

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

Meeting Minutes
March 11, 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 March 11, 2003 in City Hall.

Present:

Mayor Norman P. Blankenship. Member Mr. Stephen D. Hougland and Mr. Joseph Ault were present. Also present were Carolyn Hauck from the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall, Police Chief John Borges, City Engineer Mike Buening, Street Commissioner Richard Hughes, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Lewis, Wastewater Utility Superintendent Rick Littleton, and Planning Department Director David Weir.

Mrs. Karen Bridges a correspondent from the Indianapolis Star was also present.

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.

3/11/03	Civil City	Claims 27847-279884	\$387,838.91
3/11/03	Civil City	Claims 27778-27846	\$2,318,808.34
3/11/03	Civil City	Payroll 02-07-03	\$221,991.03
3/11/03	Civil City	Payroll 02-07-03	\$2,102.87
3/11/03	Civil City	Payroll 02-21-03	\$228,030.62
3/11/03	Civil City	Pension 02-26-03	\$45,665.64
		Total Civil City Claims	\$3,204,437.41
3/11/03	Sewer	Claims 5360-5370	\$973,110.00
3/11/03	Sewer	Claims 5374-5419	\$178,596.58
3/11/03	Sewer	Payroll 02-07-03	\$22,082.94
3/11/03	Sewer	Payroll 02-21-03	\$21,989.83
		Total Sewer Utility Claims	\$1,195,779.35
		Total	\$4,400,216.76

Mayor Blankenship rearranged the agenda.

Rumpke Report

Ms. Terri Littleton presented the monthly Rumpke trash and recycling report for the month of February.

New Business

Renew Fire Extinguisher and Cylinder Contract

Stuart Bridges, owner of Stuart Fire Prevention, presented a contract to service the City's fire extinguishers and cylinders. The prices remain the same as last year. The Mayor noted that Mr. Bridges had filed a Conflict of Interest Statement, and the City Council had accepted it the previous night. A motion was made to accept and approve Mr. Bridges' contract.

Old Business

Branigin Woods Final Plat Acceptance and Bond Acceptance

Mr. Steve Williams of Franklin Engineering, representing Crossman Communities presented the final plat for Branigin Woods Subdivision Section #1. The Board accepted the two bonds listed below:

Bond #	Date	Issued by:	Purpose	Amount
Q857870091	01-14-03	Erie Insurance Company	Woods Sec 1-Concrete Curbs	3,216.00
929283361	02-27-03	Scheer's Inc.	Woodfield Blvd-Sanitary Sewer Manhole Testing, Storm Sewer Grouting and Repairs, Sidewalks not on lots, Monuments, Stone Turnarounds, Miscellaneous Curbs	20,000.00

A motion was made to accept the final plat. The plat was approved.

Telecommunications – Internet Access

Mr. Frank Schumacher recommended the Board going ahead with the DSL line for direct Internet access. It will be on a month-to-month basis, not a contract and will save the City money. A motion was made and approved to proceed with the DSL line.

Other Business

City resident Susan Morical a local resident spoke on the deteriorating condition of Simon Road. Several members of the Board and Department Heads agreed with her assessment of the road and stated that because of construction and construction trucks from Section 3 & 4 of Simon Woods, the road is in need of repair. Until the weather is better and home construction is finished, it will be temporarily fixed. The Mayor will visit the site tomorrow.

Reports

Street Department - Richard Hughes

Mr. Hughes informed the Board that the company that repaired the City's Automatic Signals, Pass Construction has gone out of business. Midwestern Electric submitted a bid to provide these services. A motion was made to accept and approve their services.

Planning Department - David Weir

Mr. Weir reported that a resident of Knollwood Avenue had called to say that the street is dark. Mr. Weir stated that there are four streetlights now and according to the 300 linear foot agreement, there should be seven. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Engineering - Mike Buening

Mr. Buening reported that plans for the East Side Interceptor will be presented at the next meeting.

Branigin Way – Informed the Board that Franklin College would like to have the Boulevard completed before school starts in the fall. He is still in discussions with the College regarding cost and funding of the streetlights.

Jim Black Road and State Road 44-He has received the permit from INDOT for the intersection work. The Board directed him to “Proceed with work at the intersection – yes, stating that there is “no benefit to delay, move on”.

Board Member-Steve Hougland

Stated concerns about the speed of traffic along King Street at the Greenway Trail intersection.

Mayor Norman Blankenship

The manager of Little Mac Warehouse on the corner of Adams Street and U.S. 31, called regarding the condition of the alley behind this business. Mr. Hughes reported that they had filled a large pothole that day. The Mayor asked Mr. Hughes to inspect the alley.

Michael Moss of Donato’s Pizza on U.S. 31, called regarding the condition of the entrance and of the road behind White Castle. Rick Littleton stated that there was a large pothole at the entrance of Donato’s. The Mayor asked Mr. Hughes to send a letter (or e-mail) to Mr. Moss informing him that road and parking lot is private property, not City property.

The Lion’s Club requested to close and use the City Parking Lot for their annual fish fry’s. The dates are June 6-7 and October 3-4 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. A motion was made to accept and approve this request.

The Mayor asked Mr. Borges about a bill for the 800 MH City Wide Radio System. The Police and Fire Departments do not use this system anymore. They now use a new Digital Public Safety 800 System. All of the other City Departments still use the old system. The Mayor asked the Police Department to pay the annual \$1,000.00 fee this year, since they budgeted for it, and next year it should be in the Board of Works budget.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. by the Board. The next general meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. on March 25, in City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Works _____

Norman P. Blankenship, Mayor