

City of Franklin

Minutes of the Board of Works and Safety

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Tuesday February 26, 2002 @ 6:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Members Present: Joseph R. Ault
Stephen D. Hougland

Non-Voting Members Present: Mr. Rick Littleton Wastewater Utility Superintendent
Mr. David Weir Planning Director
Mr. Jerry Ott City Engineer
Mr. Robert H. Schafstall City Attorney
Mrs. Janet P. Alexander Clerk Treasurer

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 February 12, 2002 meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

The Clerk Treasurer presented the following claims for approval:

Date	Account	Description	Bank	Amount
2-8-02	Civil City	Payroll	5 th / 3 rd	199,786.39
2-22-02	Civil City	Payroll	5 th / 3 rd	208,600.00
2-26-02	Civil City	Pension	5 th /3 rd	43,583.67
02-8-02	Sewer	Payroll	Heartland	18,419.37
02-22-02	Sewer	Payroll	Heartland	18,710.68
2-26-02	Combined Civil City	Vendor Claims #25003 – 25221	5 th /3 rd	1,615,533.74
	& Sewer	Sewer Vendors # 4508 - 4568	Heartland	2,104,633.85
Total				2,104,633.85

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

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Department Rules and Regulations -Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Guy Knaus's Request to Designate Handicapped Parking space at 3982 Tamara Way – Mayor Blankenship stated that Mr. Knaus would be unable to attend this meeting. Tabled. Mr. Hougland requested that the Planning Department review this request before the next meeting.

Habitat For Humanity – Request for Waiver of Sewer and Building Permit Fees for 800 & 810 Johnson Avenue - Mr. Mike Gorman of Habitat for Humanity asked the Board to waive the sewer tap on fees and the building permit fees for two houses scheduled to be built on Johnson Avenue. Mr. Littleton stated that water connections do exist which serviced the houses formerly located on those lots. Discussion held. Mayor Blankenship made a motion to approve the request to waive both the building permit and sewer tap on fees for both lots. Mr. Ault seconded this motion. Vote to approve: two (2) votes in favor, one (1) vote opposed. Motion carried.

Elks Lodge Blood Drive - Ms. Linda Richardson wrote and requested that the City reserve three parking spaces on N. Water Street for the Bloodmobile on March 26, 2002 from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the request and ask the police department to post the area. Motion carried.

Contract Renewal with Stuart Fire Protection - Tabled.

Street Department Request for Approval of Specifications to Bid and Purchase a Front-End Loader - Street Commissioner Richard Hughes presented the specifications for a front end loader to replace a piece of equipment which is over twenty years old and no longer meets the needs of the department. Mr. Houglan asked Mr. Hughes to include the phrase, “ or a commercial equivalent” to the specifications. Mr. Houglan made a motion “that Board grant permission to proceed with the bidding process on the front- end loader per the specifications including my amendment,” seconded by Mayor Blankenship. Motion carried. This will be scheduled for bid opening the first meeting in April.

City Hall Roof Issues - Tabled.

Annual Bid Timeline - Mayor Blankenship asked Mr. Ott for a timeline. Mr. Ott stated that he would be prepared to bid motor fuels within thirty days. Stripping is below \$25,000 and will not require bidding. Tabled.

Consolidation of Traffic, Street and Sidewalk Regulations – Removed.

Boiler Repair / Replacement Estimates - Tabled.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineering

Mr. Ott reviewed his report titled City Engineer Status of Tasks February 26, 2002:

- ☐ He has received two signed contracts for the Cumberland Trails Drainage Project
- ☐ He outlined potential sidewalk projects including Johnson Ave. Madison Ave. Hurricane St., Hamilton St., Adams St., East Jefferson Street, etc.
- ☐ Hudson Street pavement project will begin sometime around April 1, and should be completed by May 31, 2002.

Clerk Treasurers Comments

The Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander asked the Board to approve a claim from Commonwealth Engineering for \$664.72 to be submitted to SRF for payment on the Biosolids Handling Facility. Mr. Houglan seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the claim for payment. Motion carried.

The Clerk Treasurer also requested that the Board approve an agreement between the City of Franklin and London Witte Group for a five-year financial plan. The agreement stipulated an expenditure cap of \$5,000.00 for this project. The City Attorney reviewed the agreement and found it to be in order. A discussion was held. Mr. Houglan, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor stated that the special meeting originally scheduled tomorrow evening February 27, 2002 was not advertised and would not take place. He asked the Board Members to select another date in March to hold the meeting to discuss the Fire Station question.

Regarding the Animal Shelter Project, Mayor Blankenship reminded the Board that on January 23rd he sent a memorandum to the Johnson County Commissioners outlining possible locations for the proposed Animal Shelter. To date the Commissioners have not responded to the City. Mr. Houglan requested that the Mayor send a second letter to the Commissioners in response to their original request for suggestions as to the placement of this facility in or around the City of Franklin.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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

Enrolled Date: 3-7-02

Approved by Board of Works:

Date

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor

Date