

**City of Franklin  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

**Monday November 8, 2004 @ 7:00 P.M.**

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Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Roll Call Present: President Stephen D. Hougland  
Mr. Joseph R. Ault  
Mr. Phillip R. Barrow  
Mrs. Ann Gordon  
Dr. William T. Murphy

Absent: Mr. Kenneth W. Austin  
Mr. Jeffrey C. Eggers

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

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After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Blankenship stated that due to the absence of Mr. Hougland and Dr. Murphy from the last meeting and the absence this evening of Mr. Eggers and Mr. Austin, they would table the approval of the Minutes of the last meeting until the next meeting to be held November 29, 2004.

#### **PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Blankenship introduced Scoutmaster Ken Magar and recognized the members of Scout Troop #227 from St. Rose of Lima who were present. Mr. Magar stated that they were attending our meeting in order to satisfy the requirements for two separate merit badges; Citizenship and our Community badge, and the Communications merit badge. The Mayor welcomed the Troop and thanked them for attending our meeting.

#### **Molloy Wellness – Annual Report**

Ms. Melinda Cappa presented a report regarding the employee wellness program. She reviewed information contained in a report titled Summary Report of Wellness Results to the Common Council. The presentation consisted largely of statistics comparing examination results for 2003 and 2004 and discussed specifically identified areas targeted for improvement or of concern. Ms. Cappa offered to answer questions related to the written report presented.

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

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **Budgetary Resolution No. 04-04 – Authorizing a transfer from Riverboat fund and Rainy Day Fund into General Fund – Presentation by the Clerk Treasurer**

Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander requested that Budgetary Resolution 04-04 be withdrawn from the agenda. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that the City Ordinance creating the Rainy Day fund specifically prohibited a transfer to the General Fund. Also, the Clerk-Treasurer requested that the Council consider a transfer from the Riverboat Fund in the future in order to reduce property tax levy of the City or to fund additional projects. The advantages and disadvantages to transferring the River Boat Funds were outlined. In addition, the Clerk-Treasurer clarified possible uses of the Rainy Day Fund and Riverboat Fund that are available to the Council in the future. She also stated that due to the low rates on Certificates of Deposit that the Council may consider using the Rainy Day fund

rather than obtaining financing. The Budgetary Resolution was withdrawn with the understanding that a new budgetary resolution limited to the Riverboat Fund may be resubmitted.

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

Mr. David Weir presented the proposed ordinance revising the existing building permit and development fees for the City of Franklin, Ordinance 04-19. 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 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, Barrow, Gordon, Hougland, Murphy

Nay: None

**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. 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 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: Ault, Barrow, Gordon, Murphy, Hougland

Nay: None

**Comments**

Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander reported that the State Board of Accounts is currently auditing the City finances for 2003. She also commented that the State's 2002 Audit Report was provided to the Council Members and offered to answer questions.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

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