

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2025**

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

There were no announcements or public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held January 22, 2025
2. Board of Works Claims.
 - Monthly and Gross Payroll in the amount of \$565,255.85
 - #012125 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$613,596.06
 - #011625 Sewer Elan in the amount of \$1,435.07
 - #012025 BOW Elan in the amount of \$18,473.89
 - #012225 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$1,606.22
 - #012725 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$296,788.16
 - #012825 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$55,182.24
 - #020125 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$93,276.59
 - #020225 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$132,264.14
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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

Notice of Police Merit Commission Applicant Eligibility List - City Attorney Lynn Gray presented the eligibility list to the Board of Works for certification. No further action is needed.

Request approval of Change Order 10 for the South Main Street Project—Assistant City Engineer Matt McElroy stated that this removes the cost of Change Order #5 for utility delays, which was \$5,300.00. This is a zero-dollar change order that just reclassifies the amount from participating to non-participating. Century Link was the utility company in conflict with the delay. Mr. Richards and Ms. Gray provided background information regarding recovering this amount. Mayor Barnett was in favor of pursuing reimbursement from Century Link. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve Change Order #10 for the South Main Street Project, seconded by Ms. Gross. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval of Change Order 10 for the Active Adult Center Project - Assistant City Engineer Matt McElroy came forward to present and Mayor Barnett said he would like to table it and get more information. Mr. Richards said they received information today. Mayor Barnett made a motion to table the approval of Change Order 10 until the February 19th meeting, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request acceptance of bids for the 2025 Maintenance Improvement Project - Asphalt Milling, Patching and Resurfacing; Request award of construction contract to Dave O'Mara Contractor, Inc. and Request execution of the construction agreement - Assistant City Engineer Matt McElroy stated this is Part 2 of our 2024 CCMG money in the amount of \$611,246.53. The bids were opened on January 27th with 8 total bidders:

Milestone Contractors	\$1,542,334.75	DC Construction Services	\$1,319,233.73
Dave O'Mara Contractors Inc.	\$1,218,965.90	Grady Bros. Inc.	\$1,608,650.81
Midwest Paving LLC	\$1,391,827.05	Howard Companies	\$1,348,954.00
Bumgardner & Co. LLC	\$1,363,042.63	All Star Paving Inc.	\$1,418,479.20

The Engineer's Estimate was \$1,467,301.90. Dave O'Mara Contractors was the low bidder. Mr. McElroy said half of their bid is \$609,482.95, which is about \$2,000.00 under what we received for our CCMG grant. Mr. McElroy also informed us that we have applied 2025 CCMG round as well. We should be notified around April or May on what is awarded. Miss Gross motioned to approve the Maintenance Improvement Project and award the construction contract to Dave O'Mara as the lowest, most responsive, and responsible bidder, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request for approval of Veteran's Alley Electric Quote - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson presented the second part of the Veteran's Alley Art Project. The first part was the creation of the art pieces, which was awarded to Expo Art. They are currently working on those pieces and hope to assemble and place them by mid-March. Lighting will focus on the artwork and the three bids were requested. One did not respond. Huston Electric bid \$19,148.00, Frontline Electrical Services bid \$23,625.00. After staff review, the lowest, most responsive, and responsible bid was Huston Electric. Mr. Joe Gruss, from Huston Electric, was present to answer

questions. Mr. Austin asked if any updates were planned for the left side of the alley which is unkempt. Ms. Monson informed that the building in question has been sold, and the new owners are making improvements. Ms. Gross motioned to approve the Veteran's Alley Electric Quote, 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

Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner said the pickleball lighting project's poles have been delivered and will be installed when the weather allows. They are still looking for someone for the landscaping positions. The headstone repair project will be starting in March.

Police Chief Kirby Cochran shared there will be two new lateral hires sworn in, a promotion to ranking Sergeant, and an officer accolade at this evening's City Council meeting. The FPD also has another officer who is currently at the academy.

Fire Chief Joshua Snyder said they sent two men to get state certification through PERF and hope they can be hired in the next 6-8 weeks. They also have one upcoming retirement in the next month, and they will be looking to fill that spot.

Community Development Director Krista Linke stated there will be no EDC meeting next week. Also, they are working on a \$350,000 Owner Occupied Rehab Grant through OCRA that can be used for roof repairs, electrical, HVAC, handicap accessibility, etc. for qualified owners. There will be a public hearing and a meeting. They have been working with Mayor Barnett and Mr. Orner on the acquisition of the land north of Scott Park.

Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Brett Jones said they are interviewing tomorrow and Thursday for a position that opened when Clay Fulkerson promoted to City Building Inspector and they are excited for him, but now they have to replace him

City Engineer Mark Richards wanted to thank Mr. Jones for the great hire that Mr. Fulkerson has been and Planning and Engineering is happy to have him

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 02/11/25

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer