

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 19, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Steve Barnett presiding. Board members Lisa Jones and Bob Swinehamer answered roll call.

Chief of Police Tim O’Sullivan, Fire Chief Dan McElyea, Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner, Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips, DPW Superintendent Rick Littleton, Community Development Director Krista Linke, City Engineer Mark Richards, Street Commissioner Brett Jones, Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also in attendance.

Mayor Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments

There were no announcements, presentations or public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held March 5, 2018
2. Board of Works Claims.
 - #030718 RDC Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$358,986.69
 - #031018 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$30,465.93
 - #030918 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$53,884.07
 - Payroll in the amount of \$377,987.67
 - #031518 RDC Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$159,805.00
 - #031618 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$196,442.59
 - #031818 Sewer Utility General Obligations in the amount of \$36,000.96
 - #031918 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$112,016.87
 - #031718 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$27,078.10

Mr. Swinehamer made a comment that there was a Scribner’s error in the previous meeting minutes. It listed an address as 790 W. Jefferson Street, and it should be 79 W. Jefferson St., it was agreed the minutes would be amended to reflect this change. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, and the minutes with the above change made, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Request to Re-Locate Handicap Sign - Tabled from Previous Meeting – City Engineer Mark Richards stated he had checked in to this item, and he would recommend that no changes are made to the sign. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to deny this request, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The request was denied.

Request Approval & Acceptance of Amended Rules & Regulations for the Franklin Fire Department - Tabled from Previous Meeting - Fire Chief Dan McElyea came forward and stated that changes were made after the previous meeting, and it has been reviewed by City Attorney Gray. They are updating Article 1 of their handbook to go along with the revised City handbook. A discussion was held. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Requesting "Do Not Block Drive" Sign & Requesting Yellow Lines Painted on Street & Sign Indicating "No Parking" in Front of Driveway at 165 S. Water Street - Christa Martin came forward and stated she lives adjacent to the new Garment Factory venue which is getting ready to open. Ms. Martin wants to make sure her driveway does not get blocked once this venue is opened. A discussion was held. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to approve the Street Department painting the curb in front of the driveway at 165 S. Water Street and working with Ms. Martin, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Board of Works Budgetary Resolution No.: 18-01 A Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from Sewer Billing Supplies to Sewer Billing Capital in the amount of \$2,072.50 - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated that the Sewer Billing office is purchasing a new copier and they do not have money in their Capital Fund so they need to transfer their part of the money. They are dividing the cost three ways between Sewer Billing; MS4 & DPW. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Permission for JCCF Color the County Mural Program to Paint a Mural on the South Main Street Bridge Underpass - Kim Minton, Vice-President of Development for Johnson County Community Foundation came forward to present this request. Ms. Minton stated they have asked the community for suggestions about the mural, and received approval from the Johnson County Commissioners, and now are asking for the city's permission since they would be working in the city's right-of-way. Ms. Minton stated they do not have a date set yet, but it will probably be July or August. A discussion was held. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to authorize the use of the right-of-way under the South Main St. Bridge, and with Ms. Minton coordinating with the Parks Department, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken

with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Construction Contract for Brookhaven Drive Extension Project, and Authorize City Engineer to Issue Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed - City Engineer Mark Richards stated this project was bid on March 5th with the lowest most responsive bidder being Dave O'Mara Contractor at \$452,852.00 which came in under the engineers estimate. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to approve this contract, and having Mr. Richards send out a notice of award and a notice to proceed subject to funding by the Redevelopment Commission (RDC), seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Construction Inspection Contract for the Eastview Drive & Upper Shelbyville Rd. Roundabout Project and Authorize City Engineer to Issue Notice to Proceed - City Engineer Mark Richards stated this is a federal aid project which will go to INDOT for letting on April 11th. CrossRoad Engineers was selected for the inspection process contract in the amount of \$196,000.00. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to approve this contract, and authorizing the city engineer to issue a notice to proceed not to exceed \$196,000.00, and subject to funding from the RDC, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval to Extend Right-of-Way and Land Exchange Agreement to June 30, 2018 and Accept Assignment if Necessary - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated this agreement was approved earlier in the year, and we now have quiet title for this property. She stated that Triple T Property, Jennifer Thompson owned the right-of-way so rather than paying for this property we would transfer the Red Carpet Inn property to her. Since that time Triple T has stated they are not interested in developing this area and have entered into a contract with Sprague's which will be putting in the hotel. This agreement is set to be signed March 30th, so Ms. Gray would like to extend the date to June 30th, and if necessary assign the contract to the Sprague's. Ms. Gray stated she has met with the Sprague's and they intend to move forward with their plan to purchase this piece of property. Ms. Gray thanked Rhoni Oliver for all of her hard work on this project. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to extend the date of the agreement to June 30th, and authorizing us to assign this contract to the third party if necessary, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Street Commissioner Jones stated he would like approval to trade in their old chipper for credit on a new chipper they would like to purchase. Mr. Jones stated he had received three quotes for this chipper, and they have money in their budget to pay for the new chipper. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the trade in of the old chipper, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

Community Development Director Linke stated the RDC has a request on their agenda tomorrow to use the Oren Wright parking lot on May 5th as the start of a motorcycle charity ride, and she wanted to know if Police Chief O'Sullivan had any issues with this. Chief O'Sullivan stated he seen no issues as long as there is no alcohol involved, and stated they would need to notify dispatch when they are leaving the area.

Mayor Barnett stated that the Street Department had hired a new person, and are getting ready to hire two more people, he is very happy with the Street Department, and the work they have been doing. Street Commissioner Jones stated he would like to thank the, Police & Fire Department for all of their help with the truck incident that happened on Crowell Street last week there were two trees knocked over, and overhead lines knocked down. Mayor Barnett stated that he is asking the trucking company to pay for all of the equipment, and employees used to clean up the mess which was a total of \$5671.17.

City Engineer Richards stated that Jefferson Street & King Street will be closed until the end of July, then the last phase of Jefferson Street down to Forsythe Street will be through the rest of the year. Anyone with questions please call Mr. Richards.

Mr. Swinehamer asked Mr. Richards when the 2018 Paving Project would begin. Mr. Richards stated that they are waiting to get the contract back from Dave O'Mara Contractors, and once they get the contract back they will get a schedule from them. Mr. Swinehamer asked about the HVAC system at the Parks Department. Park Superintendent Orner stated they did get all items set, but not all areas have heat or cooling at this time.

City Attorney Gray spoke in length about the opioid lawsuit that the city of Franklin had joined along with many other entities across the country. Last week she signed a protective order, and she has gotten information from other entities and some of this information is confidential which is why there is a need for the protective order. Ms. Gray has received information from the court which shows that from 2016 to 2017 there was a 30% increase across the country in opioid overdoses, and a 70% increase in overdoses across the Midwest. Ms. Gray also stated that she has received information from the American Medical Association (AMA) showing research that shows there is no advantage to using opioids in treating pain versus non opioids. Ms. Gray also reported to the City Council that there is potential to be a Designated Opportunity Zone which allows for development in designated areas, and would give investors incentives to invest in these areas. Governor Holcomb will be choosing the designated areas based upon the City's application. Ms. Gray stated that the Mayor has directed Community Development Director Linke, Senior Planner Myers & herself to apply to be one of these opportunity zones. A discussion was held.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 3/22/2018

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer