

CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Meeting Minutes
June 30, 2009

Opening

Mayor Paris called the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety to order at 9:30 a. m. in City Hall.

Roll Call

The roll was called and members Joe Ault and Dan Murray were present.

Also present were: Police Chief Stan Lynn, Fire Chief Jim Reese, Sewer Billing Office Manager Brenda Poe, Planning Director Krista Linke, DPW Superintendent Rick Littleton, Director of Engineering Todd Wilkerson, Street Commissioner Steve Compton, Cemetery Sexton Richard DeWitt, Parks Superintendent Chip Orner, Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer Assistant Kathy Cragen, and City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall

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

Public Comments

Mayor Paris asked if anyone from the community had anything to bring before the Board that was not on the agenda. No one came forward.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the June 16, 2009 Board of Works Meeting
2. Accounts Payable Voucher Register
 - #062709 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$1092.00
 - #062509 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$191,686.06
 - #062309 RDC-TIF in the amount of \$8638.00
 - #061909 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$81,537.31
 - #062609 Payroll in the amount of \$894,481.59
 - #062009 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$1009.71
 - #062809 BOW Meeting in the amount of \$32,535.74

Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; this was seconded by Mr. Murray. The consent agenda was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Deere Building/City Hall Construction Bid Award

The Board received sealed construction bids for the renovation of the Deere Building. City Attorney Rob H. Schafstall recommended that the Board formally reject all previous bids received. Mayor Paris made a motion to reject the prior bids, seconded by Mr. Ault. All prior bids received for this project are rejected.

The City Attorney opened and read the new bids aloud. At the conclusion of the bid opening Attorney Schafstall stated that the bids received would be taken under advisement and the matter itself brought back at the next meeting. Mayor Paris stated that he would like to set a special Board of Works meeting for the bid award to get this project back on track. A motion was made by Mayor Paris to take the bids received under advisement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murray and the motion carried.

Received by: Franklin Board of Public Works & Safety

Bid Date: June 30, 2009

Contractor Name	3D Professional Contracting, Inc.	Hasser Construction Co., Inc.	DeWees Construction, Inc.	Waugh Company	Custom Mechanical Systems Corp.
Contractor Address	Lebanon, IN	Indianapolis, IN	Bargersville, IN	Franklin, IN	Bargersville, IN
Bid Form 96	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Supplemental Bid Form	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Addenda Acknowledged	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bid Security (Bond, Check or Bank Letter)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Base Bid	\$276,900.00	\$263,000.00	\$241,944.00	\$256,367.00	\$520,500.00
Alternate #1-Install Wall & Door Room 207	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,650.00	\$2,500.00	\$6,622.00
Alternate #2-2nd Floor Reception Desk	\$27,000.00	\$18,800.00	\$14,500.00	\$18,700.00	\$864.00
Alternate #3-3rd Floor Reception Desk	\$21,500.00	\$17,000.00	\$11,500.00	\$18,700.00	\$864.00
Alternate #4-Elevator Shaft Floor Covering	\$2,000.00	\$5,400.00	\$3,800.00	\$1,550.00	\$853.00
Aggregate Total	\$329,400.00	\$308,200.00	\$274,394.00	\$297,817.00	\$529,703.00
DeWees' Voluntary Alternate to Provide & Install			(\$6,500.00)		
2 x 2 Dune 1774 Acoustic Tile in lieu of Specified					

Sidewalk Ordinance Revisions

Mayor Paris stated that he and Director of Engineering Todd Wilkerson have discussed this issue and said that he is in favor of putting money into the budget to help install new sidewalks. He said that he thinks the City should maintain sidewalks just like we maintain the streets. The Mayor requested that we put \$75,000 in next year's Street Department budget for this purpose. He suggested that income from the wheel tax money could be earmarked for this project. A discussion was held. City Attorney Rob H. Schafstall stated that the simplest thing would be to repeal the current ordinance and to draft a new ordinance outlining the purposes and process as directed by the Board of Works. It was agreed that Mr. Schafstall will prepare a draft ordinance, and bring it back to the Board at a future meeting.

Request for Clarification on alley status and concerns about maintenance

Director of Engineering Todd Wilkerson stated that he is still researching this question.

Request for No Parking Signage in Fairway Lakes Subdivision as requested – Gary Kutruff

Mr. Kutruff did not appear. Street Commissioner Steve Compton stated that he had talked to Mr. Kutruff about this request and learned that the homeowner's association position was 50/50 on this project. Mr. Ault made a motion to strike this from the agenda, seconded by Mr. Murray. The request was stricken from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Rick Service – Farmers Market

3949 East Court Street – Benjamin's Coffee Shop has told him that he noticed a significant drop in business when the Farmers Market takes place on Wednesdays. Mr. Service stated that the Farmers Market blocks off 53 parking spots for the downtown merchants. Mr. Service would like to know if we could consider other options. A discussion was held, and it was decided by the Mayor and Parks Superintendent Chip Orner that they will try moving the vendors to one side of the street and allow parking on the opposite side.

Jeff Powers – Run for Rex

Mr. Powers brought in a map of the area requested for this run. This event is to raise money for ALS. Mayor Paris stating that there were some problems with this race last year. Police Chief Lynn stated that last year the run shut down the whole south side of the City; it also interrupted a funeral procession at the cemetery. It was suggested that the trail system be used for this event. Mr. Powers stated that the trails are too small explaining that last year they had 250 participants. A discussion was held. Mayor Paris recommended that the request be denied unless the organizers can use the trail system. Mr. Ault asked if they had considered using Johnson County Parks at Atterbury. Mr. Powers stated that he felt this run brought in business to the downtown area. Mayor Paris asked that Mr. Powers work with our Parks Superintendent, Chip Orner to try to come up with a workable system. Mr. Murray made a motion to table this request until a different option is agreed on, seconded by Mr. Ault. This was tabled until July 21st.

Request for payment from City for hospital bill, glasses and clothing

Mayor Paris stated that he had received a request to pay a medical bill from a woman who reported that she fell on a city sidewalk. This claim was denied by our insurance company. This request was turned over to the City Attorney.

Barnaby vs. City of Franklin proposed dismissal

City Attorney Rob H. Schafstall stated that he has been talking with the Barnaby's attorney and feels that we are in position to settle this case. It is his recommendation that we settle the case, waiving the outstanding citations, and he believes that the Barnaby's would drop their case against the City. A discussion was held. Mayor Paris made a suggestion that the Barnaby's might be willing to donate an amount equal to the fines toward the revitalization of the downtown area. Mr. Murray made a motion that the Mayor and City Attorney settle this case in terms that are acceptable to them, seconded by Mayor. The motion carried.

Mowing liens

Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander presented unpaid bills for mowing and yard clean up which were returned in the mail and requested the Board's approval to file property tax liens to obtain payment. Mayor Paris made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

Request to restore two 8 hour benefit days to employee John Vaughn

Mayor Paris made a request to strike this item from the agenda, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

Notice regarding City owned property along Commerce Drive

Mayor Paris stated that this concerns 20 acres of property owned by the City that the previous owner Mr. Linville has been farming for many years. The Mayor requested permission to direct the City Attorney to contact Mr. Linville and let him know that the City now intends to use this property. Mr. Murray made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

Election Date – Fire Department

Firefighter Mike Hodge came forward to discuss the election date for the Fire Merit Board. They requested a three day election since they have three different shifts. Mr. Ault stated that this has always been a one day event. Chief Reese stated that he thinks they would get better participation if it was held in three days. The Board agreed and the election was set for July 25, 26 & 27th.

OTHER BUSINESS**Fire Engine Bid Opening**

City Attorney Rob H. Schafstall opened all the bids received and read the proposals aloud.

Donley \$426,683,

Pierce Mfg. \$324,800,

E-1 Fire Service Inc.: proposal for a new truck \$410,890 &
a proposal for a demonstrator truck \$458,555.

The City Attorney stated that these bids would be taken under advisement. Mayor Paris thanked the members of the committee for their time and effort.

REPORTS BY DEPARTMENTS**Cemetery**

Cemetery Sexton Richard DeWitt provided the Board with a spreadsheet of proposed increases in fees. He explained that he is attempting to increase the Cemetery's income and to keep it more in line with its operating expenses. He also stated that he wants to regulate when funerals take place. Grave opening fees would increase from \$500 to \$700. Also the cost of grave sites would increase from \$550 to \$700 for residents and from \$750 to \$850 for non residents. Cremation rates would increase also. He stated that these prices are more in line with charges imposed by other area cemeteries. He requested the Board's approval of these changes. The Mayor stated that he would like to consider this as an introduction and add the request to the next meeting agenda. The Clerk Treasurer asked the Board to approve the new Cemetery deed form. The Mayor made a motion to adopt the new deed as presented, Mr. Murray seconded. The motion carried.

WWTP

Superintendent Rick Littleton announced various upcoming vendor demonstrations

Engineering Department

Director of Engineering Todd Wilkerson announced the demonstration day for a company to place warm asphalt and roller compacted concrete, is planned for July 14th at this time. He stated that the storm water study is moving forward; the Bertram Parkway project is stalled and that he is still waiting on the engineering contract to be signed. Mayor Paris stated that if they don't have the contract signed by the 16th of this month then he will void the agreement.

Planning Department

Planning Director Krista Linke introduced the interns present in the audience and stated that they are doing surveys for the Department. Tim Prior is no longer working for the Planning Department.

Street Department

Street Commissioner Steve Compton received a request for the installation of a street light on Monroe St. in front of the arboretum. A discussion was held. A light located in the area is adjacent to Park property; Chip Orner will look into this problem. Mr. Compton stated that he had purchased a GradeAll at auction.

Clerk Treasurer

The Clerk Treasurer presented Application #3 in the amount of \$47,347.05 for payment from MacDougall Pierce for work on Fire Station #23. Mayor Paris made a motion seconded by Mr. Murray to approve payment. The motion carried and was approved.

The Clerk Treasurer explained that Payroll Coordinator Ellen Craig was unable to take a vacation last year due to the installation of two new payroll programs Kronos and Keystone. The Clerk Treasurer asked the Board to restore 52.5 hours vacation time to her which must be taken by the end of this calendar year. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve, Mr. Murray seconded. The motion carried and was approved.

Board Members

Mr. Ault asked Krista Linke to look into an issue concerning an abandoned grease dumpster that sits behind the Checkered Flag Restaurant.

Adjournment

Mayor Paris made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next meeting will be held July 21, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 7-17-09

Approved by the Board of Works: 07-21-09