

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 4, 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 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

James Copp of 1265 Paris Drive, & his neighbor Brian Anderson came forward in regards to the speed along Paris Drive. The speed limit is 30 mph, but people do not follow the speed limit. He is requesting a reduction in the speed limit & speed bumps to help slow people down. A discussion was held. Mr. Swinehamer stated he is against speed bumps but he thinks the police department can step up patrols in this area to possibly help with this issue. Mr. Copp also spoke about getting sidewalks in this area if possible.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held September 20, 2021
2. Board of Works Claims.
 - Payroll in the amount of \$415,680.02
 - #092621 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$1.53
 - #092421 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$15,087.41
 - #100121 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$1,314,890.64
 - #100421 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$43,286.19
 - #100321 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$51,306.51
 - #100521 RDC Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$595,389.80
 - #100221 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$96,105.76
 - #100621 Sewer Bond Contracts in the amount of \$57,802.93
 - #092821 RDA Lease Rental Revenue Bond in the amount of \$32,190.26

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

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

Franklin College Requests to Facilitate Traffic Flow, Parking & Pedestrian Safety during Franklin College Presidential Inauguration on Thursday, October 28th - Steve Leonard, Franklin College was not present. Fire Chief Matt Culp stated he had spoken to Mr. Leonard, & they are requesting to close Branigin Blvd. to First Street from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 28th for the Franklin College Presidential Inauguration. Chief Culp stated the security office at the College can close the street if approved. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Authorization to Advertise for Trash Collection Bids - City Engineer Mark Richards stated he is requesting authorization to advertise for trash collection & curbside recycling bids. 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.

Request Approval of Change Order #2-Final, 2021 Alley Reconstruction Project - City Engineer Mark Richards is requesting approval of Change Order #2 Final from DC Construction Services for the 2021 Maintenance Improvement Program; Alley Improvements. Mr. Richards stated this change order is for Final Quantity Adjustment which would be a decrease of - \$16,604.55. 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.

Request Ratification of Easement Acceptance, Eastside Interceptor Project - City Engineer Mark Richards stated he is requesting ratification of easements that were received for the Eastside Interceptor Project. 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 Agreement between INDOT & the Franklin Police Department for Installation of Law Enforcement Equipment - Police Chief Kirby Cochran stated this agreement with INDOT is to allow installation of flock cameras in the INDOT right-of-way for

60-day data collection. A discussion was held. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve, & authorizing the Chief to sign, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Halloween Trick or Treat Hours 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., October 31st – Mayor Barnett stated these are the hours he has decided on for this year. Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Police Chief Cochran stated he had not heard anything about trick or treating on Martin Place at this time, but they would be ready if asked to help with traffic.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

Parks Superintendent Orner stated they had a great Fall Festival & thanked the DPW & Street Department for all of their help, & stated several other departments helped also.

Police Chief Cochran stated they would be having their physical agility testing done this Saturday at Franklin College.

Fire Chief Culp stated they have two new Firefighters starting the next day.

Street Commission/Fleet Manager Jones stated they would like permission to trade in a 2014 Charger from the police fleet to Fletcher for a \$4,500 credit VIN#2C3CDXAT3EH207301, toward the purchase of a Durango under the special purchasing provision. 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.

City Engineer Richards stated he had received information from Bastin Logan regarding the abandoned wells on the parks property. They found out that one of the wells actually had a pump in it & therefore was deeper than what Mr. Richards had measured. They also discovered there was an additional well that would need to be taken care of. This difference would cause a change in quantity adding a cost of \$2,870, bringing the total cost of the project to \$12,405. Ms. Jones made a motion to approve the change order, & authorizing the Mayor to sign, seconded by Mr. Swinehamer. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Mr. Richards stated the IMPO has a call for projects that is open, & stated he intends to submit two projects: South St. from S. Main St. to S. State St. for reconstruction, parking, sidewalks & lighting. The other one is for reconstruction from Earlywood Dr. at US 31 & RJ Parkway including funding for a roundabout at Graham & Earlywood. Mr. Richards stated these two projects have been sent in before, but nothing was done with them. He therefore, would like to amend the original applications & resubmit them at this time. Mr. Richards stated this is typically an 80/20 split. 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.

Mr. Richards stated he would like to add a pedestrian crossing with flashing lights at the intersection of Middleton Drive & King St., he also stated he would like to add a pedestrian crossing with flashing lights at the midway section on Jackson St. where the west Johnson County Annex is located. He would like to request quotes from the vendor who put up the other crossing lights around town so all of the crossings will be alike. Mr. Richards stated the original ones were about \$6,500 apiece, so he would like authorization to get quotes for these two areas. Mr. Swinehamer made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Mr. Richards gave an update on S. State Street.

Board member Lisa Jones asked about redoing the bathroom doors outside of Council Chambers.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:10/7/2021

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer