

**Board of Public Works and Safety
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 18, 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 member Ken Austin answered roll call, with board member Tina Jobe absent.

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, Planning Director Joanna Tennell, Clerk Treasurer Jan Jones, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also in attendance. Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Brett Jones was absent.

Mayor Barnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

Resident Keaton Mahan approached the podium to discuss revoking the violation he received for his unkempt property at 4037 Dogwood Lane. Vio-25-524 letter was sent to him in regards to large appliances that were on the curb/roadway. His chief complaint was that there was no notice of an inspection. As this was just a warning letter and no actual fee was assessed, Mayor Barnett informed him that there was nothing to revoke. Ms. Gray said as long as the unkempt property was removed, that no further communication would result from the City. Any further questions should come from his attorney to Ms. Gray's office.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held August 4, 2025
2. Board of Works Claims.
 - Pool Rental Payroll in the amount of \$3,590.00
 - Gross Payroll in the amount of \$662,436.87
 - #080425 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$327,667.80
 - #080525 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$90,060.43
 - #081425 RDC Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$113,289.46
 - #081525 BOW Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$50,261.01
 - #081625 Sewer Contracts/Utilities in the amount of \$196,023.20
 - #081825 Sewer General Obligations in the amount of \$73,276.80
 - #081925 BOW General Obligations in the amount of \$79,933.72

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.

New Business

Approval to block 2 parking spaces from 4:30-8:30 pm for Main and Madison event associated with 1st Friday on September 5th- Elle Gross was present. No questions or comments. Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Permission to install semi-permanent directional sidewalk sticker signage- DDF Director Danny Causey presented the signage and gave a brief presentation of the benefits. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the installation of the 20 stickers, seconded by Mayor Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Mayor Barnett's signature on 2025 Sponsor MOUs- Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner stated that there were 4 new sponsors', each for \$500, with approval and signature on MOU from Mayor Barnett. Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Purchase agreement for new 2025 Bobcat Compact Track Loader Deluxe Package- Mayor Barnett reminded everyone that this was just on the agenda as a reminder of why the next budgetary resolution was needed. This item is for reference only.

Budgetary Resolution 25-14 to appropriate money for Bobcat purchase from Sewer Utility fund 6201 into Sewer Wastewater Treatment Plant Capital Outlay appropriation in the amount of \$72,717.00- Mayor Barnett spoke on behalf of Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Brett Jones. He explained that in the last meeting it was decided to purchase instead of lease, due to non-agreeable lease terms. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request the following Subdivision Performance Bonds be accepted for Winterfield, Sec. 2- City Engineer Matt McElroy presented the following for approval:

- DUA003488: Planting & Mounding- \$600.00
- DUA003489: Streets- \$420,710.40
- DUA003490: Sidewalks- \$912.00
- DUA003491: Storm sewers, swales & underdrains- \$122,062.86
- 4486854: Sanitary Sewers- \$129,007.20
- 4486855: Survey Monuments- \$7,320.00

Mr. Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval to close Veteran's Alley September 1-5, 2025 to install alley silhouette art-

Community Development Specialist Dana Monson introduced the request and explained that the time might be extended into a second week depending on how quick the brick work would finish. Mayor Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval to partner with Franklin Community School Corp to install banners on King Street-

Community Development Specialist Dana Monson along with Robin Betts from FCSC presented the idea behind the banners. Examples were handed out and Ms. Gray made sure to ask that all photos had permission to be used. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Unkempt property liens were presented for approval. 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 reminded everyone of Cruise-in and concert this Friday, another concert on Saturday and that the pool is open 2 more weekends. Last day for pool to be open will be Sunday, August 31st.

Chief of Police Kirby Cochran thanked the Motorcycle Ride participants from August 9th. A donation of 8k was made to the Police K9 program.

Fire Chief Josh Snyder thanked the Street Department for their hard work with cement at the fire station this week.

Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips stated that sewer utility liens will get filed this week.

Community Development Director Krista Linke congratulated the Parks Department on their #1 Farmers Market award, commended Hops & Vines event and reminded everyone of the RDC meeting at 9 am tomorrow morning, August 19th in Council Chambers.

Planning Director Joanna Tennell reminded everyone of the public open house for the City's comprehensive plan on Thursday, August 21st at 6 pm in Beeson Hall.

DPW Superintendent Sally Brown said business as usual at DPW, and with the dry and hot weather, a lot of systems had been cleaned.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer