

**Board of Public Works and Safety**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 1, 2024**

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 Jan Jones, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also in attendance.

Mayor Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements & Public Comments**

Mayor Barnett announced Brightspeed reimbursed the City of Franklin \$12,815.90 last week, for a line they bored through several years ago.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held March 18, 2024
2. Board of Works Claims.
  - Gross Payroll in the amount of \$517,293.18
  - #031924 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$43,620.19
  - #031824 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$68,842.57
  - #033124 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$83,541.53
  - #033024 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$66,488.01
  - #032224 BOW Elan in the amount of \$12,601.19
  - #032324 Sewer Elan in the amount of \$1,548.94
  - #032524 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$60,601.51
  - #032624 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$98,354.74
  - #032824 RDC-TIF Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$24.99

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**

**Riverfront Liquor License Application** - Iozzo's on Jefferson - Katie Harris stated they are finalizing their plans with MEP Engineering. Ms. Harris said they were hoping to be able to utilize the second story of the old building. They are waiting for the finalization of the plans from structural engineers and electrical engineers for the second story plans to be ready to be turned into the State, Johnson County and Franklin simultaneously in the next few weeks. They are hoping to be open by the end of June or early July 2024. Mayor Barnett stated Katie has supplied all the documents needed for this application and is hoping the Board can move forward. Attorney Lynn Gray stated Ms. Linke had given her all the application information before the meeting and she found everything meets all of the guidelines. Ms. Gross said Ms. Harris stated that 70% of Iozzo's sales are from food. Ms. Gross asked Attorney Gray if we have a minimum amount for the percentage. Ms. Gray answered that we do not. Mayor Barnett mentioned the building they are renting is not City of Franklin owned. Iozzo's has a lease with Franklin Development Corporation. Ms. Gross made a motion to request Riverfront Liquor License Application for Iozzo's on Jefferson, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request approval for use of 3 parking spots in the southwest corner parking lot across from 66 Water Street for Kona Ice on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 12-2:00 p.m.** – Taylor Tyndall from Festival Country stated they are partnering with Kona Ice to give out free cones on Tax Day. They were requesting 3 parking spots on the southwest corner parking lot across from 66 Water Street. Mayor Barnett said he spoke with Ms. Tyndall earlier and suggested it be in the City Hall parking lot, just across the street, instead. Mayor Barnett asked Ms. Tyndall to get with Tara Payne on the day of. Mayor Barnett made a motion to allow Kona Ice on April 15th from 12 - 2pm to utilize the City Hall parking lot working with Tara on that day, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request Approval of Substantial Completion Certificate for Screenings Building at the WWTP** - Wessler Engineering Gary Ruston stated the Screenings Building at this point is working as it was intended. He stated the job is not complete, but it is where only minor items are still being worked on. Mr. Ruston stated there is some retainage that will need to be kept. The amount on this project was 5% which is \$180,000.00 the contractor would like to get. Mr. Ruston stated they are releasing \$147,000.00 which leaves keeping \$38,800.00 to make sure the remaining items are completed. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve Substantial Completion Certificate for Screenings building at the WWTP as presented by Wessler Engineering with a caveat that the \$38,800.00 is kept in retainage for the items illustrated in exhibit as a punch list, and be signed by Mayor Barnett, seconded by Mayor Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all the members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Approval of Memorial Day Mile Event** - Fire Chief Joshua Snyder stated May 27<sup>th</sup> is when the event will occur. Mr. Snyder mentioned they have been holding this event for 10 years. They start and end at the Amphitheater. Mr. Snyder mentioned he and Police Captain Stahl will coordinate on the road closures and barricades with Jason Wilson from the Street Department. Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Approval of Resolution 24-05 Approving Resolution Accepting Transfer of Real Estate and Establishing Terms and Conditions Pursuant to Indiana Code 36-1-11-8** - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated working with Franklin School Corporation's Attorney Roger Young, he realized in searching who owned the Community Center, the City of Franklin does not own the Community Center. To rectify this situation Ms. Gray stated that the Franklin School Corporation has agreed to Quit Claim the deed for the Community Center to the City of Franklin. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve Resolution 24-05, seconded by Mayor Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request approval and execution of Amendment No. 1 to City of Franklin/INDOT Interlocal Agreement for US 31 Corridor Project** - City Engineer Mark Richards explained why there was a need for the increase in the cost of the US 31 Corridor project. The interlocal agreement started in 2020, but Covid caused everything to stop. The city had agreed to pay the design cost in the amount of \$3.2 million. The cost increased due to items the city has requested, such as pedestrian facilities and lighting related to this project. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve and execute Amendment No. 1 to City of Franklin/INDOT Interlocal Agreement for US 31 Corridor Project, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request approval and execution of design agreement for Graham Road Reconstruction Project, subject to funding approval by RDC at its April meeting** - City Engineer Mark Richards stated this is a contract with Crossroad Engineers the proposal that was submitted to us included design, right of way, acquisition, services and inspection. The total estimated project fee is \$741,685.00. The inspection part of the total estimated project is \$320,000.00. Mr. Richards said they will not issue a notice to proceed for that, he went onto say we are asking the Redevelopment Commission to appropriate \$421,685.00. Which is the total fee less the inspection fee, this would be subject to RDC funding the project which is expected to occur on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Some discussion was had about the total estimated cost, which Mr. Richards said it is not completely determined yet. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve the Graham Road Reconstruction Project subject to funding approval of the April 16<sup>th</sup> RDC meeting, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request approval of Change Order No. 3 for CR 200N/Simon Road Roundabout Project** - City Engineer Mark Richards reported this is final change order and a balancing change order to account for all the variations in quantities. The original project award amount was \$1,287,000.00 with a couple of change orders which had a net reduction of about \$1,000.00. This amount brought it down to \$1,285,899.00. This Change order will reduce the amount to \$77,266.32. Making the new amount of the total project \$1,208,632.68. Mr. Richards requested the Board of Works to approve this. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve Change order No. 3, seconded by

Ms. Gross. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request approval of Change Order No. 1 and 2 for the Water Street Parking Project** - City Engineer Mark Richards, reported Change Order No. 1 adds a line item in the contract for a variation in the concrete curbing sidewalk results in a reduction of \$1,303.83. Ms. Gross made a motion for approval of Change Order No. 1, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Change Order No. 2 is the increase of final balance of change order. The amount of the increase is \$11,281.94 which makes the total amount of \$86,934.35. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Water Street Parking Project, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Other Business**

There was no other business presented.

**Department Reports / Staff Reports**

Fire Chief Joshua Snyder stated they are all ready for the Eclipse weekend.

Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner stated they are ready for the Eclipse weekend.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 04/10/2024

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

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