

**Board of Public Works and Safety  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2024**

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 and Clerk Treasurer Jan Jones.

City Attorney Lynnette Gray was absent

Mayor Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements & Public Comments**

There were no announcements or public comments.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held April 01, 2024
2. Board of Works Claims.
  - Gross Payroll in the amount of \$518,863.58
  - #040124 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$123,061.20
  - #040224 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$44,380.84
  - #040424 RDC-TIF Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$464.00
  - #041424 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$81,610.11
  - #040824 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$235,733.48
  - #040924 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$166,784.09
  - #041324 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$114,105.59
  - #041124 RDC-TIF Contracts in the amount of \$16,489.86

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**

**Reserve 1 parking spot on E. Jefferson Street in front of the Elks 1818 located at 56 E. Jefferson Street for a celebration event on May 11, 2024 at the Elks from 6-11 p.m.** – Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request approval for Task Order No. 19 to prepare for NE Sanitary Sewer Service Area Study for expanding sanitary sewer collection system in area bounded by US 31, I-65, Paul Hand Road and Earlywood Drive in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00** - Wessler Engineering, Brent Siebenthal; Ms. Gross made a motion to approve Task Order No. 19, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request approval of Change Order No. 4 for New Screening Building at the WWTP** - DPW Superintendent Sally Brown stated this change order is actually a deduction of \$63,291.33. She explained Mitchell & Stark was allowed to switch from ductile iron wall pipes to cell cast forming blocks, because of the long lead time on these wall pipes. Mitchell and Stark did perform additional work on the basement handrail and added additional filters on the non-potable water lines, this resulted in an additional cost of \$5,809.65. The new total amount was a deduction of \$57,481.68. Ms. Gross asked if the life of the cell cast forming blocks was as long as the ductile iron wall pipes. Wessler Engineering Brent Siebenthal answered stating they were very comparable in the life. Mr. Siebenthal said the forming blocks wall may need to have the grout checked every 5 to 10 years. Mr. Siebenthal stated the lead time was the difference, post Covid issues are still in existence. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve Change order No. 4 for New Screening Building at the WWTP, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request approval for 2024 Fair Parade** - Fire Chief Joshua Snyder stated this is for shutting down streets for the annual parade. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the 2024 Fair Parade request as presented by Fire Chief Joshua Snyder, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request acceptance of bids for 2024 Alley Project, and award of contract to Robertson Paving, Inc** - City Engineer Mark Richards stated they opened bids last Tuesday afternoon. They received 4 timely bids. The first bid was from Milestone Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$289,311; the next bid was from Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. in the amount of \$382,695; next was from Robertson Paving Inc. in the amount of \$267,030; the final bid was from Grady Brothers Inc. in the amount of \$274,810. Mr. Austin made a motion to accept the bids for the 2024 Alley Project and award the contract to Robertson Paving in the amount of \$267,030, seconded by Ms. Gross. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request approval of Change Order No. 1 for the EV Charging Station Project** - Assistant City Engineer Matt McElroy announced he was going to let Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Vice President Noah Woods present this Change Order No. 1. Mr. Woods stated they are

needing to adjust contract price reflecting additional work to locate existing electrical conduit, and extension of 2 days, from March 15 to March 17, 2024. The contracted price was \$9,546.00 and an additional amount of \$520.00 is needed, this will make the total price with the Change Order a total of \$10,066.00. Mayor Barnett asked Mr. Woods for an update on the completion date of the project. Mr. Woods stated it is April 24, 2024. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1, seconded by Ms. Gross. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request approval of closure of Hurricane Road for installation of infrastructure at Winterfield Subdivision** - Kempis Wilkerson was supposed to represent but was absent. Mayor Barnett asked City Engineer Mark Richards how they should proceed. Mr. Richards suggested we go ahead tonight and give the authority for Mr. Wilkerson to get the information to him, and then present the information to Mayor Barnett for approval. Mayor Barnett said he would like for the Board to give the approval from the Board for the Contractors to work with Mr. Richards. Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve the Contractor at Winterfield to work with Mr. Richards giving him more detail and Mr. Richards working with him to make sure it doesn't conflict with Milestone or Dave O'Mara who are doing the other two contracts in the area, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business

### **Department Reports / Staff Reports**

Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner said thank you to everyone and they had great success for the Eclipse Festival. He announced the pool will be open in two weeks, Little League starts today and Community Garden will be open by end of week.

Chief of Police Kirby Cochran announced Caden Carter graduates Friday from the Academy. They have a new K-9 and it will be going to training. Mr. Cochran said they are also working on funding for another K-9.

Fire Chief Joshua Snyder said he will have two new hires that will be sworn in at the next meeting.

Community Development Director Krista Linke said the Franklin Development Corporation had 5 new applications for possible grants and loans. Ms. Linke mentioned they have a Board retreat this coming Thursday. Ms. Linke said Ms. Monson is busy finishing up the Veteran's Alley and the crosswalk.

City Engineer Mark Richards said INDOT sent out notices last Wednesday that Community Crossing awards went out; the City of Franklin was awarded \$1,185,196.27. The bid documents were emailed to 9 contractors this afternoon and the advertisement will appear in the Daily

Journal tomorrow and next Tuesday for bid opening on May 1, 2024. They expect to be able to award a new contract by May 6, 2024 which is the next Board of Works meeting.

DPW Superintendent Sally Brown said they have had some high water flows at the WWTP. Ms. Brown said they have had a couple of manhole repairs down in Morgan Park which is an older area. Mayor Barnett explained with the utility companies cutting through our lines and all of the rain we have had; the flow has gone from 3.8 million gallons a day to 16 million gallons a day. Mayor Barnett says this lets them know they have a breach somewhere from the rain stormwater. Ms. Brown also stated the Screening building is running great.

Chief Executive Officer Tara Payne, thanked Noah Woods and all of the Mayor's Youth Leadership Council for working with the Parks Department on the beautification of the trails.

Board member Ken Austin said thank you to all the Departments involved with Eclipse Festival.

Board member Tina Gross also said thank you to everyone. The City of Franklin was represented very well.

Mayor Barnett stated he was very proud of our city this past weekend, the hospitality, the planning and the team work. Mayor Barnett also said we received a call from the Governor's office commenting on how well the City of Franklin handled the festival. Mayor Barnett even had some PR coverage from Fox 59 News and some other channels.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 04/23/2024

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

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