

CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2011

Opening

Mayor Paris called the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety to order at 9:00 a. m. in City Hall.

Roll Call

The roll was called and Mayor Paris, Mr. Joe Ault and Mr. Dan Murray were present.

Also present were: Deputy Police Chief Chris Tennell, Fire Chief James Reese, Park Superintendent Chip Orner, Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips, Cemetery Sexton and MS4 Coordinator Richard Dewitt, Senior Planner Joanna Myers, Street Commissioner Steve Compton, Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Administrative Assistant Kathy Cragen and City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall.

Mr. Ault offered an invocation immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

No one asked to speak.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Fred Paris presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meetings held January 4, 12 & 18, 2011
2. Approval of Claims
 - o Payroll for February 8, 2011 in the amount of \$289,130.97
 - o Payroll Promotion February 8, 2011 in the amount of \$119.56
 - o #012311 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$1,133,947.30
 - o #012111 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$161,317.09
 - o #012211 Buy-Out in the amount of \$64,319.46
 - o #011911 RDC-TIF in the amount of \$1,100,282.60
 - o Pension Payroll for February 8, 2011 in the amount of \$59,509.94
 - o Payroll for January 28, 2011 in the amount of \$291,493.85
 - o #012511 RDC-TIF in the amount of \$2,200,052.62
 - o #012911 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$37,074.86
 - o #012711 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$134,131.36
 - o #011111 Buy-Out in the amount of \$1,255.49
 - o #020511 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$29,209.88
 - o #020411 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$50,967.89
 - o #012411 Group Ins. Claims in the amount of \$177,686.49
 - o #020211 BOW Meeting in the amount of \$1,300.00
 - o #020711 BOW Meeting-Sewer Utility in the amount of \$24,865.29
 - o #020111 Buy-Out in the amount of \$44,602.01
 - o #020811 BOW Meeting in the amount of \$134,924.86

Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Murray. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Request to Accept Findley Auctioneers Contract for Sale of Real Estate and Personal Property at 400 S. Main Street at Public Auction

Mayor Paris explained this contract to the Board, he explained that he did ask the other auctioneer in town for a proposal, but did not receive anything. Mr. Murray stated that he felt we should set a reserve on this property, Mr. Ault agreed. Mr. Murray made a motion to set a reserve of \$27,500.00, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried. Mr. Murray made a motion to hire Findley Auctioneers, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

Acceptance of Bid Award for WWTP Improvement Project

Rick Littleton stated that following the last Board of Works meeting he had received a financial update from Jeff Birk which he provided to the members demonstrating that adequate funding exists for this project. Mr. Jeff Ponist recommended that the City award the bid to Reynolds, Inc. for \$2,020,000.00. A discussion was held. Mr. Ault made a motion to accept the bid from Reynolds, Inc., seconded by Mr. Murray. The motion carried. Mr. Ponist provided copies of a Notice of Award to Reynolds Inc. which was signed. Mr. Ponist stated that he would deliver the Notice of Award to the contractor.

NEW BUSINESS

Decision regarding the traffic light at Forsythe and State Road 44

Mayor Paris stated that he will contact INDOT to let them know that we are opposed to the removal of the traffic signal. A discussion was held. Mr. Murray made a motion that the Board sends a strong letter to INDOT stating we would want the light left where it is, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

Request Approval to move existing Handicap sign from the west side of the 100 block of North Main Street to the east side of North Main Street

Julie Wells the owner of Imagination Station requested that a handicapped parking sign located in front of her building be moved to the other side of the street. A discussion was held. Mr. Murray made a motion to move the handicap space at 198 N. Main Street from the west side to the east side of the street, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

INDOT Sign Replacement Grant for \$654,156.00

Tabled due to Mr. Wilkerson's absence.

Request Payment Approval of Invoice #08B11-5 in the amount of \$3,966.62 for Fire Station #23 Contract to William E. Burd

Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander asked the Board not to approve the claim as the document is dated improperly. Mayor Paris made a motion to table this payment until we receive a new one with the date corrected, seconded by Mr. Ault. The matter was tabled.

Request to Accept Proposal from H.J. Umbaugh (Supporting Document is a Fire Territory Preliminary Financial Analysis)

Mayor Paris stated that Chief Reese and he had met with Umbaugh regarding a Franklin Township Fire district and he had also talked to our financial advisor Mike Reuter concerning this matter. Mayor Paris stated that someone Mr. Reuter had worked with in the past had merged a township into the city, and they felt this was worth looking into. The Mayor stated that we are

willing to work with the Township trustee for this year if she agrees to work with us regarding other options for next year. Mayor Paris made a motion to allow Board member Joe Ault to work with the Franklin Township Trustee to agree to pay \$75,000 for fire protection services for this year, and work with us on this study for the future; this was seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

Request Acceptance of Conflict of Interest form for Steve Barnett

Mayor Paris stated that Mr. Barnett is a Council member, and works for Miller Pipeline who does work for the City from time to time. Mayor Paris made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Murray. The motion carried.

2011 Contract Quotes for Fire Extinguishers and Cylinders – Stuart Fire Prevention –

Stuart Bridges came forward and spoke to the board about contract quotes for 2011 fire extinguisher and pressurized cylinder services. Mr. Bridges stated that the quote was the same as last year. A discussion was held. Mayor Paris made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

Mayor Paris asked City Attorney Rob H. Schafstall if he had any new information concerning sharing the county fueling station. Mr. Schafstall stated that the meeting with the insurance agent has not taken place yet, and this needs to be done before moving forward. Mayor Paris asked Mr. Schafstall to follow up on this project.

WWTP Superintendent Rick Littleton stated that he has talked to John Auld of Franklin Insurance, and has also spoken to John Price county commissioner, and they are willing to work together on this project.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

Park and Recreation – Chip Orner

Mr. Ault asked Park Superintendent Chip Orner to instruct Park staff to enforce safety rules when allowing people to use the racquetball courts. Mr. Ault stated that he would be willing to donate protective eyewear to the center if they would be willing to make sure people turned them in after use. Mr. Orner agreed.

Street Department - Steve Compton

Mr. Compton asked the Board to approve payment of one claim in the amount of \$1,300 payable to TSC Pallet Company. The claim was submitted after the deadline and even with Board approval may not be released until Friday. Mayor Paris made a motion to approve payment of this invoice to TSC Pallet, seconded by Mr. Murray. The motion carried.

Mr. Compton stated that as of February 4th his department had spent \$17,000.00 for salt and salt brine. He estimated overtime man hours at around \$70,000 since December 1st. Mr. Compton stated that more salt will be delivered in the next few days. They have used about 1250 tons of salt this year. A discussion was held. Mayor Paris stated that he had received a lot of input from people stating the Street Department has done a wonderful job on the streets. Mr. Ault stated that the Street Department, Parks Department, and the Cemetery have worked very well together in getting the streets, and sidewalks cleared of snow and ice.

OTHER

Resident Mr. Curry came forward to thank the Board for keeping the SR44/Forsythe St. traffic light.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander
Clerk Treasurer

Enrolled: 2/20/2011

Approved by the Board of Works: 2/22/2011