# Board of Public Works and Safety Regular Meeting Minutes January 6, 2020

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 member Lisa Jones answered roll call. Board member Bob Swinehamer was absent.

Chief of Police Kirby Cochran, Fire Chief Matt Culp, Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner, Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips, DPW Superintendent Sally Brown, IT Director Rick Littleton, Community Development Director Krista Linke, City Engineer Mark Richards, Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager 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

Mayor Barnett stated that all Department heads were sworn in this morning. Mayor Barnett swore in Board Member Lisa Jones.

Marty Williams thanked everyone for their support of Discover Downtown Franklin last year.

Request Board of Works to Appoint a Member or Representative to the Plan Commission. This is an Annual Appointment, with Jim Martin being the Appointment for 2019 – Mayor Barnett stated that Mr. Martin would like to be reappointed. Mayor Barnett made a motion to reappoint Jim Martin, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

## **Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- 1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held December 16, 2019
- 2. Board of Works Claims.
  - o Payroll in the amount of \$398,110.38
  - o Adjustment from November Payroll in the amount of \$311.04
  - o #122119 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$71.25
  - o #121819 RDC Contracts/Utilities in the amount of 4752,755.34
  - o #122019 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$7,605.58
  - o #122719 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$44,575.57

- o #122819 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$556,955.74
- o #122519 RDC Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$1,115,770.04
- o Civilian Longevity in the amount of \$97,400.00
- o Payroll in the amount of \$399,505.01
- o #122419 RDA Lease Rental Rev. Bonds in the amount of \$158,426.05
- o Civilian Longevity in the amount of \$600.00
- o #010420 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$28,595.42
- o #013020 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$313,760.57
- o #010520 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$16,553.63
- o #010620 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$73,204.01

Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business presented.

#### **New Business**

Request Permission to Place Dumpster 60-90 Days for Roof Replacement, Demo & Renovation in two Designated Parking Spaces on South Home Avenue on the West Side of the Church at 201 E. Jefferson Street – Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated that Derrick Christy the owner of the building is requesting two parking spaces be blocked in order to place a dumpster for the replacement of the roof at this location. Ms. Myers stated they are hoping to make this building into a small wedding venue. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve with the condition the owner reaches out to neighbors to let them know what is going on, and coordinates with the MVH & puts plywood down under the dumpster when it is placed, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request to Amend Article I, Section 10 Leave Policy - Time Trade - Fire Chief Matt Culp stated that he is asking for this amendment in order to give them more flexibility with their scheduling policy regarding their time off schedules. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Acceptance & Execution of Storm & Sanitary Sewer Inspection Service Agreement, Earthwork & Paving Inspection Agreement for Deer Meadows, Section 4 (PC 2019-20) - Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated she is requesting acceptance & execution of Storm & Sanitary Sewer Inspection Service Agreement, & Earthwork & Paving Inspection Agreement for Deer Meadows, Section 4. Ms. Myers also stated this will be the last section of Deer Meadows. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve all items requested, seconded by Mayor Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Interlocal Agreement with INDOT Memorializing Commitments for the US 31 Corridor Project - City Engineer Mark Richards stated this project will begin at the south end of town on South Main Street, and will end on Israel Lane on the north end of town. The total amount of this project is 45.3 million, with the City's portion being capped at 3.2 million which has already been approved by RDC. Mr. Richards showed preliminary sketches of this project along US 31, and explained how the changes would affect the area. Mr. Richards stated there would be grass medians & concrete medians throughout this area, and that the majority of turns would now be "J" turns, with this eliminating a number of left hand turns. There will be extra space built in for u-turns, and for large vehicles such as firetrucks to make these type of turns. It was stated that this project could begin as early as 2022, and will take probably two full construction seasons to complete. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Johnson County, Greenwood, & Whiteland Memorializing Commitments for the Rail Crossing Safety Project - City Engineer Mark Richards stated this project was first submitted for federal funding in 2016, as a result of CSX agreement with the railroad to increase the number of trains, speed of trains, and weight of trains. Mr. Richards stated an application was submitted to the MPO to add Railroad crossing arms and signals at every crossing in Johnson County. Mr. Richards stated that this work should begin in Franklin sometime this year with a cost to the City of \$126,417.61 for our portion which is a 10% match. Mr. Richards stated we need this agreement in order to identify costs & responsibilities of the project. Mr. Richards also stated that this agreement will be signed by BOW & City Council, Greenwood, Whiteland, & Johnson County to be approved. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Mayor Barnett stated that funding for this project was appropriated last year for our portion.

## **Other Business**

There was no other business presented.

## **Department Reports / Staff Reports**

Fire Chief Culp thanked everyone for welcoming him as the new chief.

Police Chief Cochran stated they had three new officers that graduated from the Police Academy, which are now on the streets. Chief Cochran also stated that they had a successful toy drive for Christmas, and thanked everyone for their donations, and helping to wrap all of the gifts for local families in need.

DPW Superintendent Brown stated that the two new pumps for the Young's Creek lift station should be in shortly, & they are having this station cleaned before these pumps are installed. Ms. Brown also stated that the construction on the 2.5-million-dollar state mandated upgrade for phosphorus waste removal is going according to schedule.

City Engineer Richards stated he would like permission to advertise for bids for the 2020 Alley Project. Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve advertising for bids, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. A discussion was held. Mr. Richards stated he would also like to request authorization to submit an application for the Community Crossings Grant for 2020, which are due February 7<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve applying for the grant, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

## Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled:1/8/2020

Steve Barnett, Mayor

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