

CITY OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2011

Opening

Mayor Paris called the regular meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety to order at 9:00 a. m. in City Hall.

Roll Call

The roll was called and Mayor Paris, and Mr. Dan Murray were present. Mr. Joe Ault was absent.

Also present were: Police Chief Tim O’Sullivan, Parks Assistant Superintendent Rocky Stultz, Sewer Billing Office Manager Sherry Phillips, Cemetery Sexton and MS4 Coordinator Richard Dewitt, Planning Director Krista Linke, Project Supervisor Todd Wilkerson, Street Department Supervisor Andy Duckworth, Communications Director Zachary Burton, Administrative Assistant Kathy Cragen and City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall.

Mayor Paris offered an invocation immediately followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Paris presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Minutes from meeting held June 21, 2011
2. Approval of Claims
 - o Payroll Education Overtime for 6/3/11 in the amount of \$691.44
 - o #062411 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$2,896,122.10
 - o #062511 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$246,720.22
 - o #062211 RDC-TIF in the amount of \$3,399.60
 - o Payroll for July 1st in the amount of \$330,062.63
 - o Certification Pay WWTP in the amount of \$4,000.00
 - o #062811 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$124,300.50
 - o #070111 Clothing Allowance in the amount of \$36,600.00
 - o #070811 BOW Meeting-Sewer Utility in the amount of \$26,244.76
 - o #070511 BOW Meeting in the amount of \$53,161.36
 - o #070711 BOW Meeting Buy-Out in the amount of \$11,591.69
 - o #070411 Sewer Utilities in the amount of \$9,570.59
 - o #070311 BOW Utilities in the amount of \$89,503.24
 - o #070611 RDC-TIF in the amount of \$1,411.08

Mr. Murray made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Mayor Paris. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Request for “Children at Play” signage – (Tabled from previous meeting)

Mayor Paris noted that the petitioner Ms. Lukins was not present; therefore he made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. Mr. Murray seconded the motion and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Alley Closure or Guard Rail corner of Walnut St. and Center Court

Karen George came forward and gave Board members pictures of the area in question, and pointed out the issues they were having. People are using her driveway as a second lane for the alley that runs beside her house. Ms. George stated that there is a speed bump which people drive around causing damage to her property. A discussion was held. Mayor Paris made a motion to take this under advisement until the Fire, Police, and Street Department can review the area, seconded by Mr. Murray. The motion carried. This item will be brought back at the next meeting.

Request Street Closures for 5k Run for Rex

Franklin resident Mr. Loren Snyder presented the request for permission to hold the annual Run for Rex 5K fundraising run for ALS Saturday, November 5th in Johnson County. Mr. Snyder stated that the route includes crossing South Street, through Province Park and crossing Main Street. They requested Police officers at these intersections to ensure the safety of the participants. He stated that last year they had over 200 participants. A discussion was held. Mr. Murray made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Paris. The motion carried.

Request for Noise Variance for Cook-Out July 16th from 5:00-11:00 p.m.

Franklin resident Mr. Scott Wagner of 1833 Archies Court requested a noise ordinance variance for his annual cook-out at his residence which will be held July 16th, 2011. He reminded the board that a variance for this event has been approved by the Board for the past 5 years. A discussion was held. Mr. Murray made a motion to approve, seconded by Mayor Paris. The motion carried.

Energy Assessments Proposal for City Properties

Mr. Tony Wellings presented a proposal to perform an energy audit to reduce energy costs in many City owned buildings. Mr. Wellings explained that he has done engineering work for over 40 years and believes he could help Franklin accomplish this task for less than other companies performing the same service. A discussion was held. Mr. Wellings proposal is \$10,000.00 for a complete audit anticipating an annual savings of approximately \$70,000.00 per year. Mayor Paris made a motion to pay for this service half out of Board of Works and half out of DPW budget, seconded by Mr. Murray. The motion carried. City Attorney Rob H. Schafstall will review the contract. Mr. Wellings was asked to submit a conflict of interest form since he also serves on the EDC.

Review of Ordinance 05-24 – An Ordinance Restricting the Use of “Fireworks”

City Attorney Rob H. Schafstall and Chief O’Sullivan requested that the subject of fireworks be brought to the attention of the Board of Works. Police Chief Tim O’Sullivan asked the Board of Works to recommend to the Council that the existing ordinance be amended to conform to state law. Chief O’Sullivan stated that there is a list of types of fireworks that can be fired off without restrictions but that there are others that require the approval of the State Fire Marshal. A discussion was held. Resident Ms. Stephanie Fuller came forward to discuss the requirement that she provide proof of insurance for a fireworks show she is holding at her home July 16th. Ms. Fuller introduced her insurance agent Brian Cassidy of Nationwide Insurance. Mr. Cassidy stated that Ms. Fuller has a personal umbrella policy which would give her \$2.3 million in coverage, this covers the Fuller’s only. Ms. Fuller stated that everything will take place on her property which would exclude her from the requirement to provide workers compensation

insurance. Ms. Fuller also stated that she is getting a permit from the State Fire Marshal. The Police Chief stated that he needs some type of recommendation of what to do if he gets complaints. A discussion was held. Mayor Paris stated that they will leave the noise variance in place as agreed at the last meeting, since this event will be held on private property. The Mayor told Ms. Fuller that next year she should try to find a different area for this event. Mayor Paris made a motion to leave noise ordinance variance in place with no other City involvement, seconded by Mr. Murray. The motion carried. It was decided to continue to leave this matter on the agenda.

Request painting of curbs in front of fire hydrants in Oakleaf Subdivision

Josh Ammerman came forward and stated that he is the President of Oakleaf Subdivision Homeowners Association. He introduced Franklin Firefighter Josh Oliver who is also a resident of Oakleaf who was present in the audience. He explained that the neighborhood has been having problems with people parking in front of fire hydrants in their subdivision which would make it difficult for fire trucks to locate the hydrants. He requested that the City paint the curbs fifteen (15) feet on both sides of the hydrant indicating the area as "no parking". Mr. Murray made a motion to direct the Street Department to start painting the area around these hydrants in Oakleaf subdivision, seconded by Mayor Paris. The motion carried. Mayor Paris asked Street Department Supervisor Duckworth review the curb painting around the rest of the City hydrants.

Request Permission to sign INDOT LPA Contract

Mayor Paris stated that the City Attorney had reviewed the contract between the City and INDOT for the North Main Street from Jefferson Street (SR44) to Graham Street (Phase1) Road Reconstruction Des. No.: 0200757. Mr. Murray made a motion to approve the Mayor to sign the contract, seconded by Mayor Paris. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS / STAFF REPORTS

Planning Director Krista Linke explained to the Board that page 2 of Planning Department report was missing from their packets. She provided the missing page to the members.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board of Works a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander
Clerk Treasurer

Enrolled: 7/14/2011 Approved by the Board of Works: