

Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 5:15 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Board members Stephen Barnett and Bob Swinehamer answered roll call. A quorum was established.

Chief of Police Tim O'Sullivan, Fire Chief John Henderson, Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner, Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips, DPW Superintendent Rick Littleton, Planning Director Krista Linke, Street Commissioner Ron Collins, Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also in attendance.

Mr. Barnett offered an invocation immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

Resident Gary Petersen addressed the Board in support of a proposed alley vacation.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held May 7, 2012 & May 11, 2012
2. Board of Works Claims
 - o #051212 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$3901.02
 - o #050912 RDC-TIF in the amount of \$13,845.60
 - o #051112 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$117,841.60
 - o Payroll in the amount of \$309,686.82
 - o #051412 Buy-Out in the amount of \$50.00
 - o #052112 BOW Meeting in the amount of \$84,239.70
 - o #052012 Sewer Utility in the amount of \$48,274.14
 - o #051912 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$1,840.86
 - o #051812 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$160,384.36
 - o #051512 RDC-TIF in the amount of \$72.45
3. Request Approval of Noise Variance from 4:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., on 5/25, 6/8, 6/22, 7/3, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/24, 8/30, 9/14 & 10/4, for Downtown cleanup of streets and sidewalks
- Street Commissioner Ron Collins

Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Old Business

Proposal to Vacate East-West Alley South of 425 Center Street and North of 427 Center Street

- A request to table this matter was made by Senior Planner Joanna Myers. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to table, seconded by Mr. Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating nay. The motion carried.

Franklin Township Fire Contract – The City Attorney Lynn Gray presented the contract between the City of Franklin and Franklin Township for fire protection services. Mayor McGuinness stated that he would contact the trustee and request that the next proposed contract for 2013 be submitted this summer to coincide with the consideration of municipal budgets. Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve the contract as presented in the amount of \$75,000 per year, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

New Business

Request for a "No Trucks" Sign Before the Intersection of E. King Street and Forsythe Street – Ms. Judy Hall of 500 E. King Street, and other residents of the same neighborhood addressed the Board concerning semi truck traffic on King Street. The residents asked the Board to consider the addition of prohibitive signage and directional signage on State Road 44. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness made a motion to add new signage, and relocate current signs, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Request Permission to Paint "Dan Henrys" or Bicycle Directional Signs along Route Proposed for Thursday Evening Group Bicycle Ride from May through October – Mr. Dan Catlin speaking on behalf of the Central Indiana Biking Association (CIBA) proposed a 17 mile biking route in Johnson County using some streets in Franklin. He presented the map and a copy of the directional image he planned to use to indicate the correct route to riders. He explained that the request is to paint 22 images / signs on the pavement approximately 14” x 8” in size. He told the Board that at the end of the summer he would paint over the images using black paint. The department heads present did not offer any objections. Mayor McGuinness made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Energy Assessment Update - Mr. Tony Wellings addressed the Board concerning the contracted energy assessment he is preparing for the Board regarding energy usage in City owned buildings. He explained that nine buildings are included in the study. He stated that the study is nearly complete and should be ready for review midsummer. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness made a motion to table this matter until the last meeting in July, seconded by Mr. Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion was tabled.

Recommendation to City Council to Vacate East-West Alley South of 291, 299 & 301 E. Monroe Street – Local business owner Scott Graham addressed the Board concerning the vacation of an abandoned alley which runs behind his property and other homes on Monroe Street adjacent to Province Park. He requested that the Board agree to vacate the alley. Mr. Graham told the Board that all three property owners agree on the vacation. A discussion was

held. Mr. Barnett made a motion recommending this alley vacation be sent to the Council for approval, seconded by Mayor McGuinness. A discussion was held. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Other Business

Ray's Trash & Recycling Report was provided for review. No discussion took place.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

Parks Superintendent Chip Orner told the Board that the bid opening for the Greenway Trail extension will be held soon. Mr. Orner stated that 14 trees were replaced in Greenlawn Cemetery. He reported that the chapel renovation should be completed Friday. In response to an inquiry by Mr. Swinehamer, Superintendent Orner stated that the park bond will be voted on by the Park Board in August. He stated that information about the proposed bond issue can be found on the City website.

Police Chief O'Sullivan reported that the monetary fine for semis travelling on City streets is \$100.00.

Fire Chief Henderson reported on recent training conducted by the department.

DPW Superintendent Rick Littleton stated that a pre-construction meeting concerning the Franklin Tech Park Sewer Relocation project will be held tomorrow May 22, 2012.

Planning Director Krista Linke reminded everyone that Strawberries on the Square, the Lions Club Fish Fry, and many other events will take place this Friday, May 25th.

Mr. Barnett inquired of Senior Planner Joanna Myers of the status of the utilities in the flood buyout area. Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated that the water and gas companies are currently in the engineering design phase to reroute some of their lines in anticipation of bringing additional right-of-way vacation requests forward. Ms. Myers stated that a meeting is being scheduled with Duke Energy to discuss the overhead power lines that run through the area.

Mr. Swinehamer inquired of the Senior Planner as to the removal of streets in the buyout area. Ms. Myers stated that the removal of the alleys and streets in the buyout area was included in the grant application. She further reported that the cost to remove the streets and alleys was included in the grant application and grant funds are available to complete that work. Ms. Myers stated that the vacation requests will be brought forward once all the houses are purchased adjacent to those rights-of-way. Ms. Myers stated that we are proceeding with requesting the utilities to reroute their lines in anticipation that all the houses will be purchased, the rights-of-way be potentially vacated and to assist with getting the South Street repaving project started.

Mr. Swinehamer inquired of the Mayor as to the status of the removal of the speed hump on King Street. Mayor McGuinness stated that the plan is to modify the speed hump by reducing the height 9" to 3" or 3 ¼" thick, adding a 12' approach. He also stated that the sidewalks will be redesigned, and that the street department employees will re-stripe the hump and walkway. They

will also re-sign the exit road to the Boys & Girls Club from King Street with a large “DO NOT ENTER” sign.

Mr. Swinehamer suggested that a two block area of Jackson Street that is currently one way north be reversed to one way south, to Madison Street. A discussion was held.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety is scheduled for June 18, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander
Clerk Treasurer

Enrolled: 6/01/2012 Approved by the Board of Works: _____