

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

Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2003

Opening:

Mayor Norman P. Blankenship called the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 28, 2003 in City Hall.

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, City Engineer Mike Buening, Street Commissioner Richard Hughes, Deputy Fire Chief Mike Lewis, Wastewater Utility Superintendent Rick Littleton and Planning Department Director David Weir. Mrs. Karen Bridges a correspondent from the Indianapolis Star attended.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Approval of Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment.

Claim Date	Type	Description	Docket Amount
1-14-03	Civil City	Claims 27388 – 27396	\$317,907.67
1-14-03	Civil City	Claims 27563 – 27613	\$238,841.00
		Total	\$556,748.67

Introduction and Welcome

Mayor Blankenship welcomed the members and department heads and invited Mr. Paul Johnson of Paul Johnson & Associates to present his Executive Summary of his recommendations to improve communication services for City government offices.

Old Business

Executive Summary Outline - Telecommunications Recommendations

Mr. Paul Johnson of Paul Johnson & Associates presented his recommendations to improve communication services for the City government offices. Mr. Johnson presented his report titled, Executive Summary for City of Franklin Indiana 55 West Madison Street Franklin, IN 46131. Tabled.

Structure to House the Cannon

Mr. Mark Webb the Cemetery Superintendent introduced T. A. Woods a builder working with the cemetery who presented a modified proposal for construction of a building to house the cannon replica. The new design presented was priced at \$12,300. The design proposed is open sided covered rectangle shaped building with brick siding. The Board voted to approve the proposal contingent upon final design approval by the City Engineer, available funding from the Cemetery Trust Fund and an appropriation of Cemetery Trust monies by the City Council.

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 obtained an appraisal estimating the value of

the vehicle at \$825.00. The Board voted to approve the donation of the ambulance to RACES. Mr. Lewis will coordinate the equipment transfer with the Clerk Treasurer's Office.

Access Johnson County – Purchase gasoline from the City (Contract Development)
Tabled.

Lift Station in Johnson Industrial Park Removed.

Municipal Vehicle Auction: Mr. Rick Littleton reported that the following Departments requested the listed vehicles declared surplus.

Fire

1.	Engine 21 R	1984	Ford 800 3D	VIN # 1FDY80U4EVA41410
2.	Tanker 21	1981	International	VIN # 2HTAF195XCCA12599
3.	Ambulance 23 R	1985	Ford Econoline XL	VIN # 1FTHS34LSFB24052
4.	Chevy Caprice	1992	Chevy Caprice	VIN # 1G1BL5378NW139084
5.	Lumina	1989	Chevy Lumina	VIN # 2G1WL45T7R9143803
6.	Chevy Caprice	1994	Chevy Caprice	VIN # 1G1B15372NW133233

Police

1.	Chevy	1993	Chevy	VIN # 1G1BL5373PW120289
2.	Chevy	1993	Chevy	VIN # 1G1BL5373PW120347

Street

1.	2 ½ ton Truck (Leaf)	1979	Chevy	VIN # C17DB9V124215
2.	Truck 2 ½ ton Garbage & Salt)	1987	Chevy	VIN # IGBM7DIE8HV114331

Wastewater

1.	Fruehauf Tanker	1956		VIN # TD12819
2.	Heil Tanker	1974		VIN # 926489

Hamilton Avenue Guardrail: Mr. Lepper the resident of 601 Hamilton Avenue explained that his fence has been struck numerous times by vehicles. He requested that the City install a guardrail in the easement. He agreed to remove the fence to allow this installation. The Board agreed tentatively to install the guardrail upon the Mayor's approval of the cost estimate.

Budgetary Resolution transferring funds from Insurance Liability Account #334 to accounts 125 and 126 relative to City Engineer Budgeted salary item: Presented by Mayor Blankenship. Approved.

Final Plat approval for Wal-Mart Plaza, Section 2 Subdivision: Mr. Steve Williams of Franklin Engineering presented the plans for the new 1st Bank building to be built north of the Wal-Mart Store off of U.S. 31. Mr. Weir stated that the plat is in substantial compliance with the Plan Commissions requirements and recommended approval. Approved.

Reports

Planning Department – Mr. David Weir

Mr. Weir reported that the homeowners along Middleton Street and Hillview Drive expressed concern about the intersection due to the pending construction of Heritage Trails. The residents requested a four way stop at the intersection. Mr. Weir suggested three possible solutions. The Board voted to require the developer of the new subdivision to pay for the new stop signs. The Street Department will install the signs when construction begins. Approved

The Planning Director also informed the Board that a new restaurant would be going in to an existing building along U.S. 31. He described the company as a national chain.

Street Department – Mr. Richard Hughes

Concerning the “Welcome to Franklin” sign right of way Mr. Hughes reported that he had left messages with the State but had not heard from anyone.

Engineering – Mr. Mike Buening

The City Engineer Mike Buening reported that he has a scheduled meeting with INDOT January 29 and would discuss the City’s request for the use of right of way to install the “Welcome to Franklin” sign.

Mr. Buening asked the Board to approve a change order to Milestone Contractors for \$4,550.00 on the Branigin Way Project for work performed along State Road 44. The Board directed that this be paid from the Local Road and Street Fund.

Mayor Blankenship also stated that the surveyors from Bonar are still working along Main Street gathering data for the TEA 21 N. Main Street project. The Mayor stated that the Board will need to create a budget for this project.

Wastewater Utility – Mr. Rick Littleton

Mr. Littleton explained that the uniform and floor mat bids presented a few weeks ago seemed to indicate that Plymate was the low bidder however this was not accurate. Plymate’s bid included a “Biweekly Charge” which is assessed weekly making UniFirst the City’s low bidder for uniforms and mats. Mr. Littleton requested that the Board approve the agreement presented. The Board voted to approve the Customer Service Agreement and the attached First Addendum to the Customer Service Agreement. Approved.

Mr. Littleton reported that Johnson County Emergency Management at the request of FEMA would like the Wastewater Treatment Plant to enter into an agreement known as “A Memorandum of Understanding”. No action is needed at this time.

Police Department – Chief Borges

Chief Borges reported that seven of the replacement patrol vehicles have been delivered and are currently being outfitted for duty.

Clerk Treasurer – Mrs. Janet P. Alexander

The Clerk Treasurer asked the Board to approve the 13th Amendment to the Health Benefit Plan administered by J.F. Molloy. This amendment includes a \$35 retail charge for Brand Name prescriptions when a generic is available and or a \$39 mail order charge. The Board approved the amendment and the Mayor signed the order.

The Clerk Treasurer also stated that she will be sending a contract between Senior Services and the City of Franklin to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. by the Board. The next general meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on February 11th, in City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Works _____

Norman P. Blankenship, Mayor