

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

Meeting Minutes
April 29, 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 April 29, 2003 in City Hall.

Present:

Mayor Norman P. Blankenship, Jr., and Member Mr. Stephen D. Hougland were present. Mr. Joseph Ault was absent. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Police Chief John Borges, City Engineer Mike Buening, Assistant Fire Chief Mike Lewis, Street Commissioner Richard Hughes, 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.

Date	Type	Description	Amount
4-04-03	Civil City	Payroll	227,795.31
4-17-03	Civil City	Payroll	230,865.55
04-26-03	Civil City	Pension	45,665.64
04-29-03	Civil City	1st Qtr. Indiana Fire & Police PERF	268,428.72
		Total Civil City Payroll Claims	772,755.22
4-04-03	Sewer	Payroll	21,067.54
4-17-03	Sewer	Payroll	21,434.00
		Total Sewer Payroll Claims	42,501.54
		Total Payroll	815,276.76
Date	Type	Description	Amount
4-29-03	Civil City	Vendor Claims #28240 - 28278	50,919.75
		Total Civil City Claims	50,919.75
4-29-03	Sewer	Vendor Claims #3368 - 3379	5,560.90
		Total Vendor Claims	56,480.65
		Total Dockets	871,757.41

Old Business

Midwest Electrical Contract: Mr. Schafstall reported that he had not received an amended contract from Midwest Electrical. Mr. Hougland made a motion seconded by

the Mayor, authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Midwest upon approval of the City Attorney. Tabled.

Confirmation of East side interceptor plans: Tabled.

New Business

Ray Johnson – Davis Drive Sewer Hook-up: Mr. Steve Williams, Mr. Tom Vander Luitgaren, Esq., of Van Valer & Williams, Mr. Ray Johnson and Mr. Bill Johnson appeared to request that the Board reverse its vote to deny the request for sewer connection to the addition which is located outside the City limits. The Board of Works tabled this matter until the next meeting.

Release of Branigin Woods Plat: The Board asked the City Attorney to contact the attorneys of both parties. Tabled.

South & Westside Welcome Sign Locations Mr. Buening asked permission to pursue the permit process with INDOT to locate a sign on the south side of Franklin along U.S. 31. Approved. Mayor Blankenship asked also directed Mike to contact Mr. Greg Bechtold the Executive Officer at Johnson Memorial Hospital concerning the future plans for the area in which the City's Welcome sign is currently located.

Sidewalk Repair Program

Mayor Blankenship stated that from now on his administrative assistant would coordinate sidewalk scheduling and public information between City Offices and the participants.

5835 Tamara Way – Waiver of Noise Ordinance for a wedding 6-28-03 Kim Keith
No one appeared.

Lambda Chi Alpha – Waiver of Noise Ordinance No. 00-33 for 5-3-03 out-door party
– Mr. Ryan McDonald the social chairman for the fraternity explained that the event would take place Saturday May 3, 2003 from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Two security guards will be present during the event. Also the fraternity will be notifying neighbors with flyers. The property is located at the corner of State and Monroe Street. Approved.

Battle of the Bands – Waiver of Noise Ordinance No. 00-33 May 4, 2003 – Franklin College Residential Life Board Ms. Sara Wittfield explained that the Battle of the Bands would take place Sunday May 4th from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. They plan to notify the neighbors about the event with flyers. The event will be held at the First Year Experience Center (FYEC) on the northeast side of the campus in the outdoor courtyard. Approved.

Other Business

None.

Reports

Street Department - Mr. Richard Hughes

1. The sidewalk at 700 Hurricane Street has been completed by the Franklin Heritage Group.
2. The Clean Up Day was successful. The additional dumpsters were used – Mr. Hughes estimated that two dumpsters were filled. Several people were directed to the fairgrounds for disposal of various household hazardous chemicals.

Planning Department - David Weir

Mr. Weir reviewed his Board of Works Status Report dated April 29, 2003.

1. Request for a dumpster to be located in the alley at 599 East Adams Street for the disposal of a barn which the resident has agreed to tear down with help from family members. The Board voted to approve the request on the condition that after two weeks starting Saturday May 3rd, it will be removed. Approved.
2. Asked the Board to confirm the employment of Larry Hart the Code Enforcement Officer as he has completed his 90-day probationary period. Approved.
3. Asked the Board to disallow occupation of a mobile home at 208 Vindale Boulevard in the Country View Mobile Home Park. The home does not have electricity or gas and the resident has been ordered to vacate. The home was red-tagged by the Police Department but in spite of these actions, the former occupant had made attempts to re-occupy the home. The Board voted to approve the request.

Police Department – Chief John Borges - No report

Fire Department - Assistant Chief Mike Lewis – No report.

Engineering – Mr. Mike Buening – Mr. Buening reviewed his Board of Works Status Report dated April 29, 2003. Reported on the following matters:

1. Branigin Boulevard progress.
2. 2002 Paving Program – Madison Street sidewalks and road way is in progress.
3. Working with INDOT on the Jefferson Street Hurricane Bridge Detour. INDOT has indicated that they will apply a 3" overlay on Eastview Drive from State Road 44 to Hurricane Road as a part of this project.
4. Requested a temporary traffic signal at U.S. 31 and Commerce Drive during the period that this intersection is used as the detour.
5. Middleton Drive – the sewer line has been repaired with concrete and the developer is laying asphalt over the patch.
6. Considering Road 525 East as summer patching project for the Dura-Patcher.

City Attorney – Robert H. Schafstall, Esq.

Mr. Schafstall reported that he had received a request for information form from the U.S. Office of Personnel – General Request for Investigative Information requesting hire date and termination date of former firefighter Glenn Hall. Discussion held. The request was given to the Clerk Treasurer to respond to the dates of hire and termination. The request for additional information will be referred to Mr. Mitch Ripley the Human Resources contractor.

Mr. Schafstall also provided a Certificate of Insurance form for the Girls & Boys Club of Franklin to the Clerk-Treasurer.

The City Attorney also presented a contract for the Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander, between the City of Franklin and Komputrol for Annual Maintenance of the Budgetary Software, General Ledger Software, and various other software packages in use by the Clerk Treasurer's Office for annual fee of \$3,050.00. Approved.

The Clerk Treasurer explained that she has a second contract that was given to the City Attorney to review for Credit Card Services between Fifth Third Bank and the City of Franklin on behalf of the Parks Department. This will come up at the next meeting for final approval.

Board of Works Members

Mr. Hougland stated that a traffic signal is definitely going to be needed at U.S. 31 & Commerce Drive for the period of time that this route is used as a detour.

Mayor Norman Blankenship

1. Mayor Blankenship expressed concerns about the traffic backup on S.R. 44 & U.S. 31 to Vaught Street. He would like the State to explore the restricting left turns, and the addition of a passing blister.
2. Reminded everyone about the Johnson County Night at Victory Field June 14, 2003.
3. Stated that Police Officer Caplette is second on the list for one of the three positions at the Fire Department. The Mayor stated that in his opinion the Board should approve transferring all of Mr. Caplette's accrued benefits and longevity when he transfers from the Police Department. The Mayor stated that the Pension Board views this as a lateral move and that employment has been continuous. He also stated that on the civilian side all benefits would transfer. However he reserved the privilege to act on each transfer request individually rather than adopt a blanket policy recognizing that circumstances may vary. Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve, seconded by the Mayor. Approved.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held May 13, 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