

CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2007

Opening

Board Member Joe Ault 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 Board Members Joe Ault and Steve Hougland were present. Also present were Police Chief John Borges, Fire Chief Jim Reese, Sewer Billing Manager Brenda Poe, Planning Director Joseph Csikos, City Engineer Mike Buening, Cemetery Sexton Mark Webb, City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall, Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander and Clerk-Treasurer Assistant Dee Day. Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews was absent. Members of the local news media were not present for this meeting.

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

Public Comments

Board Member Joe Ault asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on anything not listed on the agenda. Mr. Steve Leonard, Director of Security from Franklin College, appeared before the Board to request that Grizzly Drive be closed from Branigin Boulevard to First Street November 17, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in order to host the NCAA playoff game. Mr. Leonard also requested that the parking restrictions be lifted on both sides of Park Avenue between First Street and Forsythe Street, the west side of Forsythe Street from Park Avenue to the service drive north of the Spurlock Center from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A discussion was held. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to approve the request. The motion carried and the request was approved.

Consent Agenda

Approval and Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 23, 2007.

Accounts Payable Voucher Registers

#103007 in the amount of \$854.80
#102907 in the amount of \$114,633.08
#102807 in the amount of \$4,194,000.00
#102707 in the amount of \$1,300,000.00
#110507 in the amount of \$277,704.84
#110707 in the amount of \$20,041.22
#110907 in the amount of \$132,415.02
#111307 in the amount of \$131,898.64
#111207 in the amount of \$36,045.70

Accounts Payable Payroll Vouchers

Sewer Payroll in the amount of \$50,595.75

General Payroll and Pension in the amount of \$600,018.93
Third Quarter PERF in the amount of \$361,026.93
Third Quarter Company PERF in the amount of \$42,205.97
Third Quarter Sewer PERF in the amount of \$11,894.24

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Bid Award of Fire Station Facility Assessment & Condition

City Engineer Mike Buening referred to his memo dated November 13, 2007 in which three proposals were submitted. Mr. Buening stated the bids are from DLZ in the amount of \$7,500.00, American Structurepoint in the amount of \$12,800.00, and Schneider in the amount of \$7,400.00. Mr. Buening recommended that the bid be awarded to DLZ. A discussion was held. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to table this matter until after the first of the year. The motion carried and the matter was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Requesting Enforcement of the Skateboarding Ordinance

Ms. Alice Curry and Mr. Dennis Norman, representatives from the Franklin Beautification Committee, appeared before the Board to request that the skateboarding ordinance be enforced in the downtown area. Ms. Curry stated that the skateboarders are tearing up the downtown benches paid for through a grant. Ms. Curry also said that the scarecrows and shrubs have been stolen along Jefferson Street. A discussion was held. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Hougland, made a motion that the Board of Works directs the Police Department to start citing violators of said ordinance and citing said violators into Franklin City Court. The motion carried.

Police Chief John Borges said that once the violators were cited, the Police Department submits them to the Clerk-Treasurer's Office and if they do not come in to pay, then the Clerk-Treasurer would cite them into Franklin City Court. Mr. Ault mentioned that if that is how the mechanism is structured in the ordinance then that is how he wants his motion to read.

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

Ms. Sherry Saxon was not present. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to strike this item from the agenda. The motion carried and the matter was stricken.

Discussion of Stop Signs on Younce Street

Chief Borges said that due to heavy traffic, specifically during baseball season, the Board might want to consider putting stop signs at Douglas and Roberts Roads on Younce Street. A discussion was held. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion that the Board follow the Chief's recommendation and cause stop signs to be erected at Douglas Drive and Roberts Road. The motion carried. The City Attorney asked City Engineer Mike Buening to get with Street Commissioner Richard Hughes to arrange for installation of the signs.

Mr. Ault asked Chief Borges if he had anything on the drug activity in the park. Chief Borges stated that he had made a physical site inspection and did not see any signs of drug activity nor does the Department have any reports on record. Chief Borges also stated that an extra patrol is

in the area. Mr. Hougland said the Park Board should be notified of this activity. Mr. Ault stated that he would make notification.

Request for Stop Sign and Slow Children Playing Sign

Ms. Kendra Murphy, resident of Woodfield Village, appeared before the Board to request that a speed limit sign and a “Slow Children Playing” sign be placed at Woodfield Dr. Ms. Murphy stated that there were 17 children playing in the area and vehicles race up and down the street. Mr. Ault asked the Chief of Police to take a look at the area and report back at the next meeting. Ms. May Bell, a resident of Woodfield Village said that racing was going on in the neighborhood. Ms. Bell stated that there are also parking problems, specifically from an auto repair shop operating in the neighborhood. Planning Director Joe Csikos said that he would look into the auto repair shop. Ms. Bell also said that golf carts and motorcycles were making a trail in the empty lot behind the homes. A discussion was held. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Hougland, made a motion to have the Street Department erect permanent cable barriers in the right of way. The motion carried.

Request Approval of 2008 Contracts

Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, requested approval and signatures on contracts between the City and Girls, Inc., Girl’s and Boy’s Club, Access Johnson County, Johnson County Senior Services, and Helpline (United Way). Ms. Alexander said that each had been included in the 2008 Board of Works budget approved by the Council. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion that the Board instruct Mr. Ault to sign the contracts on behalf of the Board of Works. The motion carried, the request was approved and the contracts were signed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Rob Mason, resident of Woodfield Village, appeared before the Board to inquire about the City’s plans to address the new flood plain elevations. City Engineer Mike Buening responded that the flood plain maps have been revised to where the flood plains have been widened and elevated higher. A discussion was held.

REPORTS BY DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

Police Chief John Borges stated that during the summer the City Police Department dispatch was struck by lightening and there was damage to the radio broadcasting console. Chief Borges stated that they were able to get the 911 Consortium to absorb the cost with repairing the console through 911 funds. Chief Borges stated that the City’s insurance for such items had a deductible of \$10,000.00 and the 911 Consortium would only pay \$1,000.00 toward any future damage.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Jim Reese had nothing to report.

Sewer Billing

Sewer Billing Manager Brenda Poe had nothing to report.

Greenlawn Cemetery

Greenlawn Cemetery Sexton Mark Webb had nothing to report.

Engineering Department

City Engineer Mike Buening provided the Board with a memorandum dated November 13, 2007 and reported on the following items:

Concerning the Ragsdale Ditch Storm Sewer Outlet

- Staff has found that the 66" storm sewer outlet into the Ragsdale Ditch has no cover and damage to three locations in the pipe near the ditch.
- TDX has submitted a quote of \$5,965.00 to repair the damaged pipe, replace the pipe outlet grate, and place topsoil to provide sufficient cover for the pipe.

Mr. Buening asked the Board to approve the drainage repairs by TDX. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to approve the City Engineer's recommendation in regard to the sewer pipe at Ragsdale Ditch. The motion carried.

Concerning the Rhoades Strip Center Sanitary Easement a site plan review identified that the sanitary sewer on the east side of the property does not have any easement of record. An easement was submitted for BOW acceptance. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to accept the easement. The motion carried.

Planning Department

Planning Director Joe Csikos had nothing to report.

Clerk-Treasurer Comments

Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander presented an invoice from the Indiana Masonic Home for the land lease in the amount of \$21,015.21. Mr. Littleton had asked that this be paid out of unappropriated sewer funds. A discussion was held. Mr. Ault asked why this payment was not included in the department's annual operating budget. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to approve payment and recommend that the annual payment be included in the department's budget. The motion carried.

Board Member Joe Ault reported that the city had erected "no truck" signs on Forsythe Street between King and Hamilton Streets. Mr. Ault believed that they should read "no thru trucks". Mr. Ault asked if someone would notify Richard Hughes to modify the signs changed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

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

Enrolled: 11/20/07

Approved by the Board of Works: 11/27/07