

City of Franklin

Minutes of the Board of Works and Safety

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Tuesday February 12, 2002 @ 6:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer:	Stephen D. Houglan	
Members Present:	Joseph R. Ault	
Members Absent:	Mayor Norman P. Blankenship	
Non-Voting Members Present:	Mr. John Borges	Chief of Police
	Mr. Mike Herron	Fire Chief
	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. Houglan made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

The Clerk Treasurer presented the following claims for approval:

Date	Account	Description	Bank	Amount
1-11-02	Civil City	Payroll	5 th / 3 rd	177,154.81
1-25-02	Civil City	Payroll	5 th / 3 rd	205,160.33
1-26-02	Civil City	Pension	5 th /3 rd	43,607.23
2-12-02	Civil City	PERF, In Fire & Police Pension 4 th Qtr.	5 th /3 rd	231,909.06
01-11-02	Sewer	Payroll	Heartland	11,483.37
01-25-02	Sewer	Payroll	Heartland	18,989.52
			Total	688,304.32

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

OLD BUSINESS

Monthly Rumpke Report

Mrs. Terri Littleton came to answer questions and review the monthly collection report. A discussion was held concerning the drop in the amount of recyclables collected. Mrs. Littleton wondered aloud whether this could be attributed to the change from the temporary weekly recycling collections to the permanent Quick Drop. Mr. Houglan asked Mrs. Littleton to look into this and to report back to the Board.

Discussion Of Fire Station Issues

The Board discussed and settled upon two dates for the special public meetings to be held specifically to obtain public input about the proposal to build two fire stations in new locations. The dates selected were February 27 and March 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Resolution No. 02-01 A Resolution Authorizing 20 Year Service Retirees To Retain Their Service Weapon

City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall presented resolution for the Boards consideration. Mr. Ault made a motion to read, seconded by Mr. Houglan. Mr. Houglan asked if anyone wished to speak for or against the resolution. No one asked to speak. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Houglan. Motion carried.

Mr. Larry Nun's Drainage Improvement Request

Mr. Ott stated that Mr. Nun would not be able to attend this meeting. Mr. Ott reported that he contacted the former City Engineer Steve Williams to inquire about his recollections relative to this request. Mr. Williams did not remember a specific conversation. However according to Mr. Ott, when asked whether a "mow-able & maintainable finish would have been part of his commitment", Mr. Williams concurred that "such an agreement would be typical in a situation like that". Mr. Ott stated that when Mr. Nun initially contacted him about this project, he proposed a shared arrangement between himself and the City, and it was with that understanding that the Board proceeded to obtain quotes. Mr. Ott recommended that the City write Mr. Nun a letter expressing our appreciation of his efforts to maintain his property and to state that the City agrees to install the underground drain tile. But request that Mr. Nun shares in the cost of the grading, seeding, & mulching in the range of \$1,250. Mr. Ault and Mr. Hougland agreed to this plan. They asked Mr. Ott to run the letter by the Mayor before sending it out.

Request To Approve Hiring Of New Employee For The Cemetery

Mr. Mark Webb, Superintendent of Greenlawn Cemetery requested that the Board approve the hire of Robert Martin Kux. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to hire Mr. Kux.

Plat Approval – South Central Business Plaza

Mr. Weir asked for this to be tabled. A discussion was held. The Board decided to remove this item until a request is made to return it to the agenda.

New Ambulance Specifications For Bidding And Purchase

Chief Herron reviewed the ambulance specifications. Mr. Hougland asked the Chief to include the phrase "a commercial equivalent" to the specs in reference to the Ford chassis specified. Mr. Herron described the ambulance specifications presented as "no frills ". The Board agreed to advertising and setting this purchase for bid opening tentatively for the first meeting in March.

Proposed Fire Department Rules And Regulations

Chief Herron asked the Board's opinion about sharing the proposed rules & regulations with the City's firefighters. The Board Members agreed that the proposed regulations should be shared. Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Guy Knaus's Request to Designate Handicapped Parking space at 3982 Tamara Way

Mr. Knaus did not appear. Tabled

Sale Of Fire Hose To Whiteland Fire Department

Chief Herron stated that Whiteland offered \$100.00 for the 1000 ft of four-inch rubber jacket fire hose. A discussion was held. Mr. Hougland made a motion to declare 1000 ft of four-inch hose surplus and to sell the same to the Town of Whiteland for the sum of \$100.00. Mr. Ault seconded this motion. Motion carried. City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall will provide the bill of sale.

City Hall Roof Issues

Tabled

Cemetery Vehicle Insurance Settlement

Mrs. Janet Alexander, the Clerk-Treasurer, stated that both she and the Mayor had spoken with Mr. Auld of Franklin Insurance and he recommended that the City accept the settlement offer for the Pickup Truck and pull-behind trailer, totaled last summer; and to allow Progressive to take possession of these vehicles. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to accept the offer from Progressive Insurance. Motion carried.

Annual Bid Timeline

Mr. Ott stated that he would report to the Board on this matter at the next meeting. Tabled.

Consolidation of Traffic, Street and Sidewalk Regulations

Tabled

Boiler Repair / Replacement Estimates

Tabled

STAFF REPORTS

Planning Department

Planning Director David Weir reported the following:

- ❑ The Home Owners Association for Knollwood Farms has requested information on the maintenance of two barricades placed at the stub of Michigan Road and Nicole Drive. Discussion held. Mr. Ault made a motion to repair or replace the barricades or to use any acceptable alternative to satisfy state requirements. Mr. Hougland seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Engineering

Mr. Ott reviewed his report titled City Engineer Status of Tasks February 12, 2002:

- ❑ Mr. Ott recommended that the Board release the following Performance Bonds: Knollwood 5 West Part B – 144590 for \$5,000.00 Erosion Control. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to release the bond #144590 for \$5,000.00 Erosion Control. Motion carried.
- ❑ Presented Notice to Proceed from Dave O'Mara concerning the 2001 Paving Project approved last fall. . Mr. Ault made a motion to authorize the Mayor to Execute the Notice to Proceed, seconded by Mr. Hougland. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

None

CLERK TREASURERS COMMENTS

None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Ault reported that he would be going to South Bend next week to pick up the cannon and the replica and bring them back to Franklin.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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

Enrolled Date: 2-15-02

Approved by Board of Works: _____
Date

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor

Date