

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

Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips was absent.

Mayor Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

There were no announcements or public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held November 20, 2023
2. Board of Works Claims.
 - Gross Payroll in the amount of \$473,099.85
 - #112523 BOW Elan in the amount of \$18,462.15
 - #112623 Sewer Elan in the amount of \$3,705.58
 - #112723 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$170,752.27
 - #112823 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$273,042.47
 - #110923 RDC-TIF Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$111,337.97
 - #120123 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$125,402.85
 - #120223 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$28,783.27
 - #111923 RDC-TIF Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$56,122.92
 - #112123 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$353,601.01
 - #112223 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$49,598.14

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

Christy's Auction Agreement and Items to be Auctioned - Police Chief Cochran & City Attorney Lynn Gray explained there are several miscellaneous items abandoned at the Police Department storage. According to Indiana Code, items left unclaimed for 1 year can be auctioned off. Before this, owners are attempted to be notified. Police Chief Cochran stated these items go back several years. The specific auction date has not been set yet. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the Auction Agreement, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval to place artist banner designs on Jefferson Street for 2024 - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson explained there will be a total of 34 banners that were designed by 3 artists: Gabriel Yaden, Mary Anne Cataldi and Kelli Park. Banners from this year will be reused next year as well. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the artist banner designs, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request acceptance of temporary and permanent sanitary sewer easements (Decker) for Phase 2 of Westside Sanitary Sewer Interceptor - City Engineer Mark Richards stated these are at 2387 East 80 South. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the temporary and permanent sanitary sewer easements, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Acceptance of bids and award of contract to firm submitting lowest responsive and responsible bid for the Paul Hand Boulevard & Graham Road RAB and Earlywood Drive & Graham Road RAB - City Engineer Mark Richards stated the bids were requested for both projects combined. There were 7 bids received and the engineer's estimate was \$3,532,774.60. The lowest bid was Dave O'Mara Contractor Inc in the amount of \$2,939,700.00. Other bids were: Milestone Contractors \$3,121,769.00, Calumet \$3,238,000.00, Morphe Construction \$3,311,000.00, Olco Inc. \$3,623,447.00, White Construction \$3,682,000.00 and Rieth-Riley \$3,772,558.87. The city will end up paying about \$1.65 million to cover the costs not paid by Johnson County, Town of Whiteland and the grant the city received. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the acceptance of bids and award the contract to Dave O'Mara Contractor Inc. as the lowest, most responsive and responsible bidder with conditional funding by the RDC, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Resolution 23-11 Authorizing Agreement for Services with PMR Healthcare - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated PMR Healthcare gave presentations to both the Board of Works and Council. This clinic provides employees with medical services if they choose to use it. The city budgets \$4.5 million for employee insurance/medical expenses. Employees will still have the option to see their current providers. The idea behind PMR Healthcare is to attract those employees who do not currently have a primary care physician therefore catching health problems sooner and saving the city money in the long run. The clinic will open at the beginning of January 2024. A discussion was held. The city is estimated to save \$100,000.00-\$200,000.00. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve Resolution 23-11 authorizing the agreement with PMR Healthcare subsequent to approval by the City Council, 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.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner stated the last day for the ice-skating rink is Saturday December 9th. The new parks software program will begin January 1st to allow customers to do more sign ups/reservations online. He thanked everyone for their help with the Holiday Lighting.

Police Chief Kirby Cochran gave a huge thanks to the Police Department for their work in arresting 21 people.

Fire Chief Joshua Snyder stated the Fire Station 21 remodel is going well. Some of his guys just completed a state certified class which is the first state class in 15 years. He thanked the Street Department, the Police Department and Rick for their help in moving and storing items from Fire Station 21.

Community Development Director Krista Linke stated there is an FDC meeting on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and the RDC meeting will be December 12th at 8:00 a.m. The EDC December meeting is canceled.

Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Brett Jones thanked Stephanie Shephard for her work with FEMA on damage from the tornado. The city was awarded \$80,000.00 to cover extra expenses from the storm.

City Engineer Mark Richards stated the Graham Road extension project is going well. Milestone will be installing the culvert this week. The Earlywood Sanitary Sewer extension has hit a couple of road bumps but Graham Road should be reopened by end of day on Tuesday December 5th.

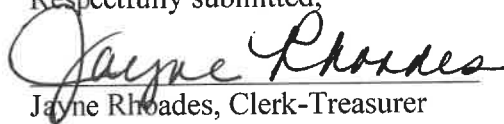
Chief of Staff Tara Payne thanked all of the businesses for their donations to the employee Christmas Party.

Mr. Austin thanked everyone for their work at the Holiday Lighting.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 12/6/2023



Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:



Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer