

**City of Franklin  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

**City Hall  
55 W. Madison St.  
Franklin Indiana 46131**

**Monday July 12, 2004 @ 7:00 P.M.**

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Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Roll Call Present: Mr. Steve Hougland, President Pro-tempore  
Mr. Kenneth W. Austin  
Mr. Joseph R. Ault  
Mr. Phillip R. Barrow  
Mr. Jeffrey C. Eggers  
Mrs. Ann Gordon  
Dr. William T. Murphy

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Janet Alexander, Robert H. Schafstall, Esq.

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After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance Dr. Murphy seconded by Mrs. Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. The motion carried. Mr. Hougland abstained.

**Petitions and Public Comments**

Mayor Blankenship asked if anyone from the public had any petitions or public comments about matters not on the agenda. No one asked to speak.

**GENERAL DISCUSSIONS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Ordinance No. 04-11 – An Ordinance Approving a Resolution of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, and Annexing Certain Property Contiguous to the Franklin Corporate Limits (to be known as the Franklin Community School Corporation 2004 Annexation)**

Mr. David Weir presented the ordinance. City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall explained that the Board of Works approved the Memorandum of Understanding which outlines the commitments of the School Board and the City of Franklin relative to the High School construction. Mr. Schafstall stated that the Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the BOW contingent upon the inclusion of language which can be found on page 7 in paragraph 5. The agreement will undertake the financial commitments as agreed to within the fiscal plan passed at the last meeting. The School Corporation will be responsible for sewer improvements, road improvements, and compliance with all other City specifications, the City will be responsible to pay \$1.00 per year for the lease of the ground for the fire station. Discussion held. Council Member Hougland asked whether a legal description is available for the ground to be leased to the City. Ms. Jennifer Auger, the attorney for the School Board asked to speak. She stated that the location would be east of Powell Ditch that will not be developed. She stated that the City would be able to select the site within that area. Ms. Auger stated that it was her impression that the preference would be for the fire station to be located on the northern or southern most end of the property Mr. Hougland expressed concerns about the quality of the land being offered. Mr. Barrow asked whether any of the land was a flood plain. Ms. Auger stated that to her knowledge the land was not. A motion to read the proposed ordinance was made by Mr. Eggers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Barrow. The motion carried. Mayor Blankenship asked if any one from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance. No one asked to speak. Motion. Mr. Austin seconded by Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

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Aye: Austin, Ault, Barrow, Eggers, Gordon, Murphy  
Nay: Hougland

The City Attorney asked the Council to vote to accept the Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Ault made a motion to accept the Memorandum seconded by Mr. Barrow. The motion carried.

**Budgetary Ordinance 04-03- A Budgetary Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Franklin, Indiana for Year 2005** Mayor Blankenship introduced the proposed ordinance. The City Attorney asked to table the proposed ordinance. He explained that he and the Clerk Treasurer discussed the proposed ordinance earlier in the day and he stated that he wanted to have the opportunity to discuss it with her further. He requested that the Council Table the salary ordinance and reset the public hearing for July 26, 2004. Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to table the public hearing on the ordinance. Tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**Ordinance No. 04-13 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of Cash Change Accounts for the Sewer Billing Office**

Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander explained that the ordinance authorizes the creation of change drawers for the Sewer Billing office. This ordinance is being presented at the request of the Sewer Billing Office Manager who explained that each billing clerk is required to make change for the public when they come in to pay their bills. She explained that the office wants to increase the number of change drawers to 3 and increase the starting drawer balance to \$100 for each one. She also explained that it would be ideal if the Council would consider passage of this ordinance and Ordinance 04-14 tonight. Discussion held. The City Attorney explained that in order to pass the ordinances tonight requires a motion to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance(s) on introduction. A unanimous vote is required to suspend the rules. Mr. Eggers made a motion “to suspend the rules and if there is a motion made, and deal with Ordinance 04-13 and Ordinance 04-14, in completion tonight”. This motion was seconded by Mr. Hougland. The Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules. Dr. Murphy made a motion to read Ordinance No. 04-13 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Creation of Cash Change Accounts for the Sewer Billing Office by title only, seconded by Mr. Hougland. The motion carried. Mr. Eggers made a motion seconded by Mr. Barrow to approve the ordinance creating Cash Change Account for the Sewer Billing Office. The motion carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

Aye: Hougland, Austin, Ault, Barrow, Eggers, Gordon, Murphy  
Nay:

**Ordinance No. 04-14 – An Ordinance authorizing the creation of cash change accounts for Police Department** This ordinance is being presented at the request of the Police Chief. The Administrative Bookkeeper uses the existing \$50.00 cash change drawer to make change for permit fees and document fees. The current amount on hand is \$50.00 and the Chief would like to increase that amount to \$100. The bookkeeper has to go to the bank frequently throughout the week to exchange large bills for smaller bills in order to make change. Mr. Hougland made a motion to read the ordinance by title only, seconded by Dr. Murphy. The motion carried. Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance seconded by Mrs. Gordon. The motion carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

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Aye: Hougland, Austin, Ault, Barrow, Eggers, Gordon, Murphy  
Nay:

**General Discussion**

**Other Business**

Clerk Treasurer informed the Council that she recently issued request for bids (RFP) for banking services. She stated that the Civil City account will remain with Fifth Third Bank and that Sewer Utility account will remain with Heartland Bank, also the Employee Insurance fund will be placed at Heartland Bank. Banking Agreements will be presented tomorrow evening to the Board of Works.

Dr. Murphy complimented the Parks Department on the Fire Works display on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer