

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2021**

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 answered roll call remotely.

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

Jenna Newton President of the Mayor's Youth Council told the Board that the Safe Haven Baby Box will arrive tomorrow & installation is set for February 24th. Ms. Newton also stated they are hoping to have a ribbon cutting in the future.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held February 1, 2021
2. Board of Works Claims.
 - #020621 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$32,042.09
 - #020521 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$48,773.03
 - #020321 RDC Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$10.85
 - Payroll in the amount of \$400,293.43
 - Pension Payroll in the amount of \$54,306.50
 - #021321 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$489,766.65
 - #021221 BOW Contract/Utilities in the amount of \$76,652.53
 - #021621 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$56,153.44
 - #021721 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$121,700.10
 - #021021 RDC Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$22.30

Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Jones stating aye, Mr. Swinehamer stating aye, & Mayor Barnett stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

Request Approval to Install 50' of New 36" Concrete Pipe in Drainage Ditch in Rear of Property at 1120 Matthews Court to Connect to Existing Pipe & Pond - Mick English, English Excavating Co., Inc. came forward & stated he is requesting approval to install 50' of new concrete pipe in drainage ditch at the rear of property located at 1120 Matthews Court to connect to existing pipe & pond in this area. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve subject to approval from homeowner's association, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Jones stating aye, Mr. Swinehamer stating aye, & Mayor Barnett stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Augusta Ct. be Closed at the Intersection of Augusta Ct. & Fairway Lakes Dr. on Sunday, June 6th from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Brad Roberts came forward & stated he is requesting Augusta Court to be closed at the intersection of Fairway Lakes Dr. & Augusta Court on Sunday, June 6th from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a graduation party. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Jones stating aye, Mr. Swinehamer stating aye, & Mayor Barnett stating aye. The motion carried.

Request for Closures of Streets & Parking Lots for Multiple Festival Country Events (See Attached) - Kenneth Kosky - Festival Country. Mayor Barnett stated that he would like to remove this item from the agenda at this time. Mayor Barnett made a motion to remove this agenda item at this time since Mr. Kosky needs to speak to the Parks Department before adding this to the agenda, seconded by Ms. Jones. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Jones stating aye, Mr. Swinehamer stating aye, & Mayor Barnett stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Design & Construction Inspection Agreement with CrossRoad Engineer, PC for the Graham Rd./Earlywood Dr. Roundabout Project - City Engineer Mark Richards stated he is requesting approval of design & construction inspection agreement with CrossRoad Engineer, PC for the Graham Rd./Earlywood Dr. roundabout project. Mr. Richards stated this would be subject to RDC appropriation of \$390,105.00. Construction will be in 2023. A discussion was held. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Jones. A

roll call vote was taken with Ms. Jones stating aye, Mr. Swinehamer stating aye, & Mayor Barnett stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Construction Inspection Agreement with CrossRoad Engineers, PC for the Arvin Rd/Eastview Dr/Hurricane St. Roundabout Project - City Engineer Mark Richards stated he is requesting approval of the construction inspection agreement with CrossRoad Engineers, PC for the Arvin Rd./Eastview Dr./Hurricane St. roundabout project. City Engineer Richards stated this project would be completed by Dave O'Mara Contractors at a price of \$196,000.00 for inspection costs. This funding was approved by RDC yesterday. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Jones stating aye, Mr. Swinehamer stating aye, & Mayor Barnett stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Acceptance of Bids & Award of Contract, Graham Street Storm Sewer Replacement Project - City Engineer Mark Richards stated that bids were opened for this project on February 1st with three bids being received: Morphey Construction \$260,000.00; Midwest Paving \$319,559.00; & Eagle Valley, Inc. \$478,557.00. Mr. Richards would like to request awarding this contract to Morphey Construction with the lowest most responsive & responsible bid of \$260,000.00. A discussion was held. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Jones. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Jones stating aye, Mr. Swinehamer stating aye, & Mayor Barnett stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Acceptance of Bids & Award of Contract, Jim Black Road Reconstruction Project - City Engineer Mark Richards stated that bids were opened for this project on February 1st with five bids being received: All Star Paving, Inc. \$725,523.87; Dave O'Mara \$539,122.75; Harding Group \$551,222.55; Midwest Paving \$624,677.25 & Milestone Contractors \$527,200.00. Mr. Richards would like to request awarding this contract to Milestone Contractors with the lowest most responsive & responsible bid of \$527,200.00. Mr. Richards stated this will be subject to funding by the RDC. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Jones stating aye, Mr. Swinehamer stating aye, & Mayor Barnett stating aye. The motion carried.

Requesting Permission to Purchase & Install a New Generator for Fire Station 21 - Fire Chief Matt Culp stated he is requesting permission to purchase & install a new generator for Station 21 & removal of old generator. Chief Culp stated they had received bids from: Hoosier Power, LLC \$27,215.00; EVAPAR \$41,500.00; Electric Plus \$33,560.00 & W.W. Williams \$27,700.00. Chief Culp stated he would request to go with the quote from Hoosier Power, LLC

as the lowest most responsive & responsible quote at \$27,215.00. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Jones stating aye, Mr. Swinehamer stating aye, & Mayor Barnett stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Pregnancy & Lactation Additions to the Fire Department Rules & Regulations - Fire Chief Matt Culp stated these are revisions to the Fire Department Rules & Regulations in order to accommodate female officers on the department. City Attorney Gray stated she had looked over these changes. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A roll call vote was taken with Ms. Jones stating aye, Mr. Swinehamer stating aye, & Mayor Barnett stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Mayor Barnett announced that as of March 1st Communications Director Tara Payne's title would be Chief of Staff. The Mayor stated there would be no change in salary, but more duties would be added to her position. This will be for approval at the next meeting.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

DPW Superintendent Brown stated her department had purchased a new generator which they are bringing in next week & they will provide training at that time.

Police Chief Cochran stated that the department body cameras would be activated by the end of the week. All officers have been trained on the cameras. City Attorney Gray stated she had just finished a new SOP for the next meeting regarding the body cameras.

Fire Chief Culp stated they had responded to a house fire on West King Street today.

Street Commissioner Jones stated his crew had made a great team effort on snow removal & thanked the Parks & DPW for their help also. Mr. Jones thanked the Board for their help in getting the correct equipment.

Parks Superintendent Orner stated that since Johnson County has now moved into the Yellow status with the pandemic the Parks & Rec. Center will have more things opening soon. Mayor Barnett stated that City Hall is now open to the public.

Communications Director Payne stated that the Mayors State of the City Address will be on March 11th.

Board Member Jones thanked everyone for their work in keeping the streets cleaned from the recent snow falls.

Board Member Swinehamer stated that he would be back in town the last week of March.

City Attorney Gray made mention of the Franklin Lady Cubs swim team & girls' basketball team & their recent accomplishments.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:2/21/2021

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer