

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2023**

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 Ken Austin & Tina Gross answered roll call.

Chief of Police Kirby Cochran, Fire Chief Joshua Snyder, Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips, DPW Superintendent Sally Brown, IT Director Rick Littleton, City Engineer Mark Richards, Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also in attendance.

Community Development Director Krista Linke, Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner and Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Brett Jones were absent.

Mayor Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments

Mayor Steve Barnett swore in Tina Gross as a member of the Board of Public Works and Safety.

There were no other announcements, presentations, or public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held January 3, 2023
2. Board of Works Claims.
 - #010323 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$221,353.70
 - #010523 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$467,687.88
 - #010623 Clothing Allowance in the amount of \$37,000.00
 - Payroll in the amount of \$466,226.38
 - #010923 TIF Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$972,838.23
 - #011123 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$285,864.98
 - #011223 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$104,598.53

Mr. Austin 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

Board of Works Resolution No.: 23-01 Adopting the Provisions of IND. Code 5-23 - City Attorney Lynn Gray & City Engineer Mark Richards explained Resolution No.: 23-01 allows the city to enter into a Build/Operate/Transfer (“BOT”) agreement with an operator. Mr. Richards also explained the next steps for the Fire Station 21 project. The process for awarding the project looked different due to a lack of traditional bids. The resolution itself is not project specific, so it can be used for future projects. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve Resolution No.: 23-01, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Police Merit Board Election Date - City Attorney Lynn Gray & Police Chief Kirby Cochran stated they are requesting February 9th, 2023 for the election date with Joe Allen being the candidate. This 24-hour timeframe will give all shifts the opportunity to vote if they choose to do so. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve February 9th, 2023 as the Police Merit Board Election date, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

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

Completed 2022 and Projected 2023 Projects - Mayor Steve Barnett described what the city completed in 2022 and the goals for 2023.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

DPW Superintendent Sally Brown stated they are pouring concrete in the new screening building and the project is ahead of schedule.

City Engineer Mark Richards stated the Community Crossing Grant was filed on 01/17/23. Mr. Richards explained there is a new LPA representative working with him. For the US 31 Project, Centerpoint is requesting an easement at the corner of South Street and US 31. Mr. Richards is recommending the city does not grant them that easement due to “right of way” difficulties.

Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated that the FDC did sell 548 W King Street with a closing date of January 27th. The next project will be at 650 Hurricane Street.

Police Chief Kirby Cochran stated there is one lateral transfer that was previously a K-9 officer. Due to the transfer, he was going to lose his K-9. Thru Community Partnership, they were able to acquire the K-9 with no cost to the city. This partnership saved the city around \$20,000 which is the typical cost to acquire a new K-9.

Chief of Staff Tara Payne stated that the Mayor’s Youth Council is continuing to work with the artist on the roundabout project.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5.30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 1/20/23

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer