

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

Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2003

Opening:

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 14, 2003 in City Hall by Mayor Norman P. Blankenship.

Present:

Members Mayor Norman P. Blankenship, Mr. Joseph Ault, Mr. Stephen D. Hougland were present. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall, Chief John Borges, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Lewis, Street Commissioner Richard Hughes, City Engineer Mike Buening, and Wastewater Utility Superintendent Rick Littleton. Mrs. Karen Bridges a correspondent from the Indianapolis Star attended.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed. Mr. Ault abstained.

Approval of Claims

Claim Date	Type	Description	Docket Amount
1-14-03	Civil City	Claims 27397 - 27562	\$266,933.28
1-14-03	Civil City	Claims 27298 - 27352	\$353,943.98
1-14-03	Civil City	Claim 27387	\$42.19
1-14-03	Civil City	Claims 27353 – 27386	\$319,885.37
12-13-02	Civil City	Payroll	\$208,179.17
12-2-02	Civil City	Police & Fire Longevity	\$139,873.02
12-26-02	Civil City	Pension	\$43,868.41
12-27-02	Civil City	Payroll Manual	\$1,814.33
12-27-02	Civil City	Payroll	\$260,866.01
		Total	\$1,595,405.76
1-14-03	Sewer	Claims 3076 – 3151	\$243,941.67
1-14-03	Sewer	Claims 5209 – 5223	\$162,307.15
12-13-02	Sewer	Payroll	\$18,893.60
12-27-02	Sewer	Payroll	\$29,876.85
		Total	\$455,019.27

Introduction and Welcome

Mayor Blankenship introduced and welcomes Mr. Mike Buening, the City's new full time engineer.

Old Business

Structure to House the Cannon

Mr. Mark Webb the Cemetery Superintendent presented a modified proposal for construction of a building to house the cannon replica. The new design presented was priced at \$15,990. Discussion held. The Board requested that Mr. Webb obtain pricing which includes brick finish. Tabled.

Donation of old ambulance to RACES

Deputy Chief Lewis asked the Board to consider donating a 1985 ambulance to RACES, a ham radio organization that assists public safety officers and works with the Johnson County emergency management office. Chief Lewis estimated the value of the vehicle at \$1,500.00. The Board requested a qualified estimate of the vehicles value. Tabled.

Executive Summary Outline - Telecommunications Recommendations

Tabled.

Rumpke

Mrs. Terri Littleton of Rumpke provided reports on curbside trash and recyclables collections for the month of December and a report comparing collections since 1998. Mrs. Littleton also stated that City residents would receive an updated educational brochure in the near future.

New Business**Access Johnson County – Purchase gasoline from the City**

Ms. Becky Price representing Access Johnson County / Gateway Services requested that the City allow her organization to obtain gasoline from the City pumps. In the past they used the school corporation pumps but have been told that Franklin no longer plans to allow them this privilege. Ms. Price explained that they have 15 active vehicles, which used over 45,000 gallons of gasoline in 2002. Discussion held. The board members voted to approve the request and asked the Clerk Treasurer to work with the City Attorney to develop a contractual agreement stipulating the terms. Tabled.

Lift Station in Johnson Industrial Park

Mr. David Weir the Planning Director presented a request by Mr. Ray Johnson and Johnson Industrial Park. Mr. Johnson would like to collect a pro rata share for the expense of the lift station from future users in the Hudson Commercial Park. Tabled.

Hiring of Code Compliance Officer

Mr. Weir asked the Board to approve hiring Mr. Larry Hart to fill the position of Code Compliance Officer. Approved.

City Wide Area Network

Mr. Frank Schumacher the Chair of the Telecommunications Commission presented information to the Board concerning the purchase of Sophos, a virus protection software program for the entire city network. The board members approved this request and authorized the Mayor to sign the subscription agreement agreeing to pay \$5,308.12 for two years. Mr. Schumacher also presented a request to the Board for the purchase of a new computer server for the Fire Department from Dell Computer Corporation for \$6,045.53. The Board approved this request. Both purchases will be paid for out of the Board of Works budget appropriations.

Petition to Declare Fire Engine 21 R as Excess Equipment and Permission to Bid the Engine for Sale

Deputy Chief Mike Lewis explained that Fire Engine 21 R, a Ford Caterpillar, is no longer in use and that he recommends that it be sold. A discussion was held. The Board decided to hold a vehicle auction in March, advertise all surplus vehicles for sale and request sealed bids. The department heads were told to make a list of all potential surplus vehicles to be sold. The petition was removed.

2003 Contact Renewal for Girls, Inc. and Girls and Boys Club of Franklin

Mrs. Janet Alexander, the Clerk Treasurer asked the Board to consider and approve the contract for services with Girls, Inc. for \$22,000 per year and the Boys and Girls, Club of

Franklin for \$26,000. The Clerk Treasurer reminded the Board that they had included both agencies in their 2003 budget. The Board approved both agreements.

Other Business

Heritage Trails – Installation of new sewer

Mr. John Grimmer of 1201 Hillview Dr. and Mr. Don Blackwell of 1200 Hillview Dr., residents of homes adjacent to Middleton Drive asked the Board for consideration concerning the preservation of established mature trees growing along the planned path of a new sewer intended to serve the new Heritage Trails subdivision.

Mr. Mike Waugh the developer agreed to assist in this effort by trenching to lay the line in the street if the City would pay for the street repairs.

The City Engineer, Mr. Buening stated he was concerned that the planned distance between manholes no. 3 to no. 4 is over 500 feet, he recommends that the distance should be spaced no more than 400 feet.

Mr. Grimmer thanked Mr. Waugh for his cooperation and the Board Members for their consideration and stewardship. The Mayor stated that issues like this should be considered in the zoning ordinance. Mr. Blackwell stated that he has concerns about the sewers in the neighborhood since they experienced backups last spring following the floods. Mr. Littleton plans to scope the lines in the area to verify that there are no holes in the pipes. Mr. Blackwell also thanked the Board and Mr. Waugh. .

Mayor Blankenship recommends that the City's expenses for this project should be capped at \$3,000.00. The Board voted to accept the financial responsibility up to \$3,000 for the Heritage Trails Sewers on Middleton Drive Project.

Reports

Planning Department – Mr. David Weir

Mr. Weir stated that the Planning Department renovations are nearly complete. They added two new office spaces to accommodate the Code Compliance Officer and the City Engineer.

Engineering – Mr. Mike Buening

Mr. Buening stated that next Monday Monroe Street would be closed for a short time to start storm sewers for Branigin Way.

Street Department – Mr. Richard Hughes

No Report. Mr. Hougland asked Mr. Hughes to contact the Water Company concerning a possible leak on Henry Street. Mayor Blankenship asked Mr. Buening to look at the road at the entrance of Whispering Ponds due to persistent erosion of the pavement.

Wastewater Utility – Mr. Rick Littleton

No report

Fire Department - Chief Herron

No report.

Police Department – Chief Borges

No report.

Law Department – Mr. Robert H. Schafstall, Esq.

Mr. Schafstall stated that Dr. Michael Pauszak's term on the Fire Merit Commission has expired. He asked the Fire Department to set a date for an election three weeks from now. The Board voted to hold the election Friday February 7th. Approved.

In the matter of the purchase of easements for the Branigin Boulevard project, the attorney asked the Board to authorize an offer of \$4,000 to Mike Barnhizer for the purchase of an easement. The Board voted to offer Mr. Barnhizer \$4,000. Approved.

Concerning the Eastside Sewer Interceptor Project, Mr. Schafstall asked the Board to offer property owner Jason Eck \$5,000 for the purchase of an easement. The Board voted to offer Mr. Eck \$5,000. Approved.

Clerk Treasurer – Mrs. Janet P. Alexander

Reported that Indiana American Water Company notified the City that 15 fire hydrants had been installed at the City' request increasing the total number of hydrants to 596. The monthly bill has increased to \$19,840.84 (\$33.29 each).

Mayor – Mr. Norman P. Blankenship

Mayor Blankenship made the following comments:

- 1) Johnson County Emergency Management is planning a meeting February 26, 2003 from 8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon. Elected Officials and Department Heads are invited to attend.
- 2) Bonar Group has a survey team on site this week.
- 3) He stated that Mr. Joe Lepper at 601 Hamilton Avenue has a fence that has been struck by cars seven times and requested the City install a guardrail. Mr. Hughes was asked to research the right of way question and contact the resident concerning the right of way at the next regular meeting. The Mayor stated that he planned to place this on the agenda as a matter of new business.
- 4) Stated that he received a letter from resident Larry Cheek complimenting the Police Department.
- 5) He copied the Board on a letter received from IDEM December 30, 2002 concerning Phase II Storm Water Regulations, which is still a matter of concern, although no immediate action is required.
- 6) The Mayor asked Mr. Hughes to pursue the issue of the placement of the "Welcome to Franklin" sign on the south side of the City.
- 7) Stated that due to other more pressing issues the offer on the fire truck from the National Guard should be withdrawn.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. by the Board. The next general meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on January 28, 2003 in City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Works January 28, 2003

Norman P. Blankenship, Mayor