

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 3, 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 members Lisa Jones & Bob Swinehamer answered roll call.

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, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also in attendance.

Mayor Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments

Marty Williams of Discover Downtown Franklin thanked everyone for their support of the “Strawberries on the Square” drive-thru event.

Rosie from the Chamber of Commerce announced there would be a Zoom meeting on August 13th with Franklin School Superintendent Dr. Clendening as the guest speaker.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held July 20, 2020
2. Board of Works Claims.
 - Pension Payroll in the amount of \$54,056.81
 - #072520 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$1,853.78
 - #072220 Sewer Bond in the amount of \$108,984.23
 - #072420 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$404,724.49
 - Payroll in the amount of \$413,029.49
 - #080320 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$37,365.64
 - #080220 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$34,694.92
 - #072720 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$12,450.20
 - #072920 RDC Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$209,158.79
 - #073020 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$14,127.26
 - #072620 RDA Lease Revenue Rental Bond in the amount of \$179,983.50

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

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

Request Approval & Execution of Dedication of Right-of-Way along Forest Road by GDI Holdings, LLC - Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated GDI Holdings, LLC is requesting approval & execution of Dedication of Right-of-Way along Forest Road. Ms. Myers gave an overview of this request. A discussion was held. 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 Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Demolition of Abandoned WWTP between Wessler Engineering & City of Franklin - Gary Ruston, Wessler Engineering came forward & stated this project will include engineering services including design, bid assistance, & the construction phase of services for the demolition of the abandoned wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Ruston stated that the Design Phase & Bid Assistance would be a cost of \$40,000.00, & the Construction Administration cost would be \$10,000.00. 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.

Board of Works Resolution No.: 20-05 Joint Resolution Approving Interlocal Agreement Between Town of Edinburgh & City of Franklin Concerning the Sale of Personal Property - City Attorney Lynn Gray & Fire Chief Matt Culp. Chief Culp stated this resolution is a joint resolution of the Board of Works & City Council which will approve an Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Edinburgh & the City of Franklin regarding the sale of the following personal property: 2006 Ford Expedition Mobile Command Vehicle fully outfitted with emergency lights & sirens VIN#2838; 2003 E-One HP96 Aerial Truck VIN#6861, & additional apparatus. Chief Culp stated the total purchase price for the property listed above is \$125,000.00, with the purchase being completed on 8/4/20 at the office of Huddleston & Huddleston. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Board of Works Resolution No.: 20-06 Resolution Approving Franklin Channel Rules, Policies & Regulations - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated that the City of Franklin had been granted a not for profit cable channel through Metronet intended to inform & educate the citizens of Franklin & Johnson County with the said cable channel being known as the Franklin PEG Channel; & that the Telecommunications Council was tasked with establishing channel rules, policies & regulations governing the operation of said PEG channel. Ms. Gray stated that the Telecommunications Council has unanimously created the PEG Channel Rules, Policies &

Regulations in the attached Exhibit “A” which she explained to the Board. Ms. Gray stated that the Board of Works needs to authorize & approve the adoption of these rules, policies & regulations. 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.

Mayor Barnett noted that Frank Schumacher had resigned from the Telecommunications Commission after several years, & that he had appointed Josh Prine to replace Mr. Schumacher.

Request Approval of Change Order #1 - FINAL - REVISED for the 2020 Maintenance Improvement Program - Asphalt Milling, Patching, & Resurfacing - City Engineer Mark Richards stated this original Change Order #1 was approved at the previous meeting, but math errors were found after the approval. This is a revised Change Order #1 with a decrease in price of around \$10,366.21. A discussion was held. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to rescind the original change order approved at the July 20th meeting, & to approve the revised change order, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Request to File Liens on Unkempt Property – Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

Police Chief Cochran stated they are still working on drug arrests.

Fire Chief Culp stated they would be swearing in a new Lieutenant Firefighter at the Council meeting later this evening, & that they would be hiring a new Firefighter in January.

DPW Superintendent Brown stated the state wants them to test wastewater samples for spikes of COVID-19 from August to October.

Sewer Billing Manager Phillips stated they would be filing 150 liens which is lower than last year.

Community Development Director Linke thanked everyone for their work on “Strawberries on the Square”, and stated that arches will be made for the pedestrian alleyways which must be approved by the Board of Works in the future.

City Engineer Richards told the Board that the new roundabout at W. Jefferson & Westview opened today with temporary lighting due to delays from COVID. Mr. Richards also stated that

there would be trees, flowers & shrubs planted in the fall in this area. South Main is on schedule to be completed by November.

Public Relations Director Payne stated that diversity training has been scheduled.

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:8/5/2020

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer