

City of Franklin

55 W. Madison St., Franklin IN 46131

Minutes of the Board of Public Works & Safety

Tuesday, April 11, 2000

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PLACE: City Council Room

Voting Members Present:

Norman P. Blankenship, Presiding	Mayor
Joseph Ault	Member
Stephen D. Hougland	Member

Voting Members Absent: None

Non-Voting Members Present:

Jeffrey R. Bergman	City Planner
John Borges	Police Chief
David Denslaw	City Attorney
Michael Herron	Fire Chief
Richard Hughes	Street Commissioner
Rick Littleton	Supt. W.W. Treatment Plant
Jerry Ott	City Engineer
Brenda Poe	Sewer Office Manager
Mark T. Webb	Supt. Greenlawn Cemetery
Janet P. Alexander	Secretary

Non-Voting Members Absent: None

No one from the media was present.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2000 meeting as distributed. Mr. Ault seconded the motion. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion, to approve the following claims: 2848 – 2979, 90000 – 90006, and 17864 - 18011.

OLD BUSINESS

Family Wealth Counseling: Building Improvements. Tabled

Report from Planning Department and Street Department re: Jim McShannon – Parking problem on South Middleton Street. The following action was taken by general consent - a sign will be placed by the Street Department on the west side of the street and Franklin College officials will be contacted and asked to provide assistance.

Report from Police Department and Street Department re: David Buck – Request for sign “Do Not Block Driveway” at 180 Hurricane St.: Street Department painted the curb yellow. Police Department reports that no violations have been cited. Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Jack Rogers – Railroad right-of-way at Province Street and Johnson Avenue: Attorney Jack Rogers came before the Board representing a local client's request to purchase city property. Tabled

STAFF REPORTS

Brenda Poe, Sewer Office Manager: No report

Jeffrey R. Bergman, City Planner: Expects to receive parking lot survey work from CKW by the end of this week. He will make a presentation to the Board in May.

Richard Hughes, Street Commissioner: No report.

Jerry Ott, City Engineer: Provided the Board with a copy of his bimonthly report titled *Franklin City Engineer's Status of Tasks Period Ending April 7, 2000*. Jerry Ott reviews contents of the status report provided to the Board. Summarized a meeting held with INDOT. Presents a letter he wrote on behalf of the Board of Works to INDOT District Director Joe Hall, requesting that INDOT study the feasibility of a roundabout at the intersection of 144 and 44. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve sending the amended letter. Mr. Hougland seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Hougland made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the amended letter absent the signatures of the Board. Mr. Ault seconded. Motion carried. Request from Johnson County that City approve an interlocal agreement allowing Johnson County to use City owned "right of ways" for the construction of the King Street bridge. Mr. Hougland made a motion to sign the interlocal agreement with the County. Mr. Ault seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rick Littleton, Wastewater Treatment Plant: Introduced Jeff Birk an Accountant and Financial Advisor for the Sewer Utility and Wastewater Treatment Plant, who made a presentation to the Board proposing that the Board of Works approve both Phase I and Phase II. Mr. Birk also advised that financing should be arranged prior to July 1, due to anticipated increases in the State Revolving Loan Fund interest rate. Mayor Blankenship made a motion to approve the Sewer Improvement Projects Phase I and Phase II of the SRF project. Mr. Ault seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Mr. Littleton also requested that the Board of Works approve the purchase of two Gravity Belt Filter Presses. He has an opportunity to purchase two reconditioned filter presses at the cost of a single new unit. The units are available at this time. Because of the significant cost savings, Mr. Littleton asked the Board to consider this an emergency purchase. Mr. Denslaw informed the Board that there are provisions in state law that allows for emergency purchases. He suggested that this purchase be well documented to show that this purchase qualified. Mr. Hougland made a motion stating "that the Board grant the Mayor the authority to proceed as necessary with advise of counsel and whatever legal means to secure these units for the wastewater treatment plant." Mr. Ault seconded the motion. Mr. Denslaw asked Mr. Littleton to provide a report to him concerning the details of the purchase for our records. The motion passed

Michael Herron, Fire Chief: No report

Mark T. Webb, Greenlawn Cemetery: No report

John Borges, Police Chief: Discussed a letter he received from the planning department regarding a request from John Stevenson and Dennis Anderson, the owners of the Northwood Village Apartments to remove eighteen reported abandoned vehicles.

MAYOR AND/ OR BOARD COMMENTS

- Provided a memo with City Council budget assignments
- Mayor Blankenship asked that the Department Heads provide explanations for budget requests.
- Discussed require dates that the Flag should be flown
- Provided copy of Animal Control report

CLERK TREASURERS COMMENTS

- July 10th is the date that all budgets must be in the Clerk's office for processing
- Comments about changes in the budget process
- Offered to provide budget forms to Department Heads on diskette

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, the meeting was adjourned.

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor

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

Enrolled: April 20, 2000

Approved: _____
By the Board of Works