

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

Meeting Minutes
March 25, 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 25, 2003 in City Hall.

Present:

Mayor Norman P. Blankenship, Jr., Member Mr. Stephen D. Hougland and Mr. Joseph Ault were present. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Police Chief John Borges, Assistant Fire Chief Larry Tames, 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 amended.

Approval of Claims

The following claims were presented and approved for payment.

Date	Type	Description	Amount
3-7-03	Civil City	Payroll	225,619.52
3-21-03	Civil City	Payroll	235,884.89
3-26-03	Civil City	Pension	45,665.64
		Total Civil City Claims	507,170.05
3-7-03	Sewer	Payroll	23,797.90
3-21-03	Sewer	Payroll	21,488.39
		Total Sewer Claims	45,286.29

Old Business

Telecommunications Report: Telecommunications Commission Chairman Frank Schumacher informed the Board that he had provided a contract for services from Sprint to the City Attorney. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement for 36 months upon approval of the City Attorney. The motion carried.

425 E. Jefferson Street and 248 N. Water Street: Mr. Larry Hart the City Code Enforcement Officer presented a report outlining the status of the properties owned by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Harrison. Mr. Rob Shilts the Director of Franklin Heritage encouraged the Board to continue putting pressure on the homeowners to improve the properties. The Board directed Mr. Hart to collaborate with Franklin Heritage and arrange a structural inspection of both properties. Mr. Weir will contact the homeowners and make arrangements for the inspections. The Board stated that one alternative remaining would be to fine the property owners for the violations pursuant to the City's ordinance. Tabled.

Johnson Industrial Park – Lift Station: Tabled.

New Business

East Interceptor Plans: Mr. Jerry Ott requested the Boards approval of the plans for the Eastside Sewer Interceptor project. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the plan. Mr. Ott will provide a set of the plans to the Clerk Treasurers Office for the record. Mr. Ott asked the Board to appoint two people to represent the City on the Wage Scale Determination Committee for this project. Mayor Blankenship appointed Mr. Ault and Mr. Hougland.

Industrial Drive Subdivision – Final Plat approval and acceptance of public dedications and improvements: Mr. Steve Williams representing the property owners submitted an Irrevocable Letter of Credit for \$13,000.00 for the following improvements: finish grading, erosion control, paving, sanitary lateral, sidewalks, culverts, concrete paved ditch, in the Industrial Drive subdivision located at 2797 N. Morton Street and 215 Industrial Drive. The Mayor stated that the letter of credit was reviewed and approved by the City Attorney. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve. The motion to approve carried.

Simon Road Repair Update: Mayor Blankenship reviewed the cost estimate prepared by the City Engineer for the repair of this road. The estimate is \$160,000.00. Tabled.

Midwest Electrical Contract: Tabled.

Service agreement contract renewal for Police Department fire alarm system, keyless entry, and security camera system: Chief John Borges requested the Boards approval of the maintenance agreement with Simplex Grinnell for annual fee of \$7,726.50 from June 1, 2003 to May 31, 2004. Approved.

Other Business

None submitted.

Reports

Planning Department - David Weir

Mr. Weir reviewed his Board of Works Status Report dated March 25, 2003. Mr. Weir proposed the addition of three additional streetlights on Knollwood Avenue. The Board agreed. Mr. Weir will contact the utility and request three additional lights installed. Mr. Weir also informed the Board that the City of Indianapolis has requested that we work together to develop an Air Quality Improvement Plan. The Mayor asked Mr. Weir to notify the City of Indianapolis that we plan to cooperate with them in this effort.

Police Department – Chief John Borges

Chief Borges requested the Board's permission to submit a request to INDOT asking to reroute / close State Road 44 in front of the Courthouse on Memorial Day. Approved. The Chief stated that East Court Street would also be closed that day.

Fire Department – Captain Larry Tames

Captain Tames informed the Board that the new ambulance arrived Monday and has been sent out for lettering.

Mayor Norman Blankenship

On the recommendation of the City Attorney, Mayor Blankenship requested the Board approve payment for tire damages be allowed for Mr. Gary A. Lepper in the amount of \$49.95. Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve a payment for damages to Mr. Lepper, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried. Approved.

He also stated that the Downtown Merchants plan to hold a Spring Festival downtown on April 12th from 9:30 A.M. until 5:00 p.m. The merchants requested that East Court Street be closed during this period. Approved.

The Mayor announced that there will be a Department Head Meeting tomorrow Wednesday March 26, 2003.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held April 15, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Works:_____

Norman P. Blankenship, Mayor