

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

Meeting Minutes
August 12, 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 August 12, 2003 in City Hall.

Present:

Mayor Norman P. Blankenship, Jr., Mr. Joseph Ault and Mr. Stephen D. Hougland were present. Also present was Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall, Police Chief John Borges, City Engineer Mike Buening, Fire Chief Mike Herron, Street Commissioner Richard Hughes, Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Rick Littleton, and Planning Director David Weir.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Approval of Claims

The following claims were presented. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hougland. The motion carried.

Date	Type	Description	Amount
8-12-03	Civil City	Fire & Police Pension Payments / PERF 2 nd Qtr. 2003	276,829.76
8-12-03	Civil City	Vendor Claims #28944 - 29082	184,957.01
		Total Civil City	461,786.77
8-12-03	Sewer	Vendor #5728 – 5731	6,575.80
8-12-03	Sewer	Vendor #5732 – 5734	207.69
8-12-03	Sewer	Vendor #5737 – 5788	259,267.04
		Total Sewer Payroll Claims	1,189,624.07

Old Business

Rumpke Report Ms. Terri Littleton the City's representative from Rumpke provided updated reports concerning curbside garbage and recyclables collection for the month of July. Ms. Littleton introduced Amanda Ketchum, of Rumpke, Ms. Littleton explained that she is the person responsible for the monthly reports and that she may attend the Board meetings when Terri can not.

Knollwood Farms Homeowners Association –Mr. Ken Austin a member of the Knollwood Homeowners Association Additional repeated his request for additional stops signs, no parking signage and a reduction of the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph and other traffic concerns. Chief Borges read his letter dated July 23, 2003 to the Board of Works stating his recommendations which include lowering the speed limit, and adding additional signs on several streets throughout the addition. Mr. Hughes agreed with the

Chief's recommendations. The Board tabled this matter to allow the City Engineer, Police Chief and Planning Director to formulate a final recommendation.

Telecommunications Bidding review: Mr. Paul Johnson and Mr. Frank Schumacher present the specifications for bids. The Board set the bid opening for August 29, 2003 at 10:30 A.M. The Board of Works appointed Mr. Rick Littleton, Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, and Mr. Robert H. Schafstall, Esq. to receive the bids on behalf of the Board.

Reduce speed Limit in Northpointe: Ms. Dawn Geisler did not appear. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to strike this matter from the agenda. The motion carried.

Closing of a Portion of Main Street for Franklin College Homecoming in Conjunction with the Willard: Ms. Lora Hoover Franklin College Alumni Director returned to request the Boards approval to close the 1st block of Main Street between Jefferson and Madison on Saturday, October 11, from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 A.M. Sunday for Franklin College Homecoming. They plan to install a 40 X 80 tent in the street. They have scheduled a restricted event for Franklin College Alumni from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Following this event the sponsors will open the Willard and the tent to the public. Discussion held. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the request contingent on satisfactory resolution of the outstanding security issues, liability insurance (naming the City of Franklin as additionally insured) and remonstrations from area business. The motion carried.

Dedication of Public Right-of-Way Along Arvin Road: Mr. David Weir submitted a Dedication of Public Right of Way Along Arvin Road signed by the property owner, Shelby Materials. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to accept the right-of way as submitted. The motion carried.

New Business

Agreement for cost sharing relative to Branigin Blvd. Street lighting: **Mike Buening** Mr. Buening presented a Memorandum of Understanding titled Agreement for Cost Sharing Relative to Branigin Boulevard Street Lighting between Franklin College and the City of Franklin. The College agreed to pay \$59,735.53 to defray the City's cost of street lighting upgrades on and along Branigin Boulevard. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve. The motion carried.

Street closings and exemption from Noise Ordinance for Franklin Fall Festival: **Suzanne Findley** Ms. Suzanne Findley the Parks Superintendent made the following requests related to the Fall Festival scheduled Friday October 3 & Saturday October 4 2003.

1. Street Closures

Friday October 3

- Close the 1st Block of North Main Street at 4:00 p.m., until Sunday morning for entertainment
- Close West Court Street for stage

Saturday, October 4

- Close East Court Street 1:00 A.M. for early set-up
- Close North Main from Johnson County Historical Museum to Jefferson Street.

2. Waiver of Noise Ordinance

Ms. Findley also requested that the Noise Ordinance be waived on Friday until 10:00 p.m. and on Saturday until midnight.

The Board discussed the parade which will take place Saturday at 1:00 p.m. The parade route is as follows: Franklin High School parking lot, Banta Street to Walnut Street to Jefferson Street to Home Avenue (south) to South Street through the Masonic Home. Mr. Hughes raised a concern about blocking King Street (intersection King and Walnut) during the parade. Discussion held. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve Ms. Findley's request contingent upon the development of an adequate traffic control plan and to allow the exemption from the noise ordinance. The motion carried.

Review of employment application: Mayor Blankenship asked to table this matter until the next meeting. Tabled.

Staff Reports

Street Department - Mr. Hughes reported that due to family issues he was unable to complete the signage project. The Mayor stated that he had noticed unauthorized signage (along U.S. 31 at the Industrial Park).

Engineering – Mr. Mike Buening – Mr. Buening reviewed his Board of Works Status Report dated August 12, 2003.

- Asked to schedule a bid for the 2003 Paving Project for the repair of Simon Road and Jim Black Road. The Board agreed and set this matter for bid opening August 29, 2003 at 10:00 A.M.
- Reported that Franklin College wants Monroe Street converted to a two way street as soon as possible. This will require the installation of no parking signs and stop signs. Also the road will need centerline striping that will cost \$417. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the request.
- Indiana American Water told him that the intersection of Forsyth & Jefferson Street will be closing tomorrow for work.

Fire Department – Chief Mike Herron reported that the Fire Department will be able to purchase air monitoring equipment through a Johnson County Emergency Management Homeland Security Grant. JCEM received a total of \$292,192.60.

The Chief also reported that the department will need a new trailer to store and transport the equipment. He estimates the cost of the trailer around \$30,000 to \$35,000. He stated that he may need an additional appropriation to purchase this vehicle. Chief Herron also stated that the aerial ladder is out of service and has been sent back to the Indianapolis Fire Department for repairs.

Police Department – Chief John Borges reported the following:

- The City's e-mail system has gone down for the second time this year due to INSIGHT. Mr. Littleton explained that AT & T the subcontractor for INSIGHT was responsible for shutting the system down. The system is back up but only for the next 72 hours. Mayor Blankenship asked the City Attorney to contact INSIGHT and fix the problem.
- The Chief also stated that the department plans to begin addressing the abandoned vehicle problem this Friday starting with a media campaign and special assigned officers.

- Chief Borges reported that although his department issues citations for ordinance violations they are ineffectual due to lack of prosecution. The Board agreed that the City Attorney, the Police Department and the Planning Department will look at how other communities such as Carmel and Greenwood have addressed this problem.

Law Department – Robert H. Schafstall, Esq. reported that Mr. James Jachimiak has been ordered out of his house due to the condition of the property. Eastside Sewer Interceptor – the Hougham Family Trust owns two pieces of property that have been appraised for \$22,200 and \$31,500 that the City may want to acquire for this sewer project. Circuit Court Judge K. Mark Lloyd contacted him concerning special parking permits for Jurors. Discussion held. Mr. Schafstall will write a proposed ordinance. Finally Mr. Schafstall requested an executive session on August 26, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. before the regular meeting begins. Approved.

Mayor Norman Blankenship: Reminded the Department Heads that the City's website is intended to be representative of the entire City with a single theme marketing economic development. He discouraged departments from investing any time or additional money into their individual sites.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held August 26 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