

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 16, 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, Community Development Director Krista Linke, Assistant City Engineer Matt McElroy, Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Brett Jones, Clerk Treasurer Jan Jones, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also in attendance. City Engineer Mark Richards and IT Director Rick Littleton were 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 September 3, 2024
2. Board of Works Claims.
 - Gross Payroll in the amount of \$525,320.38
 - Pool Payroll in the amount of \$996.53
 - #090224 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$35,295.60
 - #090324 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$940.92
 - #091524 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$53,874.44
 - #091424 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$308,824.46
 - #090924 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$746,704.73
 - #091024 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$175,133.56
 - #091224 RDC-TIF Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$51,625.67

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.

New Business

Parking space closures for Porchtober - Community Development Director Krista Linke presented on behalf of the Creative Council and Discover Downtown Franklin to request parking space closures as follows:

Oct. 5th 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at 14 Martin Place– 2 spaces

Oct. 12th 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at 40 E. Madison St. & 6:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. at 248 E. Madison St

Oct. 19th 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at 99 S. Home Ave.

Oct. 26th 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. at 49 N. Water St.

Mayor Barnett mentioned he has talked with Danny Causey from DDF and since the beginning of Porchtober until now, the event has grown, and more space is needed. If it continues to grow or problems arise, changes may be made in the future. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve as presented with the caveat that patrons conduct themselves in a safe manner and that security is posted, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval and execution of Change Orders 4 & 5 for the Active Adult Center

Project - Assistant City Engineer Matt McElroy stated Change Order #4 is an increase for \$3,975.00 to remove ten trees along the north property line. Change order #5 is a reduction of \$1,740.00 to discard concrete benches, relocate plaza ramp, delete automatic flush valves and replace with manual flush valves. Together, both change orders have a net increase of \$2,239.00. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request the following Subdivision Performance Bond be released for Westwind at Cumberland, Section 1 and Request the following Subdivision Maintenance Bond be accepted for Westwind at Cumberland, Section 1 - Assistant City Engineer Matt McElroy requested the following:

Performance Bond: #5361314: Earthwork - \$207,852.66 be released

Maintenance Bond: #5769431: Earthwork - \$43,302.64 be accepted

Ms. Gross made a motion to release Performance Bond #5361314 and accept Maintenance Bond #5769431 as presented, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request award of contract to Beaty Construction, Inc. for 350 Richey Street: Demolition & Abatement - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated that with the construction of the Active Adult Center, we acquired 350 Richey Street. In subsequent tests, the house came back positive for asbestos. We put out for quotes from Beaty Construction, Advantage Industrial, and Modern Stone LLC. Only Beaty Construction responded in a timely manner bid of \$17,350.00. Ms. Gross made a motion to approve Beaty Construction's reasonable, responsive, and responsible bid of \$17,350.00, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request for approval of Ordinance 24-07 An Ordinance Amending Name and Duties of The Franklin Telecommunications Council - City Attorney Lynn Gray explained that in 2001 City Council adopted an ordinance establishing the Telecommunications Council. At that time, the law required local municipalities to give out telecommunications franchises. That law has

changed and this is no longer the case. However, the Telecommunications Council is still an active part of our City, and adopting a new name would allow it to reflect its duties more accurately. Ms. Gray thought it prudent that the Board make a recommendation to the City Council to rename the Telecommunications Council as the Franklin Technology Advisory Council. In addition, the original ordinance required a written report submitted every January; that has been updated to allow the Council, or the Board of Works to request a report be presented at a meeting as deemed necessary. Mayor Barnett made a motion to give a favorable recommendation to the City Council to amend Ordinance 24-07, amending the name and duties of the Franklin Telecommunications Council, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval of 2025 budgets: WWTP, Sewer Billing, Sewer Maintenance, MS4 and Trash & Garbage - Mayor Barnett led discussion about the following 2025 budgets (numbers available on the online agenda attachment)

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

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

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

MS4 - Ms. Gross made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Trash & Garbage - Ms. Gross made a motion to approve as presented, 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 presented the following properties:

4056 Magnolia Dr. 41-05-28-043-073.000-029

599 Young St 41-08-14-014-098.000-009

0 E Jefferson St 41-07-18-033-016.000-018

1183 Fiesta Dr. 41-08-10-031-024.000-009

870 Mallory Pkwy 41-08-15-014-001.021-009

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.

Department Reports / Staff Reports

Assistant City Engineer Matt McElroy said they are introducing the illicit discharge and storm water ordinance at City Council tonight. Also the Graham and Earlywood roundabout is open except for a couple of legs still being completed. We also closed Paul Hand and Graham today with a completion date around Thanksgiving.

Senior Planner Joanna Tennell reported that a right-of-way was required to be dedicated for the development of Malarkey and improvements of Paul Hand Blvd. This 3.5-acre dedication was received this evening. It is now ready for the Boards' acceptance. Ms. Gross made a motion to

approve as presented, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Community Development Director Krista Linke stated that this past Saturday was the last Farmers' Market of the season. Work started at 650 Overstreet; thanks to the Street Dept. for their help. An RDC meeting is tomorrow morning, where they will discuss a new requirement for an annual spending plan that will need to be filed at the state.

Fire Chief Joshua Snyder said they had a new hire last week, so they are one step closer to being fully staffed.

Police Chief Kirby Cochran said there is an offer to a potential new hire, which puts them close to being fully staffed.

Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner informed us that there are two concerts left, one on Sept. 27th (Hank Ruff and Corey Cox) and the other on Sept. 28th (Jai Baker Band). And all bemoaned the fact that REO Speedwagon is no longer touring.

Board Member Tina Gross thanked Chief Cochran and his department for their hard work in helping with the non-credible [FCSC] threats.

Board Member Ken Austin wanted to give a "hats off" to Chip and the Parks & Rec. crew for the Hairbangers Ball. It was a fun time for everyone.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 09/18/2024

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer