

CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2004

Opening

Mayor Blankenship called the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety to order at 6:00 P.M. on August 10, 2004 in City Hall Council Room.

Present: Mayor Blankenship, Mr. Joseph Ault and Mr. Stephen D. Hougland were present. Also present was City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall Police Chief John Borges, City Engineer Mike Buening, Fire Chief Mike Herron, Street Department Supervisor Jackie Brockman, Planning Director David Weir, and Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ault made a motion seconded by Mr. Hougland to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting held July 27, 2004. The motion carried.

Approval of Claims

The following claims were presented. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Clerk Treasurer. The motion carried.

Docket Date	Type	Description	Amount
8-10-04	Sewer	Vendor Claims #6511 - #6529	\$3,021,785.51
8-10-04	Sewer	Vendor Claims #6530 - #6575	\$3,194,582.19
8-10-04	Civil City	BOW Claims #31390-#31398	\$7,530.37
8-10-04	Civil City	BOW Claims #31399-#31535	\$3,116,047.03
8-10-04	Civil City	2 nd Quarter PERF, IN Police & Fire Pension	\$311,883.51

BESTWAY CURB SIDE GARBAGE COLLECTIONS – Monthly report.

Best Way Disposal represented by Colleen Mason provided written reports concerning solid waste collected in the month of July.

OLD BUSINESS

CANARY CREEK

City Engineer Mike Buening reported that Mr. Weir met with the property owners and agreed that if they finish the existing parking lot with asphalt surface and remove and replace the damaged curbing on both sides of the entrance at the intersection of Canary Creek Drive and Mallory Parkway, that he would recommend that the Board of Works approve issuing permits for the construction of the proposed drive-in theatre.

Mr. Porter of Canary Creek Cinemas reported that they are applying the asphalt surface and should finish that project with in a day. Mr. Buening stated that they provided a copy of a quote to remove or replace the curbs.

Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the recommendation of the City Engineer, "That the paving of the drive-in theatre area be withheld as part of the drive-in theater and not part of the original cinema, and that the curbing will be replaced and subject to the replacement of the curbs and the completion of the existing surface, the permit (for the drive-in) will be issued." This motion was seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for additional speed limit signs posted on Windstar Blvd. Off of Nineveh Road

Mr. Buening reported that this has been done. There was a missing speed limit sign which the Street Department replaced.

Request to have street repaired in front of 50 Robinson Street repaired and to have the alley behind house repaired

Mr. Brockman reported that the Street Department made the requested repairs to the street and alley using the department's "Dura Patcher" machine.

Request for additional "children at play" signage in the Meadows at Simon Farms Sections 3 & 4 and Request for reduced speed limit (from 30 mph to 20 mph) in the Meadows at Simon Farms Sections 3 & 4

Mr. John Hendricks the petitioner did not appear. Tabled.

Heritage Section 3 and 4, Inspections and Testing Agreements

City Engineer Mike Buening reported that CP Morgan has submitted the following agreements for acceptance related to Heritage Section 3 & 4:

1. Storm & Sanitary Inspection services - \$12,600.00
2. Earthwork & Paving Inspection services - \$9,000.00
3. Earthwork & Paving Testing services - \$17,550.00

Mayor Blankenship made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

East Interceptor Bids

City Engineer Mike Buening and Mr. Jerry Ott of Civil and Environmental Consultants Inc. reported on the bids received for the Eastside Sewer Interceptor project. Brackney Incorporated was the low bidder \$2,712,812.00. Mr. Ott recommended that the Board of Works select the low bidder Brackney Incorporated. Further Mr. Ott recommended that the City return the bid bonds to the other bidders except Brackney Incorporated and Eagle Valley until the contract is fully executed. Mr. Buening stated that he agrees with Mr. Ott's recommendation.

Mr. Schafstall stated that some of easements needed to complete this project have not been acquired however he does not want to delay notice of award. Mr. Ott stated that the City has 60 days to issue the notice to proceed.

Mr. Hougland made a motion to "authorize a tentative notice of award to Brackney Incorporated with the official notice to be triggered with the Boards authorization by the Mayor after the easement acquisition and other details are resolved to the City Attorneys satisfaction and the release of the bid bonds except for the two low bidders Brackney and Eagle Valley." This motion was seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT STATUS OF TASKS

Planning Department

Mr. Weir introduced Mac McNaught who wanted to speak to the Board about some issues related to the planned projects coming to the Franklin Tech Park. He asked the Board to consider waiving fees for both businesses. For the Aisin USA Manufacturing he suggested that the Board reduce the fees to \$2,000 for building permits and \$2,000 for tap on fees as an inducement for development. He also suggested that the City waive all of the permit fees for Tippmann Realty Group. He mentioned that there still may be competition for these businesses from Greenwood and Seymour.

Mr. McNaught also asked the Board to consider a second addendum to our Memorandum of Understanding for consideration relative to the sewers in the Tax Increment Finance district (TIF) area.

Mr. Chris Kinnett from the Johnson County Development Corporation spoke about incentives. He explained some of the factors which may influence the decision to locate to our community.

Mr. Ault made a motion to take this matter under advisement seconded by Mr. Hougland. The motion carried.

Mr. McNaught suggests that these decisions should be included in an Economic Development Commission (EDC) policy statement. Mr. Weir will prepare a report for the next meeting. Mr. Hougland would like to get an opinion from EDC on this suggestion and he asked Mr. Weir to call a special meeting. Mr. Weir agreed.

Mr. Weir responded to a question from Mr. Hougland about Dunn St. parking situation. He stated that a resident has placed stones on the edge of the pavement to stop people from parking in their yard. The complaint was made by Lewis Hardin. Mr. Weir offered to contact Mr. Hardin to discuss the problems.

Engineering

Mr. Mike Buening reported that Hamilton Avenue drainage project is done.

He stated that Franklin College made a request to put banners on the street lights along Branigin Boulevard. The Board of Works asked Mr. Buening to invite representatives from the college to come to a Board of Works meeting to explain what they have in mind.

He reported that Johnson County Highway Department notified him that the Monroe Street Bridge repair will require detour from Monroe Street south to South Street to Branigin Boulevard or as an alternative make the boulevard a two-way street. Mr. Hougland stated that the neighborhood committee was adamant that the road should be one way south. Mr. Buening stated that the bridge work will take two or three months to complete. Mr. Ault made a motion to make Branigin Blvd. a two-way street while the bridge is being repaired. This motion was seconded by Mayor Blankenship. Mr. Hougland voted no. The motion carried two to one.

Police Department

Police Chief John Borges reported that they plan to transfer four Motorola MTXLS analog 800 MHz radios to the Planning Department from Police Department.

He also asked the Board of Works to recommend an amendment to the abandoned vehicle ordinance adding some language allowing large vehicle hauling and to increase the value of junk vehicles to \$500.00 from \$100.00. He said that Hix towing still wants to haul off our junked vehicles at no charge. He asked the Board to make a favorable recommendation to the Common Council. The Mayor stated that he doesn't think that this matter has to be taken to the Council.

He also told Mr. Brockman that there is a missing handicapped parking sign at the corner of Jackson and Madison St.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Mike Herron reported that he met with Michael Dire the owner of ECS – a company that specializes in emergency siren sales, installation and maintenance. The vendor recommended that the City consider updating to electronic sirens. The newer technology has a one mile radius, battery backup, and does not require electrical service because they are solar charged. They also can be used for paging. The cost of a new siren can be anywhere between \$12,000 - \$14,000. The Chief discussed the possible purchase with Mr. Littleton who offered a surplus pole which may be used to hang the siren.

To repair the siren in the park he recommended replacing the circuit board and a relay. The Mayor stated that he wants a study to consider the coverage area and the best overall placement of sirens throughout the City. Board Member Hougland asked the Clerk Treasurer if there were any funds available to pay for a new siren. She suggested that unexpended Cumulative Capital Improvement funds intended for the purchase of the new phone system be used. Discussion held. Mr. Hougland made a motion "to authorize the purchase of a new siren and requested that the chief obtain an expert opinion for placement of the siren(s) as well as a area coverage recommendation using existing equipment and new equipment to the best advantage." Mr. Ault seconded this motion and the motion carried.

Street Department

No report. Jackie Brockman

City Attorney

Attorney Robert H. Schafstall reported that he is working with the attorney from Fifth Third Bank concerning issues with the banking agreement. He also stated that he is currently working on acquiring four parcels of land for the eastside sewer interceptor project and that he will be attending an IDEM hearing Thursday concerning an appeal.

Clerk Treasurer

The Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander explained that she had been contacted by Kris Green from J.F. Molloy with three questions about inclusions in the City's Medical /Dental Plan Benefits Document. The Clerk Treasurer stated that at the Mayors request she spoke to John Auld Jr. about the suggested language and his comments were as follows:

Question #1. Is the City of Franklin approving the newly added section on Hospice Care? In the prior SPD, there was no mention of hospice care benefits.

Mr. Auld stated that other plans routinely include hospice care as a lower cost alternative to hospitalization. He recommended that the City of Franklin include hospice care in their plan.

Question #2. Does the Plan wish to include or exclude coverage for surgical removal of redundant skin following treatment of morbid obesity?

Mr. Auld recommended that the City of Franklin include the coverage if the surgery is medically necessary. The basis of this recommendation is that frequently patients develop serious medical problems related to the excess skin which can lead to other serious medical problems.

Question #3. (page 90-91) Glossary definition of Experimental or Investigational. There are two alternatives.

Mr. Auld recommended that the City select alternate B. He explained that this option allows the City to err on the side of the employee.

Mr. Hougland motion to adopt three standards recommended by Mr. Auld and to obtain those same in writing. Mr. Ault seconded the motion. The motion carried.

BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Hougland asked the Police and Planning Department about the large number of cars and trucks parked at the corner of Hamilton and Forsythe Streets. It appears that there are a large number of junk vehicles. Vehicles parked in the lawn and across the street. There are derby cars, stacks and piles of auto parts, engine blocks. It almost appears to be an auto shop. Discussion held. There is no restriction on the number of vehicles that may be parked in a yard. There are rules for boats and RVS. Mr. Weir will collaborate with the Chief of Police and look at some options to solve this problem.

MAYOR

Mayor Blankenship reminded everyone that there will be a Franklin Indiana night at Indianapolis Indians Game August 28, 2004 at Victory Field.

He also noted that DPW recently was given an Award by the EPA.

He told the Department Heads that the next Council Meeting will be the Public Hearing on the 2005 budget and that the meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. He told them to be prepared to answer questions.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on August 24, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Signed copies available at the Clerk-Treasurer's office:
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