

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**  
**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY**

Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2007

**Executive Session**

Pursuant to Indiana Cod § 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (6) (B) the Board of Works met in an executive session at 5:45 p.m. to discuss confidential personnel matters. Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews and Board Member Joe Ault were present. Also present was City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall and Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sue Midkiff. A discussion was held. The executive session adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

**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 and Board Member Joe Ault were present. Also present were Police Chief John Borges, Deputy Fire Chief Greg Nelson, Sewer Billing Manager Brenda Poe, Street Commissioner Richard Hughes, City Engineer Mike Buening, WWTP Superintendent Rick Littleton, Cemetery Sexton Mark Webb, 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. Planning Director Joseph Csikos arrived at 6:14 p.m.

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. No one asked to speak.

**Consent Agenda**

Approval and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 9, 2007.

Accounts Payable Voucher Registers

#101207 in the amount of \$9,682,661.20

#101907 in the amount of \$682,485.90

#102007 in the amount of \$25,500.00

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Report on Survey of Madison Street from Jackson Street to U.S. 31**

Police Chief John Borges stated that this matter was addressed at the last meeting and asked the Board to strike this item from the agenda. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews, made a motion to strike. The motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Bid Award of Solid Waste & Curbside Recycling**

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Rick Littleton stated that his recommendation stands as he presented at the last meeting regarding the base and alternate bids. A discussion was held. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews, made a motion to “go with Rick Littleton’s recommendation and go with the lowest and most responsive bidder”. The motion carried. The bid was awarded to Ray’s Trash Service.

### **Bid Award of Fire Station Facility Assessment & Condition**

City Engineer Mike Buening stated that three proposals were received and asked the Board to table the matter until the next meeting. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews, made a motion to table. The motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Holiday Lighting**

Ms. Tricia Bechman, Executive Director of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Board to request that East and West Court Streets be closed December 1, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in order to hold the annual holiday lighting event. Ms. Bechman also requested that portions of Monroe, Jackson, Jefferson, and Home Streets be closed beginning at 1:30 p.m. in order to hold the parade. Deputy Fire Chief Greg Nelson stated that the fire truck was in the shop and would be unavailable for truck rides during the event. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews, made a motion to approve the request. The motion carried.

### **Requesting Closure of Cul-de-Sac on Green Court and Variance of Noise Ordinance**

Mr. Frank Schumacher, resident of 1745 Green Court, appeared before the Board to request permission to close off Green Court cul-de-sac on Saturday, October 27, 2007 in order to hold a community bonfire. Mr. Schumacher also requested a variance from the noise ordinance from 7:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. A discussion was held. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews,

made a motion that the Board approve Mr. Schumacher's request for his neighborhood bonfire. The motion carried.

#### **Requesting Enforcement of the Skateboarding Ordinance**

Ms. Alice Curry was not present. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews, made a motion to table. The motion carried.

#### **Requesting "No Semi-Trucks" Sign at the Entrance of Countryview Mobile Home Park**

Ms. Sherry Saxon was not present. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews, made a motion to table. The motion carried.

#### **Discussion of Drugs and Fighting Issues in Scott Park and Request for Stop Signs on Younce Street**

Ms. Carolyn Moore-Miller, resident of 1598 Younce Street, appeared before the Board to request that stop signs be placed on Younce Street at Roberts Road and Douglas Drive. Ms. Moore-Miller also stated that she felt that drug activities were going on in Scott Park and asked for assistance. Police Chief John Borges said that speeding is a problem during little league season. Chief Borges recommended having a stop sign placed at either Roberts Road or Douglas Drive. A discussion was held. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews, made a motion to direct Chief Borges to set up a traffic survey using the trailer and to place extra patrols in the area during periods when the park is in use. The motion carried. Chief Borges requested that DPW Superintendent Rick Littleton tell Suzanne Findley, Parks Superintendent, that the women's restroom at Scott Park is not secure. City Engineer Mike Buening will look at placement of a stop sign and report back at the next scheduled meeting to be held on November 13, 2007.

Mr. Csikos, the Planning Department Director arrived at this point in the meeting.

### **REPORTS BY DEPARTMENTS**

#### **Police Department**

Police Chief John Borges reported that the Police Department had investigated a case back in February, 2005 in which several items of personal property were seized. The Police Department has \$5,236.12 invested in the seizure and storage of the items and he requested that the stored items be auctioned off. Chief Borges stated that he had a court order authorizing the disposal of the items and permitting the proceeds beyond restitution to the Police Department to be distributed to the victims in the case. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews, made a motion to instruct the City Attorney, Chief Borges, and the Clerk-Treasurer to coordinate an auction at Christy's. The motion carried.

**Fire Department**

Deputy Fire Chief Greg Nelson stated that the fire truck would be going to the shop next Monday for refurbishing.

City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall asked WWTP Superintendent Rick Littleton to e-mail Fire Chief Jim Reese the two (2) light duty requests that should come up at the next scheduled Board of Works meeting.

**Sewer Billing**

Sewer Billing Manager Brenda Poe had nothing to report.

**Greenlawn Cemetery**

Greenlawn Cemetery Sexton Mark Webb had nothing to report.

**Street Department**

Street Commissioner Richard Hughes had nothing to report. Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews inquired about a pole on the corner of Hurricane and E. King Street. Street Commissioner Richard Hughes said that it had been hit by a truck.

Board Member Joe Ault asked Mike Buening whether there had been a street cut on Banta Street where the road was repaved. City Engineer Mike Buening responded that a contractor had come in to reshape the area. A discussion was held. The consensus of the Board was to have the City Engineer look into the matter.

**WWTP**

WWTP Superintendent Rick Littleton requested approval for payment of invoice #21524 to Commonwealth Engineers for post ATAD work in the amount of \$1,737.40. The work was from August 16, 2007 to September 15, 2007. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews, made a motion to approve the request. The motion carried.

**Engineering Department**

City Engineer Mike Buening provided the Board with a memorandum dated October 23, 2007 and reported that the 2007 Paving Program has been completed and all pavement has been placed and marked.

**Planning Department**

Planning Director Joe Csikos had nothing to report.

**Clerk-Treasurer Comments**

Chief Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Sue E. Midkiff, announced that we received notice from Indiana American Water Company that they had installed a fire hydrant at Cedar Lane Dentistry at the city's request. Ms. Midkiff informed the Board that it brought the total of hydrants to 664 at a current rate of \$34.91 per hydrant.

Ms. Midkiff asked the Board to approve an advance payment for three (3) members of the Clerk-Treasurers staff to attend a conference on accountability and fraud prevention in the amount of \$375.00. Ms. Midkiff explained that the conference notice was received after the last Board meeting and payment is due by November 2, 2007. After that date the registration cost would increase by \$75.00. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews, made a motion to approve the request to pay the fees for the three (3) members of the Clerk-Treasurers staff. The motion carried.

**Attorneys Comments**

City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall told the Board that Planning Director Joe Csikos, City Engineer Mike Buening, and he met with Irwin Union Bank representatives and their attorney concerning the Al Stouts subdivision located on East Jefferson Street.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

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

Enrolled: November 8, 2007

Approved by the Board of Works: November 13, 2007