

CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2007

Opening

Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews called the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Room.

Present

The roll was called and Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews, Board Members Steve Hougland and Joe Ault were present.

Also present were Police Chief John Borges, Fire Chief Jim Reese, Street Commissioner Richard Hughes, City Engineer Mike Buening, WWTP Superintendent Rick Littleton, Planning Director Joseph Csikos, City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall, Chief Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sue E. Midkiff, and Clerk-Treasurer Assistant Dee Day. Members of the local news media were not present for this meeting.

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

Public Comments

Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on anything not listed on the agenda. Ms. Debbie Hughes, Chairperson from the Johnson County Government Employee Wellness Committee, provided the Board with information packets about a blood drive sponsored by the County to be held September 27, 2007 on West Court Street from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ms. Hughes also told the Board that the county would be holding their 2nd Annual Wellness Program on October 23, 2007 at Scott Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and . Asked the to allow city of Franklin employees an hour off work to participate in the program. Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews stated that since this matter was listed on the agenda, the Board would discuss the matter and get back with Ms. Hughes.

Mr. Mark Brittner, resident of 1473 Scarlet Court, appeared before the Board to discuss a parking ticket that he had received. Mr. Brittner stated that there is a no parking sign starting at the entrance of the court and asked the Board how he should interrupt the sign since he was parked in front of his house along the cul-de-sac and has parked there for many years without receiving any tickets. Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews asked the Police Chief and City Planner take a look at the area and report back to the Board. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to have the Police Chief and City Engineer report back to the Mayor.

Consent Agenda

Approval and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 11, 2007.

Accounts Payable Voucher Registers

#091407 in the amount of \$83,303.20
#091507 in the amount of \$2,737.46
#092107 in the amount of \$61,207.17
#092207 in the amount of \$990.68
#073107 in the amount of \$5,797,602.82

Mr. Houglan, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to approve the consent agenda as distributed. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of KB Homes Refund Request

The Planning Director, Joseph Csikos, stated that the file is temporarily not available due to the remodeling in the Planning offices, but requested that the Board authorize the refund if he determines that the construction began prior to the expiration of the permit. Mr. Houglan, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to authorize the Mayor to work in concert with the Clerk-Treasurer and City Planner to determine the appropriate action as soon as the file is found. The motion carried and the recommendation was approved.

Request for Handicapped Parking in Front of Residence

Ms. May Bell was not present. Mr. Houglan, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to table this matter. The motion carried and the matter was tabled.

Bid Opening for Solid Waste & Curbside Recycling

The City Attorney, Robert H. Schafstall, stated that the bids would be opened but would not be awarded until the public hearing to be held on October 9, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Schafstall opened the bids and stated the amounts as follows:

Best Way Disposal: Solid Waste - \$730,164.00
Curbside Recycling - \$191,700.00
Trash and Recycling for City Properties - \$17,280.00
Total Annual Amount - \$939,144.00

Alternative Bid #1: Solid Waste - \$701,196.00
Curbside Recycling - \$191,700.00
Trash and Recycling for City Properties - \$17,280.00
Total Annual Amount - \$910,176.00

Alternative Bid #2: Solid Waste - \$658,596.00
Curbside Recycling - \$191,700.00
Trash and Recycling for City Properties - \$17,280.00
Total Annual Amount - \$867,576.00

Alternative Bid #3: Solid Waste - \$757,428.00
Curbside Recycling - \$191,700.00
Trash and Recycling for City Properties - \$17,280.00
Total Annual Amount - \$966,408.00

Mr. Schafstall then opened the bid from Rumpke and stated that the solid waste and curbside recycling were combined and stated the annual amounts as follows:

For 2008 and 2009: \$923,568.00
2010: \$949,128.00
2011: \$975,540.00
2012: \$1,001,952.00

Ray's Trash Service, Clayton, Indiana bid was opened next with the solid waste and curbside recycling amounts combined as well. The annual amounts are as follows:

For one (1) year: \$848,592.00
Alternative Bid: \$1,015,584.00

Inland Service Corporation, Texas, was the next bid opened with the solid waste and curbside recycling amounts also combined. The annual amounts are as follows:

For one (1) year: \$1,562,568.00
No alternative bid from Ray's was found

Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion that the Board take the bids under advisement and act on them at the next meeting after the recommendation of the City Attorney and Mr. Littleton. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Speed Limit Signs to be Posted and Speed Bumps Installed on West Madison Street

Ms. Heather McCoy, resident of Franklin, appeared before the Board to request that speed limit signs and speed bumps be placed on West Madison Street. Ms. McCoy stated that she had 50 signatures from the neighborhood residents asking that the speed limit be lowered from 30 miles per hour to 20 miles per hour on Madison Street going from Jackson Street to Highway U.S. 31. A discussion was held. Police Chief, John Borges, recommended that the Police Department conduct a survey and report back to the Board. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Hougland, made a motion to have the Police Department survey the area and report back to the Board. The motion carried.

Request for a "Balloon Release" at Graham Street and Highland Avenue

Ms. Penny Minor was not present. Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews stated that she received a request from Ms. Minor that this matter be stricken from the agenda. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Hougland, made a motion to strike this matter from the agenda. The motion carried and the matter was stricken.

Invitation for Johnson County Government Employees Wellness Program

Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews stated that the Board would take a look at this matter at the next meeting to be held on October 9, 2007.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews stated that she has received complaints from residents on Jefferson Street concerning the trash recycling receptacles. Some residents are being charged \$3.00 and some residents are being charged \$6.00. Mayor Jones-Matthews stated that she has brought this to the attention of Colleen Mason, a representative from Best Way Disposal, and Ms. Mason said that she would look in to the matter.

Mayor Jones-Matthews read aloud a letter she received from resident Mr. Spahr to the Board. The letter concerned a tree that fell and damaged a vehicle on N. Jackson Street August 7, 2007. The Mayor stated she would turn the letter over to the City Attorney for his review, as well as provide copies to the Board Members.

Mayor Jones-Matthews stated she had received a phone call from Ms. Sarah Mahoy, a representative from Partnership for a Healthier Johnson County, letting the City know that they plan to hold a parade October 24, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. The parade will travel down U.S. 31 as well as Jefferson Street.

REPORTS BY DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

Police Chief John Borges reported that he had a press release to send to the media concerning the matter of golf carts being driven on public streets. Chief Borges stated that he extended the release to include four-wheelers, dirt bikes, go-carts, mopeds, and motorized play vehicles. The release will bring general information to the public. Chief Borges stated that he would get that release out this week.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Jim Reese had nothing to report.

Sewer Billing

Sewer Billing Manager Brenda Poe was not present.

Greenlawn Cemetery

Greenlawn Cemetery Sexton Mark Webb was not present.

Street Department

Street Commissioner Richard Hughes had nothing to report. Mayor Jones-Matthews advised Commissioner Hughes that she received a phone call from a resident of Herriott Street about piled leaves on the street. Mr. Hughes stated that the Street Department was getting the leaf truck ready.

WWTP

WWTP Superintendent Rick Littleton had nothing to report.

Engineering Department

City Engineer Mike Buening gave the Board a memorandum titled Status of Tasks dated September 25, 2007 and reported on the Jefferson Street Sidewalk project explaining that he contacted the homeowners of 397 & 401 West Jefferson about replacement of the existing sidewalks. Carrie Miles, the owner of 397 W. Jefferson, advised him that she will not voluntarily participate in this project, which would require the BOW to initiate the sidewalk replacement as a class 3 project. Mr. Buening asked the Board to provide direction to advance this project. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Hougland, made a motion to move forward with the walks. The motion carried.

He also reported on the Fire Station Facility Assessment and Condition Report Request for Proposals explaining that the RFP was completed and distributed to five (5) firms. The deadline for receipt of the proposals is 10/12/07. He said that selection of the successful firm should take place at the October 23, 2007 meeting.

Planning Department

Planning Director Joe Csikos stated that he has an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Franklin and Johnson County Planning Departments to share the costs of staff training. This will be based on number of attendees. Mr. Csikos requests the Board authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. The City Attorney, Robert H. Schafstall, had reviewed the agreement and concurred. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Hougland, made a motion to have the Mayor sign on behalf of the Board.

Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews stated that she received a complaint about barking dogs in the Simon Farms Subdivision. The Mayor stated that police officers have responded to the complaints made about the dogs and have responded by visiting the home. The Mayor asked the Board what they could do for this resident. Police Chief John Borges said that when the City re-codified, the barking dog ordinance was removed. Chief Borges stated that the County has an enforceable ordinance addressing the problem of barking dogs. He suggested the Mayor communicate with one of the supervisors at the County to possibly watch this area. A discussion was held.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: October 5, 2007

Approved by the Board of Works: October 9, 2007