

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

Monday October 25, 2004 @ 7:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

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

Absent: Dr. William T. Murphy, Mr. Stephen D. Hougland

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

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2004 meeting. The motion carried.

PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Blankenship asked if anyone from the Public wished to comment on any matter not on the agenda. No one asked to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 04-18 An Ordinance Creating Within the Existing Municipal Sewage Works A Department of Storm Water Management, A Special Taxing District For Same, and A Storm Water Utility Fund

Utility Superintendent Rick Littleton presented proposed ordinance and offered to answer any questions concerning the spreadsheet provided and the original packet of information. Discussion held. Mr. Littleton stated that Part C will require that the City submit completed Storm Water Quality Management Plans, Citizens Surveys, and establishment of estimated budgets in Part C which is due in April 2005. Mayor Blankenship stated that this is the public hearing on this matter and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance. A motion and a second were offered to read the ordinance aloud by title only. The motion carried. Mr. Ault, 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: Ault, Austin, Barrow, Eggers, Gordon
Nay: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance No 04- 08 An Ordinance Fixing the Salaries of Elected Officials for Year 2005

Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander stated that this confirmation hearing had been delayed to this date due to the advertising requirement and the Columbus Day Holiday. Mayor Blankenship stated that this is the public hearing on this matter and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance. A motion and a second were offered to read the ordinance aloud by title only. The motion carried. Mr. Barrow seconded by Mr. Eggers made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. The motion carried and the ordinance was approved.

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Aye: Ault, Austin, Barrow, Eggers, Gordon

Nay: None

Due to the absence of Council President Hougland, Mr. Eggers nominated Mr. Ault to act as Council President Pro-Tempore for this purpose. This motion was seconded by Mr. Barrow and the motion carried appointing Mr. Ault as the Council President Pro-Tempore and to sign the ordinance passed as Council President. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTIONS

Budgetary Resolution No. 04-04 – A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from the Riverboat Fund and Rainy Day Fund into the General Fund

Clerk-Treasurer Janet Alexander introduced the proposed budgetary resolution and requested Council permission to transfer funds in the amount of \$123,070.93 from Riverboat Fund (242) and the amount of \$296,393 from Rainy Day Fund (246) into the General Fund (101). Discussion held. A motion was made by Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Eggers to table the proposed resolution until the next meeting. The motion carried and the matter was tabled.

Budgetary Resolution No. 04-05 – A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer (within the Fire Department 2004 Budget)

Chief Mike Herron introduced the proposed budgetary resolution on behalf of the Fire Department requesting permission to transfer funds in the amount of \$8,000 from the department's line item titled Other Supplies (228) to line item titled Building Equipment Repair/Maintenance (336). Discussion held. Chief Herron gave examples of incidents which resulted in unplanned expenses. A motion was made to read the resolution by title only. The motion carried. Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Austin 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: Ault, Austin, Barrow, Eggers, Gordon

Nay: None

Budgetary Resolution No. 04-06 – A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer (within the Planning Department 2004 Budget)

Department Director David Weir introduced the proposed budgetary resolution requesting permission to transfer \$1,000 from line item title General Building Improvements (443) to line item title Office Supplies (210) within the Planning Department budget. A motion was made to read the resolution by title only. The motion carried. Mr. Austin seconded by Mr. Ault 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: Ault, Austin, Barrow, Eggers, Gordon,

Nay: None

Ordinance No. 04-19 – An Ordinance to Revise the Building Permit and Development Fees

Mr. David Weir introduced a proposed ordinance revising the existing building permit and development fees for the City of Franklin. Ordinance 04-19 is set for public hearing on November 8, 2004.

Fee Schedule

Residential (Single Family Attached & Detached Homes)

New Construction*	\$200.00 + \$0.05/sq. ft. <i>(Includes only the living area of the structure)</i>
Remodel/Addition*	\$50.00
Electrical/Mechanical/ or Plumbing Upgrade.....	\$10.00 <i>(A separate fee will be required for each item to be upgraded)</i>
Accessory Structures*	\$25.00 + \$0.05/sq. ft. <i>(Structures of less than 200 sq. ft. and not placed on a permanent foundation do not require permits)</i>
Agricultural Building*	\$25.00 + \$0.05/sq. ft. <i>(Structures on land over 10 acres, used for Agricultural purposes only)</i>
Swimming Pool.....	\$100.00
Satellite Dish	\$25.00 <i>(Satellite Dish larger than 1 meter(3.3 feet) only; smaller dishes do not require permit)</i>
Roof Upgrade/Repair.....	\$10.00 <i>(The replacing of shingles and any other non-structural items does not require a permit)</i>
House Moving.....	\$100.00

** Permits are inclusive of plumbing, mechanical, electrical, site alterations, and demolition*

Commercial, Industrial, Multi-Family, & Institutional

New Construction*	\$300.00 + \$0.07/ sq. ft.
Remodel/Addition*	\$100 + \$0.07/sq. ft.
Foundation Release (If Issued Separately).....	\$50.00 + \$0.25/\$100 of construction value
Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing Upgrade.....	\$50 + \$0.25/\$100 of construction value
Accessory Structures (Antenna, Gas Station Canopies, Etc.)*	\$50 + \$0.25/\$100 of construction value

** Permits are inclusive of plumbing, mechanical, electrical, site alterations, and demolition*

Sanitary Sewer Tap-on Fees

5/8" to 3/4" Water Meter.....	\$2,000.00
1" Water Meter.....	\$5000.00
2" Water Meter.....	\$10,000.00
Larger than 2" Water Meter.....	\$23,000.00

Misc. Permits

Demolition.....	\$25.00
Mobile Home.....	\$100.00
Signage.....	\$20.00 + \$0.50/sq. ft. of sign face
Land Alteration (If Issued Separately from a Building Permit).....	\$100.00

Petitions

Dimensional Variance.....	\$50.00 (residential) \$150.00 (other)
Use Variance.....	\$300.00
Special Exception.....	\$50.00
Annexation.....	\$250.00
Rezoning.....	\$250.00
Primary Plat.....	\$300 + \$5.00/lot
Secondary Plat (Per Section).....	\$300 + \$5.00/lot
<i>(Major Subdivisions Only)</i>	
Re-Plat.....	\$100.00
P.U.D. Phase I (Concept Plan).....	\$300 + \$5.00/lot
P.U.D. Phase II (Detailed Plan).....	\$250
<i>(Rezoning included; Secondary Plat not included)</i>	

Miscellaneous Publications & Services

Reinspection Fee.....	\$50.00 (first re-inspection)
<i>(Any inspection that requires more than two site visits will be assessed)</i>	\$100.00
(second re-inspection)	
	\$200.00 (third re-inspection)
Expedited Building Permit Review Fee.....	\$100 (+\$50.00/hour for reviews over 1 hour)
Zoning Ord./Subdivision Control Ord./or Comprehensive Plan.....	\$10.00
<i>(Available On CD; Paper copy available at UPS Store, 1876 N. Morton St. (Northwood Plaza))</i>	
Zoning Map (Corporate or Buffer Zone).....	\$10.00
Large Format Copies (per copy).....	\$10.00
Refunds.....	Refunds of fees are determined by the Franklin Board of Public Works

****Note:** Permit fees will be Tripled if Work Begins Without a Permit**

OTHER BUSINESS

Budgetary Ordinance 04-11 Additional Appropriation for the Planning Department

Planning Department Director David Weir introduced a proposed budgetary ordinance for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 in the Professional Services line item (331) on behalf of the Planning Department. The money is to be used for services provided by consultants. Grant monies have been awarded and can be returned to the General Fund once the funds are available. The ordinance is set for public hearing on November 8, 2004.

CITY ATTORNEY, COMMON COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Mrs. Gordon asked Mr. Weir to explain a little about the process related to the proposed C.P. Morgan housing development which was discussed in the Daily Journal last week. Mr. Weir explained that the new zoning ordinance established a point system and that the zoning for the area was amended from multi-family housing units to single family housing. In order to reduce the lot size on which a house may be built, the developer must add amenities which add points – the more points the developer earns the smaller the lot size may be. The focus is not on housing features or construction, but on neighborhood amenities including: dedicated park areas, trails, and landscaping. Discussion held. At the conclusion of this discussion, Mr. Weir stated that the subdivision lot plan is on the Plan Commission agenda for the meeting to be held November 16, 2004.

Mayor Blankenship stated that the Council Member's assigned department budget assignments are considered their primary assignments and that Council Members may visit and review department budgets at anytime during the year.

Mr. Barrow asked about the type of and quality of the paint used to line streets and curbs. A resident had approached him with a concern about the lines on Branigin Boulevard and other newer streets which have all but disappeared in a very short time. The Mayor asked Mr. Weir to refer this problem to the City Engineer and from him to the Street Commissioner. The Mayor stated that he had raised this question for the last several years. And that although the City Street Department had found a better quality of road paint, other contractors (such as those building new streets) had not been specifically instructed to use the same type. The Mayor also stated that the contractors will be asked to use a more durable reflective paint in the future.

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Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

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