

CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Meeting Minutes
March 22, 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: Police Chief Tim O’Sullivan, Fire Chief James Reese, Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner, Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips, Cemetery Sexton and MS4 Director Richard Dewitt, Planning Director Krista Linke, Project Supervisor Todd Wilkerson, Street Commissioner Steve Compton, Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Communications Director Zachary Burton, Administrative Assistant Kathy Cragen and City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall.

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

Public Comments

Franklin resident Ron Collins asked about the Water Street sewer. Sewer Utility Superintendent Rick Littleton stated that the department is considering options with the goal of abandoning that pipe altogether.

Franklin resident Gary Moody stated that he has concerns about Project Green, in that sidewalks in some areas are being damaged by bulldozers.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Fred Paris presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held March 8, 2011
2. Approval of Claims
 - o Payroll for March 11, 2011 in the amount of \$290,744.80
 - o #031211 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$24,135.50
 - o #031011 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$104,431.67
 - o #031911 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$347.45
 - o #031811 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$177,528.62
 - o #032111 Sewer Utility in the amount of \$25,296.66
 - o #032211 BOW Meeting in the amount of \$39,109.34
 - o #031311 Buy-Out in the amount of \$148,775.11

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

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Franklin Township Fire Contract – Trustee Cecilia Campbell

The Mayor called on Cecilia Campbell to discuss the 2011 contract. The Mayor asked if Mrs. Campbell was able to help with research. Mrs. Campbell noted that she would be willing to help. The Mayor said the city would pay the cost of researching the benefits of creating a fire territory. The cost is estimated at \$6,000. The Mayor said that the city does not want to annex Franklin Township. Mr. Murray made a motion to approve the contract, subject to review by the city attorney. Mr. Ault seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Ault thanked Mrs. Campbell for her assistance, and noted that residents of Franklin Township would be better served.

Request Approval of Payment #14 for Fire Station #23 for \$17,300.00 tabled from a previous meeting – Mayor Paris

Mayor Fred Paris moved to table payment of the claim, Mr. Ault seconded. The matter was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Request Approval to Pay Architect William E. Burd-Invoice #08B11-6 for Fire Station #22 in the amount of \$20,034.14

Mayor Paris moved to approve, member Murray seconded. Motion carried.

Request to use City Parking lot at the corner of E. Monroe Street and S. Water Street for the Franklin Lion Club Annual Fish Fry's

Mr. John White appeared on behalf of the Lions Club. He informed the Board that the Fish Fry dates for 2011 are May 26 – 30 and Sep 30 – Oct 1st. Mr. White also requested a dumpster placed in the northeast lot. The Mayor moved to approve, Mr. Ault seconded. The motion carried.

Request Permission to have a “No U-Turn” or a “No Commercial Trucks” sign posted at or near 296 E. Jefferson Street

Steve Barnett appeared on behalf of the petitioner Ron Million and his request concerning semi trucks making U-turns near Mr. Million's detail shop. Mr. Murray noted that the city could not place signs on Jefferson Street, as it was a State highway. Mr. Ault suggested placing a 'no semi trucks' sign on Crowell Street, so drivers could see it prior to turning in. Mr. Murray made a motion to table the discussion until they could discuss the matter with Street Commissioner Steve Compton and Ron Million. Mr. Ault seconded. The motion carried.

Request for Approval of Personal Defense Spray SOP 2.4 and Request Approval of Body Armor SOP 3.2

Chief Tim O'Sullivan presented a request to update his department's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) concerning the use of defensive spray and body armor. Mr. Ault asked the city attorney if there was any additional liability to the city. City Attorney Rob Schafstall said he was happy to look into it, but felt that more was better than less. Mr. Ault moved to approve, Mr. Murray seconded. The motion carried.

Request Approval for Street Closings for “4th Fridays” – May 27, June 24, and August 26th. Request Approval for Street and Parking lot closures for Smoke on the Square BBQ Competition on June 25th. Request Approval of Farmers Market every Saturday from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. from June 4th – October 1, 2011

Discover Downtown Franklin's representative Megan Sweany informed the members that the organization was sponsoring their annual “Fourth Friday's in downtown Franklin. She explained that West Court Street would be used for the Classic Car “Cruise-In” when the North Main Street

project work begins. Mr. Murray noted that the Home Avenue bridge construction may interfere with some of the events due to detours through the city. The Mayor moved to approve with the caveat that Megan work with the department heads to work out the details after the meeting. Mr. Ault seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion of Trash & Recycle bid Process

Mayor Paris asked the Board to authorize the letting of bids for solid waste recycling collection. If approved the proposed bid opening would be held on the second Tuesday in May, as opposed to the first, in order to accommodate the May primary. Mr. Murray wanted to discuss the paving bid, inquiring what the timeline would be. Mr. Wilkerson noted that they would bring details to the next Board of Works meeting. Mr. Murray asked if the special meeting in May could also contain the paving bids. The Board authorized the bid process as requested.

Ratification of Signature on Crossroad Engineers Fee Proposal

Mayor Paris stated that the city attempting to make a block of the city a showcase for the planned Gateway Project. Mr. Murray moved to approve the contract presented. The motion carried.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

Street Department – Street Commissioner Steve Compton stated that the street sweeping, tanks have been moved.

Engineering - Projects Supervisor - Todd Wilkerson stated that the Home Avenue Bridge will be closed from March 23rd to possibly August 15th

Parks and Recreation - Superintendent Chip Orner reported that the Greenway Trail will be detoured along with the Home Avenue Bridge project. The Parks department is putting up fifteen signs to notify people of the detour.

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 9:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander
Clerk Treasurer

Enrolled: March 31, 2011 Approved by the Board of Works: April 5, 2011