

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 16, 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, 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, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also in attendance.

Mayor Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

Rosie Chambers stated the Genuine Franklin banners are up on King Street. She thanked the city for their partnership.

There were no other public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held October 2, 2023
2. Board of Works Claims.
 - Payroll in the amount of \$467,541.74
 - #100423 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$315,396.38
 - #100323 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$490,327.83
 - Pension Payroll in the amount of \$54,161.47
 - #101623 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$168,217.07
 - #101523 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$19,707.89
 - #100923 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$36,269.93
 - #101123 Sewer Bond in the amount of \$750.00
 - #101023 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$26,934.48

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

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

Bid Evaluation and Award for Belt Filter Press Conveyor Replacement - Wessler

Engineering Gary Ruston stated there were two bids received that were opened on Tuesday October 10th. The alternative bid price includes the demolition of the silo at the WWTP. Maddox Industrial had a base bid of \$449,190.00 and an alternative bid price of \$474,705.00. Mitchell & Stark Construction had a base bid of \$526,520.00 and an alternative bid price of \$579,370.00. Mr. Ruston explained the project would not begin for 7 months due to the time it would take to get the equipment. The project itself should only take a month to complete. Ms. Gross made a motion to award the project to Maddox Industrial as the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder with them receiving the alternative bid price of \$474,705.00 and the Mayor signing the Notice of Award on the Board's behalf, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all member stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of City of Franklin/Franklin Union Needham Township Fire Protection Contract

- City Attorney Lynn Gray explained this contract is to provide fire protection to the township. The contract amount did not change from last year but the district size slightly decreased. The payment to the city will be \$65,000.00 annually for 2024, 2025 and 2026. A payment of \$32,500.00 will be made in June and December of each year. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the City of Franklin/Franklin Union Needham Township Fire Protection Contract, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval for payment of BAMWX service - Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager

Brett Jones explained this is the 3rd year the city has worked with BAMWX. The Street Department, Parks Department and the WWTP all use their service. Mr. Jones asked for the Board's approval due to the service being used by multiple departments. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the payment to BAMWX, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval of 2023 Maintenance Improvement Program; Asphalt Milling, Patching, and Resurfacing Project Change Order 01 - Final

- City Engineer Mark Richards explained this is a balancing change order. Change Order 01 is for a price increase of \$300,752.10 due to 3 streets needing significant patching. The new contract price would be \$2,081,756.38 with a time increase of 15 days. The new completion date was October 15, 2023. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve Change Order 01 with the Mayor signing on the Board's behalf, seconded by Ms. Gross. 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 Ms. Gross. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

DPW Superintendent Sally Brown stated she appreciates the partnership with BAM. The WWTP is hosting the SIOA (Southern Indiana Operators Association) with Wessler Engineering on Tuesday the 17th. On Wednesday the 18th, the WWTP is hosting Franklin College students for a tour.

City Engineer Mark Richards stated Yandes Street is close to completion with the ribbon cutting tentatively being November 2nd. Trees will not be planted until the end of November which will only impact half of the street. INDOT opened bids for the East Jefferson Street pedestrian project. The lowest bid was \$1.1 million which is awardable. Currently the funding level is \$642,000.00 but the city worked with INDOT to get \$450,000.00 in additional funding. The city will only need to get an additional \$51,000.00. The estimated completion date is the end of construction season in 2024. The city received 3 quotes for asbestos inspection at the Active Adult Center: AIR Co. \$1300.00, Aegis Environmental Inc. \$3350.00 and Alliance Environmental Group Inc. \$4,000.00. The recommendation is to award the project to AIR Co. Ms. Gross made a motion to accept the bid from AIR Co. to inspect and test for asbestos at the AAC due to them being the lowest, most responsive & responsible bidder with the Mayor signing the Notice of Award on the Board's behalf, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Community Development Director Krista Linke stated there is an RDC meeting Tuesday the 17th. The mural has begun in Kuji Alley. The Genuine Franklin banners are up on King Street. There is a software demonstration Tuesday the 17th at 3:00 p.m.

Police Chief Kirby Cochran stated there are 2 new officers that are lateral transfers. They should start by November 6th.

Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner stated Halloween Town is next Saturday October 28th. The day starts at 10:00 a.m. with a 5K run. At 4:00 p.m., there is a dog costume project. Trick or treating downtown will start at 5:30 p.m. The ice-skating rink opens on November 16th which the city received a \$50,000.00 grant from Festival County to help pay for. There are 14 school groups that are registered to come to the ice-skating rink for field trips during the day. The Community Park rehab project has started. The parking lot at the Wonder Five Center will get redone as well.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:10/18/23

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer