

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 1, 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.

Deputy Police Chief Scott Summers, 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 Jan Jones, and Attorney Drew Eggers were also in attendance.

Mayor Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held June 17, 2024
2. Board of Works Claims:
 - Pension Payroll in the amount of \$48,976.00
 - #061724 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$66,618.52
 - #061824 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount \$90,845.78
 - #062124 RDC-TIF Contracts in the amount of \$842.31
 - #062224 Sewer Elan in the amount of \$946.60
 - #062324 BOW Elan in the amount of \$18,845.21
 - Pool Rental Payroll in the amount of \$3,419.76
 - Gross Payroll in the amount of \$601,850.16
 - #062524 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$197,502.80
 - #063024 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$363,197.16
 - #062724 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$25,779.87

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

Old Business

Request Board action on proposed conversion of street lights to LED through agreement with Duke Energy - City Engineer Mark Richards reviewed the savings of converting 719 City street lights to LED will result in \$1,715.00 monthly savings. Those savings plus a one-time rebate of \$22,230.00, over the 10-year contract period will save

the City approximately \$228,000.00. Mayor Barnett added after conversations with Jean Renk, Government and Community Relations Manager at Duke Energy, and an email from Duke Energy clarifying that language, he believes the issues with the indemnification and hold harmless clause have been resolved. The email will be added to the digital archives with the original contract. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the request as presented and for Mayor Barnett to sign on the Board's behalf, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Retiree Service Weapon: Deputy Chief Scott Summers requested retiring Officer James Hoeing be allowed to retain his service weapon per Police Dept. statutes and the Board declare a value of \$250.00 on said weapon. The Mayor praised Officer Hoeing's contributions throughout his 27-year career with FPD. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the request as presented, seconded by Ms. Gross. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval and execution of Change Order 01 - FINAL for the North Main Street Pavement Marking Project - Assistant City Engineer Matt McElroy explained the Change Order decreased the overall contract price by \$34,986.68 making the total contract price \$83,742.89. Mayor Barnett suggested to Clerk Treasurer Jan Jones the money be taken from the MVH-400 account. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the request as presented, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval and execution of Access Agreement between City of Franklin and Amphenol Corporation for installation of a monitoring well on City property - City Engineer Mark Richards informed that Amphenol received approval from US EPA for their final cleanup plan. He introduced Chris Parks from IWM Consulting who answered questions about chemicals used and stated monitoring will last for five to ten years. Mr. Richards stated City Attorney Lynn Gray suggested having a joint use & maintenance agreement in place for installation of wells located on City property that is not in public ROW. Mayor Barnett stated this is the end stage of a long 6-year journey and recent reports are good. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the request as presented, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval and execution of Change Order 01-FINAL for the Crowell Street Parking Project - City Engineer Mark Richards stated this is a final balancing change order that reduces the project cost by \$24,365.03, making the project amount \$255,834.97. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the Change Order as presented, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

To obtain the Mayor's signature on sponsor MOU's for 2024 - Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner presented the following event sponsors for approval:

Cornett Roofing - \$7,500.00
Franklin Jewelers – 45,000.00
Community Baptist Church - \$750.00
Koenig Equipment - \$250.00
Koenig Equipment - \$1,000.00
Koenig Equipment - \$500.00

Compass Park - \$5,000.00
Franklin Insurance - \$2,500.00
Miss M's - \$2,500.00
Jo. Co. CASA Program- \$2,500.00
Royalty Roofing - \$500.00
JCREMC - \$5,000.00

Mayor Barnett thanked the sponsors that allow City residents to enjoy so many free events. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the request as presented, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Request to file liens on unkempt property - Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve the liens as published, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

41-08-13-033-070.000-009	901 E Jefferson Street
41-08-14-014-098.000-009	599 Young Street
41-08-11-043-001.000-009	1450 Commerce Parkway
41-08-14-041-058.001-009	460 Hurricane Street
41-08-12-022-167.000-018	2308 Bridlewood Drive
41-07-18-033-016.000-018	0 E Jefferson Street

Department Reports / Staff Reports

City Engineer Mark Richards said the Community Crossings paving project is nearing completion. The Active Adult Center project will be starting soon, waiting on the removal of asbestos and disconnection of utilities. It will also be used for Fire Dept. training.

Mayor Barnett gave an update on the Earlywood roundabout. Currently, we are 40 days behind and that is due to Duke needing to move lines and cables on time. This affects the Graham Rd., Paul Hand, and Whiteland's area of Graham Rd. timelines.

Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Brett Jones said the Street Dept. had their first Safety Council meeting with IPEP today with a goal of zero workplace injuries.

Sewer Billing Manager Sherry Phillips informed us that this is heavy trash week, but due to the holiday, Thursday and Friday will be running on a one-day delay.

Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner stated fireworks are on July 3rd at 10:10 PM with the Blue River Band playing at the amphitheater. He made a post explaining how decisions regarding canceling events works.

Board of Works Member Tina Gross gave kudos to Parks & Rec. for obtaining all the sponsorships.

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,

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 07/03/24

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer