

**City of Franklin  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

**Monday September 27, 2004 @ 7:00 P.M.**

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Presiding Officer: Mr. Steve Hougland, President Pro-tempore

Roll Call Present: Mr. Kenneth W. Austin  
Mr. Joseph R. Ault  
Mr. Phillip R. Barrow  
Mr. Jeffrey C. Eggers  
Mrs. Ann Gordon  
Dr. William T. Murphy

Absent: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Also present: Robert H. Schafstall, Esq., Kristi Bruther, Clerk-Treasurer Assistant

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

**PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Budgetary Ordinance No. 04-09 – Additional Appropriation in the Police Department**

Council President Steve Hougland presented the budgetary ordinance for Police Chief John Borges. This request is to appropriate money the department has received from various sources including travel expense reimbursements, grants, awards, and their share of federal forfeitures. There was no further discussion.

A motion and a second were offered to read the ordinance aloud by title only. The motion carried. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. The motion carried and the ordinance was approved. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

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

Nay: None

**Budgetary Ordinance No. 04-10 – Additional appropriation from the General Fund to PERF**

Council Member Steve Hougland introduced the proposed budgetary ordinance appropriating additional monies to fund the PERF account from the General Fund for the City Court Judge's PERF contributions.

A motion and a second were offered to read the ordinance aloud by title only. The motion carried. Mr. Eggers, seconded by Mrs. Gordon made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. The motion carried and the ordinance was approved. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

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

Nay: None

**Ordinance No. 04-16 – An Ordinance Creating the “Fire Department – Public Education Fund”**

Captain Jason Ramey offered to answer questions regarding the ordinance creating the “Fire Department – Public Education Fund.” The Council did not have any questions. A motion and a second were offered to read the ordinance aloud by title only. The motion carried. Mr. Eggers, seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. The motion carried and the ordinance was approved. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

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

Nay: None

**Ordinance No. 04-17 – An Ordinance Declaring the Cemetery Fund a “Dormant Fund” and transferring the balance of same to the General Fund as of December 31, 2004**

Council President Steve Hougland introduced the proposed ordinance for the Clerk Treasurer declaring the Cemetery Fund dormant. Mr. Hougland outlined the advantages and disadvantages to adopting the ordinance. There was no further discussion. A motion and a second were offered to read the ordinance aloud by title only. The motion carried. Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mrs. Gordon made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. The motion carried and the ordinance was approved. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

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

Nay: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**Ordinance No. 04-18 - Creation of a Storm Water Utility**

Mr. Rick Littleton, Superintendent of Waste Water Treatment Plant, introduced the proposed ordinance creating a department of storm water management and a storm water utility fund. Mr. Littleton offered to answer any questions. Mr. Hougland verified that the Indiana Code is the accurate one. Mr. Eggers inquired about the time line and Mr. Littleton stated that the City is currently in line with meeting those guidelines. Mr. Littleton stated that this ordinance needs to be included in part C of the application, in which it has to be adopted by January 1, 2005. Discussion held. Mr. Barrow and Mr. Austin inquired about the proposed rates and fees for other communities, in which Mr. Littleton stated that he would provide these figures to the Council. Ordinance 04-18 is set for public hearing on October 11, 2004.

**Budgetary Resolution No. 04-03 – request permission to transfer funds between major series 310 to 210**

Ms. Kristi Bruther, Clerk-Treasurer Assistant, introduced the proposed budgetary resolution on behalf of the Clerk Treasurer’s office requesting permission to transfer funds in the amount of \$1,000 from Postage (310) to Office Supplies (210). A motion was made to read the resolution by title only. The motion carried. Mr. Eggers, seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion carried and the resolution was approved. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

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

Nay: None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**CITY ATTORNEY, COMMON COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Dr. Murphy expressed his concerns about the increased traffic flow on Jefferson St. between US 31 and the hospital, in which it is likely to continue to increase as additional businesses open soon. He stated that it is his opinion that the City needs to address the traffic flow on Jefferson Street. City Engineer, Mike Buening stated that INDOT has a long-term plan of possibly placing a bypass for Highway 44. Dr. Murphy stated that a majority of the traffic is local rather than the extra traffic into the City. Mr. Buening stated that it would also be an option to approach INDOT to consider approving additional capacity for the highway.

Council President Hougland stated that the Director of the Johnson County Solid Waste Management District had provided the 2005 budget to the Council as a matter of record only. Additional questions should be directed to Mrs. Melinda Antell.

Mr. Austin inquired about the progress of the tornado sirens for the City. Mr. Hougland stated that a presentation is scheduled for the next Board of Works' meeting on September 28, 2004. He also stated that the goal is to have them in place before next spring.

Regarding the October 11, 2004 meeting which is Columbus Day and an observed government Holiday, Mr. Hougland stated the decision to hold the meeting as scheduled is up to the Mayor.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 11, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

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