

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

Monday February 9, 2004 @ 7:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer:	Mayor Norman P. Blankenship
Roll Call: Present	Mr. Stephen D. Hougland, President Pro-Tempore Mr. Phillip R. Barrow Mr. Jeffrey C. Eggers Mrs. Ann Gordon Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter

Absent	Mr. Joseph R. Ault Dr. William T. Murphy
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Also present:	Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Robert H. Schafstall, Esq.
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After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance Mrs. Poynter, seconded by Mr. Hougland, made a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 2004 meeting. The motion carried.

Petitions and Public Comments

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

OLD BUSINESS

Budgetary Ordinance No. 04-01 an Additional Appropriation Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander introduced Budgetary Ordinance No. 04-01 and explained that this appropriation is for non tax supported funds commonly used by the departments. The funds include grants such as DARE, Fall Festival expenditures. The amounts appropriated represent the average expenses from these funds in 2003. This ordinance was advertised for public hearing at this meeting. Mayor Blankenship stated that this was the public hearing for this matter and asked if anyone from the Public wished to speak for or against the ordinance. No one asked to speak. There was a motion and a second to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Mr. Eggers seconded by Mrs. Gordon made a motion to approve. The council was polled and the votes were cast as follows:

Ayes – 5 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Eggers, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Poynter,

Nays – 0 None

NEW BUSINESS

Budgetary Resolution No. 04- 01 - A Resolution Authorizing A Transfer And Creating A New Appropriation Number Within The Planning Department Budget – (L. I. 337 – Rentals): Removed at the request of Department Head David Weir.

INTRODUCTIONS

An Ordinance Vacating Alleys Within John S. Hougham Addition & Hougham Addition Subdivisions, In the City of Franklin Indiana (to be known as the Franklin College alley vacation) Dr. Jay Mosley, President Franklin College, and Planning Department Director David Weir Introduced the proposed ordinance. This matter is set for first reading February 23, 2004.

OTHER BUSINESS

General Discussion

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None

Clerk/Treasurer Comments

Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander stated that the introduction of an ordinance creating a Rainy Day fund would be delayed until the February 23, 2004 meeting. She also reported that the City received \$294,393.00 in excess CAGIT collections from the state which will be deposited in the Rainy Day fund upon creation.

The Clerk Treasurer reported that House Bill 1141 concerning sewer liens, died when it came up for a vote in the House of Representatives.

She stated that each member received information concerning the maximum levy worksheet provided for their review.

Council Comment

Council Member Phil Barrow thanked the Clerk Treasurer for delivering the new IACT Elected Officials Handbooks.

Council Member Jeff Eggers asked whether the City could do anything to remove the large piles of snow along roadways in the business district which in some cases are blocking access to businesses. Mayor Blankenship stated that he will discuss the question with Richard Hughes of the Street Department.

Mayor Comment

Mayor Blankenship informed the Council that IACT has created a program known as the Ambassador Program. The former Mayor of Tell City is the contact for questions from our region. He provided information about this in their packets.

The Mayor also announced that the following City employees recently celebrated anniversaries: Charlene Kennedy, Pam Briggs, and Officer Richard Hommel.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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