Councilor Bunder requested that Mayor Dennis discussed the Bird scooters.

Mayor Dennis stated that Bird scooters have a marketing scheme that is based on the densification of delivery of a product. Director Carlson is working on a policy that will give us more teeth in regards to how we can deal with them. In the meantime, if anything is in the way of the sidewalk, challenging ADA accessibility, or creating a nuisance then give us a call. This marketing plan is an app-based product that empowers users to swipe, grab, run, and get billed. We are aware of the issue and working on it.

Director Carlson added that our goal is to bring legislation to this body at the January meeting. He has spoken to a few Councilors, who would like to be a part of this process, and this will be accommodated. We have been working with the City of Lafayette and Purdue University on this policy, with the hope that we will have a much more managed and quality product in this community than we do currently. The policy will allow us to be able to have some regulation and control with the operator, as well as the organization having some control. One of the issues is that Bird has up to 3000 scooters in this community with a county with less than 300,000 people. Their one full-time employee has been told that they are not to pick-up these scooters. A representative of Bird will be in our offices on Wednesday for a meeting. We want to ensure that our community is taken care of better. We have continued to meet with Lafayette, Police, and Engineering, to ensure that the regulations that will be proposed are what we have seen as best practices with other communities around the nation. The regulations will also be written in a way that is free of interested parties. Our community wants alternative transportation options to be available to citizens, but what we have right now is a mess.

Councilor Wang asked if the scooters will be left out all winter, to which Mayor Dennis responded that our goal is for them to do a better job of staging.

Councilor DeBoer added that he asked them that when he met with the relations director for Bird and was informed that since they are out of California, they are not sure. They have never operated in the winter before.

Councilor Dietrich recalled that at Pre-Council he mentioned that there were 23 scooters between Happy Hollow Road and Robinson Street on the trail. That number is now closer to 35 and they are all scattered around. He asked if it was possible to have a cease and desist order between now and when the policy is worked out. If we get snow the Street Department will not be able to get anything cleaned up. Corporation Counsel stated that action is better than asking them to do something that they have never done any place else. A cease and desist is a request. There is nothing on the books other than our general ADA requirements. Corporation Counsel Burns stated that in his opinion the better approach is to just start picking them up. The scooters may be picked up and stored if they are on private property. If they are on public property and blocking a public right-of-way the scooters can be picked up, stored, and then individuals will have to get them back from the Police Department.

Councilor Dietrich asked if there was an amount to get the scooters back from the Police Department, to which Corporation Counsel Burns responded not yet.

Mayor Dennis noted that he had recently spoke with the Neighborhood Resource Team (NRT) about the situation last week. They generally have trunks full of scooters and by the time they get the products to the garage, the "Bird chargers" are there to get them released.

Interim Police Chief Harris explained that the biggest problem the department has is that they are not able to retain the scooters.

Corporation Counsel Burns stated that until we have an ordinance, we are not able to charge for the scooters.

Councilor Dietrich stated that by definition of our statute the scooters are considered motor vehicles and someone could be arrested if they were intoxicated on one. He asked why we were not able to apply the same release information we use for motor vehicles, to which Corporation Counsel Burns responded that this is something that is currently under discussion and to be able to get the towing companies involved. The towing companies do not have to get legislation passed for them to be able to charge for a tow.

Councilor Leverenz reinforced the conversation back to the point that it looks like litter and junk out on the street. He asked the Mayor if it would be possible to get some type of news release to the public about what they are able to do about the scooters. Residents have scooters in their yards and on the sidewalks, yet they have no idea what they are able to do.

Mayor Dennis assured Councilor Leverenz that we would get the information out to the public. He stated that years ago he remembered situations like this that first began with golf carts, then motorized bikes, motorized skateboards, and now scooters. There seems to be an aggressive pursuit on alternative modes of transportation besides walking.

COMMUNICATIONS

► Councilor Sanders stated that he wanted to introduce some of the newly elected officials. It is important for us to continue to work with other elected officials. Lisa Dullum has been elected to the County Council for District 4 and two members of the Wabash Township Board, who are all in attendance this evening. Next he acknowledged the passing of former President George W.H. Bush. Mr. Sanders noted that he may not have always agreed with policies and campaign views,

but he authentically served his country in many different capacities over the course of his life. He was honestly interested in the good of America. He served as President in a dignified manner, and acknowledged that with a recommendation for a moment of silence. [Moment of Silence] Mr. Sanders stated that the house of a former member of this Council and a colleague of his at Purdue, was vandalized because of perceived political opinions. Councilor Sanders expressed his outrageous feelings towards this type of behavior and stated that it has no place in our city. This is a part of the ill treatment of faculty around the country for the expression of their opinions, and Mr. Sanders finds this unacceptable. Finally, he congratulated the West Lafayette football team on winning the State Championship game.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

► Larry Oates (1420 Ravinia Road), brought up the Bird scooters. He explained that he owns a piece of business real estate in the community. The scooters are constantly 100-150 feet out of the City's right-of-way on his property. The Police Department has done a phenomenal job at coming to pick the scooters up when he has called them, which is almost daily. Mr. Oates stated that he wanted to make sure that the Council understands the ramification of the scooters. He compared what Bird has done with their scooters to littering Coke cans on the ground. As a business owner, Mr. Oates pays property taxes, sales taxes, and licensing fees. Bird does not pay anything to the City or the State of Indiana because everything is done online. This also allows them to not be taxed. He asked the Council to ponder on the thought of what should stop him, as a business owner, from putting 3000 card tables at various places around the city in the right-of-way to operate his business. In hindsight that is what Bird has done with their scooters.

► Lisa Dullum (1016 Catherwood Court), stated she was recently elected to the Tippecanoe County Council for District 4. She will officially be taking office on January 1, 2019. The County Council is a seven member body that approves the budget and issues bonds for the County. This will include things such as the courts, Sheriff's Department, Tippecanoe County Jail, 4-H Fairgrounds, highways, and most bridges. Once she is seated, you may reach her through the Tippecanoe County website. In the meantime, if anyone has questions please use Facebook. She concluded by expressing her excitement as she looks forward to representing West Lafayette on the County Council.

► Michael Oxenrider (2454 Willowbrook Drive Apt. 379), stated that he has been re-elected to the Wabash Township Advisory Board. He explained that this term he plans to cooperate with the West Lafayette City Council, which is something he did not think about last term. On the township level they have a volunteer fire department and would like to see them be involved with the City's Fire Department as much as possible. Another thing they take care of is Township Assistance. He stated that if there is a way they are able to interact with the City to help alleviate poverty in our community they want to make that possible. Wabash Township has a poverty level of 50%. He would like to get more social services in West Lafayette because most tend to be in Lafayette. The final thing they do is take care of the cemeteries.

► Elizabeth Tran (2735 Henderson Street), expressed her appreciation to Councilor Sanders for allowing her the opportunity to speak this evening. She is a newly elected Wabash Township Board member. She explained that she became involved because she was tired of waiting for someone else to do things. She is an associate professor at Purdue University in the Department of Biochemistry. She is heavily involved in outreach to students, while discussing the best practices for them and encouraging them to become good citizens for science. Dr. Tran would like to reach out to the community by continuing to support the people that we are representing with their needs and goals. The Township is overseen by the Trustee, who is Jennifer Teising. There are three board members who oversee the budget. She concluded by stating that for any

questions you may reach her by email at tran@wabashtownshipboard.com or on Twitter @tranforwabash.

► Councilor Dietrich reminded his fellow councilors that at Pre-Council he asked where the City currently stood with City Court. He asked Corporation Counsel Burns if he had any additional information.

Corporation Counsel Burns explained that he will be meeting with Mayor Dennis and Judge Sabol. He has been speaking with Controller Gray about the finances involved, and will have a proposal available within the first couple of months of the new year.

Councilor Dietrich stated that numbers were requested, and asked if that would still be made available. He explained that he would be interested in seeing that information and having a discussion. Corporation Counsel Burns responded that he would pass that information over to the City Clerk in order for it to be distributed.

Councilor Sanders added that the filing period for primaries ends the first week of February, so we need to move swiftly on this task.

► Jan Myers (1909 Indian Trail), in regards to the scooters, she was recently reading an article that they are making a \$40 million investment in e-scooters. Uber, as a private company, does not have to say anything other than they are planning on doing a large investment. Ms. Myers lives close to the new intermediate school and there have been safety improvement made to the parking on the curb on Lindberg Avenue. There is still parking on the west driveway for the buses and the crosswalk for the students that come over to Indian Trail. As she watches children weave in between cars there she has noticed that they are not visible to any of the traffic on Lindberg Avenue. Before we have our own school children accident she would like to make others aware of the situation. Something else she has learned about living close to the school is that the children like her front yard. The children make lots of comments and are able to teach you terms that you did not know. She did not know the other day that when she was told her front yard was “really dope” that meant “cool.”

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, Councilor DeBoer moved for adjournment, and President Bunder adjourned the meeting the time being 7:40 p.m.