

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Steve Barnett presiding. Board members Ken Austin & Tina Gross answered roll call.

Chief of Police Kirby Cochran, Fire Chief Joshua Snyder, Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner, Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips, DPW Superintendent Sally Brown, IT Director Rick Littleton, Community Development Director Krista Linke, City Engineer Mark Richards, Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Brett Jones, Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also in attendance.

Mayor Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments

Marissa Stout stated that she is remodeling the house at 650 Hurricane Street. She explained they need to use a crane and she requested that they be able to put the crane in the alley next to the house for a short amount of time. The McMurray family that lives behind 650 Hurricane Street was also present at the meeting and they said they were okay with the crane being there. Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve the use of the alley, seconded by Ms. Gross. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion approved.

Dr. Jim Curry asked if the city gets notified if there are trains that come through town with hazardous material. Mayor Barnett explained that the city does not have any control over the trains that come through town and that the city does not get notified of hazardous material on trains. Ms. Lynn Gray agreed with the mayor's statement and explained the best thing for Dr. Curry to do would be to reach out to Congress with his concerns since it is out of the city's control. Ms. Gray stated that the city's police and fire department are trained to respond if hazardous materials are spilled. Fire Chief Joshua Snyder stated that the fire department plans to do additional training/events to practice how to respond to hazardous chemicals. Chief Snyder explained they are in the early stages of planning but they will let the public know when the event is finalized.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held February 6th, 2023.

2. Board of Works Claims.

- Gross Payroll in the amount of \$462,470.64
- #020723 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$43,705.72
- #020923 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$9,767.46
- Pension Payroll in the amount of \$53,008.32
- #021523 Sewer Bond Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$26,184.75
- #021423 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$26,895.31
- #021323 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$1,355,174.38
- #021923 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$117,552.13
- #021823 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$109,770.53

Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Ms. Gross. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

Request approval and final execution of Construction Agreement with Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. for construction of the CR 200N, Simon Road, Commerce Drive, and Cumberland Drive Intersection Improvements Project - City Engineer Mark Richards stated that Dave O'Mara was not the lowest bidder but was the most responsive. The lowest bidder was rejected because they did not submit the required insurance paperwork. The project will be paid for out of the Redevelopment Commission budget at a total amount of \$1,287,000.00. Mr. Richards explained that the sculpture that is being created by the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council is a part of this budget as well but is not a part of the contract. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the contract between the City of Franklin, RDC and Dave O'Mara Contractors, seconded by Mayor Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion approved.

Request to Purchase a 2023 Ram Promaster 2500 VIN#3C6LRVDG3PE536067 to Replace the Current 1993 Camera Truck VIN#2FDLF47MXPCB21323 at the Cost of \$84,215.00 - Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Brett Jones stated the vehicle itself costs \$50,165.00 while the parts for the vehicle cost \$34,050.00. Mr. Jones explained that a new, complete camera van would cost \$200,000.00, so money is saved by going this route. Mr. Jones explained he wants to attempt to sell the old camera truck on Gov Deals. He also explained he would like to purchase the 2023 Ram Promaster using the Sewer Maintenance fund. In total, Mr. Jones requested 4 things: to purchase the new truck, to purchase the parts to finish the new truck, to dispose of the

current truck through Gov Deals, and for the new truck to be purchased out of the Sewer Maintenance budget. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the 4 requests, seconded by Mayor Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion approved.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner stated he is still looking for part time staff for the summer.

Chief of Police Kirby Cochran thanked Lynn Gray for her help.

Fire Chief Joshua Snyder explained he is working on the train derailment practice plan.

IT Director Rick Littleton explained he gave the board an itemized list of surplus equipment. He requested that the board allow him to recycle the surplus equipment through Franklin Community Schools. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Community Development Director Krista Linke explained at the latest RDC meeting they made changes to the exhibits to the agreement with DHL. She plans on presenting it at the March meeting.

DPW Superintendent Sally Brown stated they poured concrete at the new screening building so all of the walls are up and they are making great progress.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:2/23/2023

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer