

City of Franklin Minutes of the Board of Works and Safety

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Tuesday April 23, 2002 @ 6:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Members Present: Mr. Joseph R. Ault
Mr. Stephen D. Hougland

Non-Voting Members Present: Mr. John Borges Police Chief
Mr. Michael Herron Fire Chief
Mr. Richard Hughes Street Superintendent
Mr. Rick Littleton Wastewater Utility Superintendent
Mrs. Sue Midkiff Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer
Mr. Jerry Ott City Engineer
Mr. Robert H. Schafstall City Attorney
Mr. David Weir Planning Director

Mrs. Karen Bridges a correspondent for the Indianapolis Star was present at this meeting.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2002 meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

The Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer presented the following claims for approval:

Date	Account	Description	Bank	Amount
4-23-02	Civil City	Vendor Claims #25452 - 25639	5 th / 3 rd	361,467.51
4-23-02	Sewer	Vendor Claims #4642 – 4698	Heartland	323,920.00
4-23-02	Sewer	Liens #4641	Heartland	1,692.00
Total				687,079.51

Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the claims presented by the Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Bid Award for the purchase of an Ambulance for the Fire Department Chief Herron and Assistant Chief Michael Lewis reviewed the bids and the merits of the different vehicles. Chief Herron stated that he prefers the vehicle offered by Donley Safety and Horton Emergency Vehicles and it is the lowest responsible bidder. One bidder offered another vehicle at a higher price but offered a discount if the City would obtain a FIN # from FORD Motor Co. Law requires that we accept the lowest responsive bid. The Chief stated for the record that the lowest bid without strings attached is Donley Safety and Horton Emergency Vehicles. Discussion held. Mr. Hougland asked the Chief to contact the bidder of the Life Style to determine whether they will bear the responsibility of getting the FIN \$2,600.00 “rebate” approved, and sell us the unit @ \$99,495.00. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to table. Motion carried.

Bid Award for the purchase of a Front End Loader for the Street Department Mr. Richard Hughes the Street Commissioner reviewed the bids received and stated that the lowest qualified responsive and responsible bid meeting all specifications was the Hyundai model listed @ \$92,061.96, less trade-in of \$3,000.00, offered by Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc. Mr. Hougland made a motion to award the bid to Southeastern for purchase price of \$89,061.96 seconded by Mr. Ault, motion carried.

Franklin Township Fire Protection Contract Deputy Fire Chief Mike Lewis presented the proposed agreement between the City of Franklin and Franklin Township for Fire Protection for \$16,700.00 for January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve seconded by Mr. Ault, motion carried. Contract approved and signed.

Paris Estates Sidewalk Issue Mr. David Weir, the Planning Director summarized the options for the City. The developer Mr. Fred Paris and the property owner Mr. Lohman Atwood were present. Mr. Ault made a motion for the City to install a sidewalk on this property, charge the materials to the developer and to move and replant any trees currently planted in the area to a location selected by the property owner. Mr. Hougland seconded. Motion carried.

Franklin College, Battle of the Bands Mr. Ellis Hall, Dean of Students & student Eric Meek requested that the Board of Works approve a variance from the City's Noise Ordinance. The reason for the request is for their Festival which is scheduled April 28, 2002 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and the Battle of the Bands from 5:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the variance, seconded by Mr. Hougland, motion carried. Chief Borges agreed to notify the road officers and dispatchers.

Request to Remove Hazardous Tree at 813 King Street the homeowner Mr. John Shafer requested that the City remove a very large walnut tree from the easement adjoining his property on Edwards Street, which is a hazard and nuisance. The falling walnuts have damaged cars and property. The City has an ordinance, which stipulates that removal of a healthy tree requires B.O.W. approval. Motion to remove by Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, motion carried and approved.

Elks Lodge Blood Drive Request to reserve parking of the Blood Mobile on Water Street in front of the Elks Lodge June 10, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. made by Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, motion carried, request approved.

Cemetery Cannon Mr. Joe Ault stated that the Council will need to recommend placement. Mr. Rob H. Schafstall asked the Board to authorize that he sign the loan agreement between the City and the State Museum. Mr. Ault made a motion to authorize the current City Attorney to sign in place of former City Attorney David Denslaw.

Middleton Drive Parking Issues and Complaints Chief Borges explained that there are several problems with parking and signage on this street behind the College's baseball field. Discussion held. Mr. Hougland made a motion to remove the signage which state "No parking between Signs" from two posts and add a third "No Parking on this Side of the Street" sign (and post), seconded by Mr. Ault, motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

PLANNING DEPARTMENT – Mr. David Weir, Planning Director

Fairway Lakes Subdivision - Mr. Weir stated that he has a request from residents of Fairway Lakes Subdivision for a reduction of speed limit to 20 mph and a "Not A Through Street Sign". Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland. Motion carried.

Hurricane Road / Legends West Subdivision – Residents have expressed concerns about the speed of traffic along the road and lack of signage indicating the location of the subdivision entrance. Discussion held as to the division of responsibility between Johnson County and the City of Franklin. Mr. Weir will contact Johnson County officials. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault authorized the installation of a sign. Motion carried.

Unkempt Properties – Mr. Weir stated that unkempt property would likely be a problem this summer.

ENGINEERING – Mr. Jerry Ott

Mr. Ott reviewed his report titled, City Engineer Status of Tasks April 23, 2002.

- Branigin Way – Utility coordination meeting set April 24, 2002
- Cumberland Trails – Right of entry executions by week end
- Storm Water – Rule 13; Phase II Requirements – Next meeting May 9, 2002, @ 10:00 a.m.
- 2001 Paving Program – Joint repair in Paris Estates and Jefferson Meadows is nearly complete with a few exceptions due to drainage issues. Hudson Street is delayed due to drainage problems. The Street Department does not have the equipment needed to make the necessary repairs. Mr. Ott asked Dave O'Mara, the paving contractor, for a quote for the work.
- CVS entrance located at Vaught Street and State Road 44 – Mr. Ott has met with local CVS managers concerning the widening of Vaught Street.

Mayor Blankenship and Mr. Ott engaged in a conversation concerning the status of the Knollwood signal and the suggested roundabout at Westview and State Road 44.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – Mr. Rick Littleton, Superintendent

Mr. Littleton presented a services agreement between the City of Franklin and LAN Class Consulting for computer network maintenance. The proposed agreement estimates 8 hours of service per month at the hourly rate of \$110.00 per hour. Unused hours will carry over to the next month. Mayor Blankenship stated that the Telecommunications Commission endorses this agreement. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland to approve. Motion carried

Mr. Littleton stated that citizens, asking that the City clean up the area around the railroad tracks at Depot Park and Madison Street, have approached him. Mayor Blankenship asked Mr. Hughes to schedule a visit to the area.

Mr. Littleton also reported that a goose, which laid its eggs in a pot at the plant, is harassing employees when they come too close. No action was taken.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief John Borges

Mr. Borges presented information to the Board concerning a shortened Police Department Work period from 28 days to 26 days (for one period only) to bring the Police Department workweek in line with the rest of the City departments at the request of the Clerk Treasurer. The Police Department Rules and Regulations specify that officer's work 18 days in a 28-day period in Chapter 6 Section 2, Paragraphs 1,2, & 3. Mr. Hougland made a motion to grant the exception to enhance the fiscal accountability of the City of Franklin, seconded by Mr. Ault. Motion carried.

Nicole's Ride – Due to the large number of motorcycles expected Chief Borges asked to restrict parking on Jefferson Street from Home Avenue to Main Street on the north side and on Main Street from Jefferson to Madison Street. The Board agreed that this was their original understanding of the parking arrangement. The Board of Works made a motion to grant a variance to the Noise Ordinance for this event. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the variance. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY – Robert H. Schafstall

For the extension of Jim Black Road for the Franklin Tech Park development project, the City plans to extend the road perpendicular to Jim Black Road. To do this requires a 35-foot tract of land that belongs to Mr. Fu Long Chang. The property appraises for \$8,500. The owner wants \$25,000.00 for the land. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to allow the City Attorney to proceed with eminent domain action. Motion carried.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

- Mayor Blankenship stated that the Fire Station would be discussed at the first May meeting.
- Asked the Board to approve a request from Mrs. Sara Henry concerning the 5th Annual Don Henry Memorial Ride set Saturday June 8, 2002. Mrs. Henry asked the City to restrict parking along West Jefferson Street from Home Avenue to Water Street after 4:00 p.m. that day. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve. Motion carried.
- Mayor Blankenship asked Mr. Weir about the Schoolhouse Road intersection.

STREET COMMISSIONER – Mr. Richard Hughes

Received a phone call from a Mr. Wilhelm who was been hired by the owners of Don & Dona’s Restaurant to paint the front of the business. Mr. Wilhelm will be using a lift that may be parked in the turn lane in front of the restaurant. Mr. Hougland made a motion to authorize the Mayor to take the appropriate steps to ensure public safety after he is given a synopsis of the scope of the project and to make the appropriate requirements upon the contractor. Mr. Ault seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander
Clerk Treasurer
Secretary to the Board of Works and Safety

Enrolled: May 8, 2002

Approved by the Board of Works: _____
Date

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor _____
Date