

CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2008

Opening

Mayor Fred Paris called the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety to order at 6:10 p.m. in the City Hall Council Room. The late start was due to waiting on City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall. Meeting started after finding out that Mr. Schafstall was ill.

Present

The roll was called and Board Member Joe Ault was present. Also present were: Deputy Fire Chief Justin Lollar, Sewer Billing Manager Brenda Poe, Planning Director Krista Linke, Cemetery Sexton Mark Webb, Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander and Clerk-Treasurer Assistant Kathy Cragen. Board Member Steve Hougland was absent.

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

Public Comments

Mayor Paris asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on anything not listed on the agenda. No one came forward.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ault made a motion to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Mayor Paris. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 11, 2008.
2. Accounts Payable Voucher Registers
 - #032108 in the amount of \$6,058,039.93
 - #032208 in the amount of \$3,000,372.83
 - #031408 in the amount of \$17,352.95

OLD BUSINESS

Request lowering of bill for mattress removal for Matt Legan (Ordinance No.:00-27 Concerning Public Nuisances Resulting from Unkempt Property) Tabled from January 8, 2008. Mayor Paris made a motion to deny the request to lower this bill, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried and was approved.

Requesting “No Parking on this side of street” signs in Deer Run (Tabled from January 29th 2008); no one appeared from Deer Run. Mayor Paris made a motion to strike this item from agenda, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried and was approved.

Public Hearing - None

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Permission to Add a Masonic Lodge Sign at the City Entranceways

Mr. Scott Graham represented by Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander has petitioned the City to allow the Masonic Lodge to install single post style signage at each of the four entries' into the City. The sign proposed is similar to the round Eastern Star signs currently located by the Welcome to Franklin signs. The Street Department will install the signs with posts also provided by the Lodge. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Paris. The motion carried and was approved.

Requested To Transfer a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria from the Police Department to the Fire Department.

Lieutenant Jim Hoeing presented the request to transfer a 2003 Ford Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAP71W83X175058 from the Police Department to the Fire Department. Mayor Paris asked about the intended use for this vehicle due to the cost of maintenance, insurance, and gasoline. Deputy Fire Chief Justin Lollar stated that the vehicle would be used as a fleet vehicle and to free up other vehicles for transportation to training. Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander reminded Deputy Chief Lollar that when the Fire department returns vehicles to the Police department that they will need to make sure to provide the vehicle identification numbers to the Board and request the Board's approval for each car they intend to give back. Mayor Paris made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried and was approved.

Request to Transfer 5 Kenwood Model TK-980 Radios from Police Department to DPW-

Lt. Jim Hoeing stated that these radios are not compatible with the new communication system but that the Department of Public Works uses this type and has requested these extra radios. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Paris. Motion was carried.

Request for Exemption from Municipal Code 10.28.30 Concerning the Parking of Trucks, Trailers, and Truck Cabs

Ms. Beth Shalter of 1048 Sunflower Court, Arbor Springs subdivision, explained that her boyfriend drives a semi truck which he parks in front of her house when he is home about once a week. A Franklin Police officer told her the truck was parked illegally. Ms. Shalter would like a waiver for the truck cab to allow it to be parked at her house. Mayor Paris inquired about homeowner's covenants, and Ms. Shalter stated that they do not have a homeowners association. Planning Director Krista Linke stated that there are three different codes, municipal code, BZA, and neighborhood covenants. Mr. Ault stated that there is a problem with trucks being parked in streets, as well as safety issues. Under section A of the municipal code it states that trucks must be parked in truck parking lots, and cannot be parked in the right of way.

Mr. Ault made a motion to deny this request, seconded by Mayor Paris. The motion carried and the request for an exemption was denied.

Other Business

Mayor Paris presented a complaint by city resident Matt Eickhoff about noise from a new restaurant and bar, The Juke Box. Planning Director Krista Linke stated that this business is exempt until 1:00 a.m., under normal circumstances. A discussion was held. Mr. Ault asked that the Planning Department talk to the business owners, to see if they can do anything, such as install a false wall with sound deadening material, or something else that might help reduce the noise. She agreed to talk to them and will report back to the board.

REPORTS BY DEPARTMENTS

Planning Department

Planning Director Krista Linke introduced resident Robert Witt and asked him to give a summary report on status of work done on his fire damaged home. Mr. Witt states that the garage door has been secured but will probably need to be replaced; the debris has been removed and / or has been hidden from view; the siding is in and when weather permits, it will be installed; the electrical inspection will be done this Friday and the front door will be installed after the electrical inspection. He said that the front porch has not been completed due to concerns from contractors about the railing height. Planning Director Krista Linke stated that they would work with Mr. Witt to complete the porch to the right specifications. Mr. Witt stated that the siding, electrical, and front door, will be completed by April 10th as well as the garage doors (either fixed or replaced) and the porch will also be finished by April 10th. Mayor Paris stated he would like to go with the Planning Department for the final inspection on April 10th. Resident Craig Moorman stated that garage has been in disrepair for some years.

Ms. Linke stated that the department has received a complaint from neighbors of the new Kohl's store concerning early morning construction noise. The noise ordinance states that construction work can begin at 7:00 a.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m.

Parks Department

Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner gave the Board information about upcoming special events planned, including a Senior Health Fair on April 8th. The annual Franklin Clean Community Challenge will be held Saturday April 19th. He also reported that the grounds of Province Park has been seriously damaged by recent flooding including damage to the walking bridges, retaining walls, and some of the parking lots. He stated that Kohl's has donated all the dirt they need for the repairs, and that he is concerned the citizens may not understand why the entrances to the park will remain closed. Chip also said that the Parks Department is renovating the fitness center, and holding a city-wide fitness campaign. The Parks Department is also in the process of renovating the skate park, and making it more user friendly by not locking the fence. Chip also stated that they are starting the planning process for the annual 4th of July Celebration.

Clerk-Treasurer

Clerk-Treasurer Janet Alexander asked the Board to review and sign two contracts. The first contract was with KRONOS the electronic timekeeping system in the amount of \$68,566.81. The second contract presented was for Keystone Software Systems in the amount of \$23,500.00. The Keystone system is a budgetary program for use by the Clerk Treasurer's office and includes a Payroll system which can be integrated with the KRONOS system. The Clerk Treasurer stated that she estimates that the total system upgrade including the purchase of a dedicated file server will come to \$105,000.00. She stated that the financial management software Keystone was included in the Clerk Treasurer's 2008 operating budget but that the time keeping system will require an appropriation from the Cumulative Capital Improvement Fund (current balance \$92,506). She also stated that both the Sewer Utility and the Park and Recreation Fund will pay for portions of the KRONOS system. Mayor Paris made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried and was approved. Mr. Ault made a motion for Mayor Paris to sign the KRONOS and Keystone contracts on behalf of the Board of Works.

Mr. Ault told Planning Director Krista Linke about a drainage issue at 1001 Yandes Street.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2008 at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

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

Enrolled: March 31, 2008

Approved by the Board of Works: April 15, 2008_____