

CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2006

Opening

Mayor 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

Mayor Jones-Matthews and board member Joe Ault were present. Also present were Police Chief John Borges, Deputy Fire Chief Greg Nelson, Street Supervisor Jackie Brockman, Sewer Billing Office Manager Brenda Poe, WWTP Superintendent Rick Littleton, Planning Director David Weir, City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall, Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander, and Clerk Treasurer Assistant Kristi Bruther.

An invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance were offered.

Consent Agenda

Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews, made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

1. Minutes of the meeting held March 14, 2006.
2. Approval of Claims presented by the Clerk Treasurer.

The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

Old Business

Request for Additional Parking Spaces at “The Checkered Flag”

Mr. Joe Baker, co-owner of The Checkered Flag restaurant, was not present. Mr. Ault made a motion to table the request, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews. The motion carried and the request was tabled.

New Business

Request for Street Closures for the Annual Johnson County Fair Parade

Petitioner Jennifer Westerfield, a representative for the Johnson County Fair Board, contacted the Mayor’s office and asked that this request be tabled until April 11, 2006. Mr. Ault made a motion to table the request, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews. The motion carried and the matter was tabled.

Request for Approval of 3 Legends Plats and Acceptance of Bonds

Attorney Steve Huddleston, on behalf of the Legends of Franklin, appeared before the Board to request the approval of three plats and acceptance of bonds within the Legends subdivision development. The subdivision is being presented in three (3) separate plats: Master Plat, MaClaren Manor and Heather Glen. Planning Director, David Weir, presented on behalf of the City Engineer in which the plats still have corrections to be made and a list of corrections were sent to the developer. Mr. Huddleston requested the approval of the Board, contingent on the completion of the corrections and approval by the City Engineer.

Mr. Weir reported that additional funds have been submitted to replenish the inspection and testing funds for the project, in which checks for \$4,500 for Inspection and \$3,500 for Testing were submitted to the Clerk-Treasurer.

The following performance guarantees have been submitted for the Master Plat acceptance:

1. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104355238 for R/W Storm Sewers \$19,666.00
2. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104355239 for Signs & Monuments \$17,760.00
3. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104355240 for Street Surface & Striping \$15,603.00
4. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104355241 for Erosion Control \$9,120.00
5. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104355242 for Storm Sewers \$18,464.00
6. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104355243 for Cart Paths \$1,440.00
7. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104355244 for Street Surface Boulevard & Emergency Drive \$27,576.00
8. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104355245 for Sanitary Sewer Lift Station \$42,480.00

The following maintenance guarantee has been submitted for the Master Plat acceptance:

1. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104596448 for Sidewalks, Curbs, Sub grade Treatment, Stone & Asphalt in Right of Way \$8,594.00

The following maintenance guarantee has been submitted for the MaClaren Manor Plat acceptance:

1. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104355246 for Street Surface \$26,040.00
2. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104355247 for Storm Sewer \$140,778.00
3. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104355248 for Signs & Monuments \$15,240.00
4. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104596442 for Erosion control \$36,480.00

The following maintenance guarantee has been submitted for the Heather Glen Plat acceptance:

1. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104596443 for Street Surface \$26,796.00
2. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104596444 for Storm Sewer \$82,032.00
3. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104596445 for Earthwork \$30,000
4. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104596446 for Signs & Monuments \$14,640.00
5. Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. bond #104596447 for Erosion Control \$45,600.00

Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the request of Mr. Huddleston to approve the plats contingent on the completion of the corrections and approval by the City Engineer and the acceptance of bonds, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews. The motion carried and the request was approved.

Request for a Handicap Parking Space in Front of 645 Johnson Ave.

Planning Director, David Weir, presented on the behalf of Warren Beeler, a request for handicap parking space in front of Mr. Beeler's home at 645 Johnson Avenue. Mr. Weir indicated that the resident has a handicap sticker in their vehicle. He reported that the homeowner understands that he does not have an exclusive right to the parking space, and that any person with a handicap sticker may park in this space. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews. The motion carried and the request was approved.

Request for a Handicap Parking Space in Front of 180 Hurricane St.

Franklin resident David Buck appeared before the board to request a handicap parking space in front of his home at 180 Hurricane Street (on the southwest corner of Hurricane and King, near the Boys Club). Mr. Buck explained that he has a handicap sticker for his vehicle and that he understands that the parking space would not be reserved for his exclusive use. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews. The motion carried and the request was approved.

Request for Part of Hurricane St. to be Shut Down in Front of The Checkered Flag on April 8, 2006 for a Fundraiser and Motorcycle Benefit Ride

Mr. Jim Bay was not present. Mayor Jones-Matthews stated that it is her understanding that the event is not going to take place. Mr. Ault made a motion to strike the request from the agenda, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews. The motion carried and the request was stricken.

Request for Use of the City Parking Lot South of Key Bank from May 25th - 29th for the Annual Fish Fry

Franklin Lions Club representative, Eric Schumacher, appeared before the board to request the use of the City parking lot south of Key Bank on May 25th through May 29th for the annual fish fry. Mayor Jones-Matthews requested that he be sure that the area is cleaned thoroughly at the end of the event. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews. The motion carried and the request was approved.

Request for Approval of Street Sweeping Agreement with INDOT

City Attorney, Robert H. Schafstall, presented a street sweeping agreement with INDOT. Mr. Schafstall explained that the agreement was changed so that payment is made only one time per year and that there are three renewals on this agreement unless the City terminates the agreement before then. He has approved the language within the agreement. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews. The motion carried and the request was approved and the agreement was signed.

REPORTS BY DEPARTMENTS**Police Department**

Chief John Borges reported the following items:

1. The Police Department has two vacancies – dispatcher and transcriptionist. Chief Borges requested the Board's permission to fill the vacancies. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews, approved the Chief's request to fill the two vacancies. The motion carried and the request was approved.
2. The time change to Eastern Time Zone affects the third shift that works on April 1-2, 2006 and explained that due to the change in time, employees that work the third shift will lose one hour in the spring and must work an extra hour in the fall. Chief Borges requested that the employees be compensated for the hour that they will lose due to the time change. City Attorney, Robert H. Schafstall, explained that the State and

Johnson County are not compensating employees for that hour lost, but will pay for the extra hour required to work in the fall. Mr. Schafstall also explained that if the hour is compensated, but not actually worked, then the salary ordinance would need to be amended by the Council. Discussion held. Mr. Ault requested more time to review the matter and Chief Borges requested that the matter be forwarded to the Council. Mr. Ault made a motion to forward this request to the Council with a favorable recommendation, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews.

3. On January 9, 2006, the Council approved a resolution that authorized a pre-paid credit card for the department chaplain to use. Chief Borges explained that a credit card has not been provided to the department chaplain and that this is creating difficulty for him to provide services as necessary. Chief Borges is requesting that a police department card be issued to the department chaplain in the interim. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that the process for obtaining a credit card with a pre-paid limit has not been as easy as first expected, in which Heartland was not able to provide this service and the card had to be requested through Fifth Third Bank. Discussion held. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mayor Jones-Matthews made a motion to approve the Chief to use the Police department credit card to purchase a pre-paid card for the use of the chaplain. The Mayor suggested that the department review the amounts quarterly. The motion carried.

Fire Department

Deputy Chief Nelson had nothing to report.

Street Department

Street Supervisor, Jackie Brockman, had nothing to report. Mayor Jones-Matthews requested that the Street Department fill the hole along southeast corner of Adams Street and North Main.

Sewer Billing Department

Brenda Poe had nothing to report.

WWTP

Mr. Rick Littleton had nothing to report.

Planning Department

Planning Director, David Weir, reported that Franklin Heritage / the ArtCraft Theater have asked for a waiver of a building permit fee, in the amount of \$105.25, for the installation of a handicap bathroom. A discussion was held. The board's consensus was not to waive the fee.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on April 11, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk Treasurer

Enrolled: 3-30-06

Approved by the Board of Works: 4-11-06

