

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

Monday January 12, 2004 @ 7:30 P.M.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship
Roll Call: Mr. Stephen D. Houglan, President Pro-Tempore
Mr. Joseph R. Ault
Mr. Phillip R. Barrow
Mr. Jeffrey C. Eggers
Mrs. Ann Gordon
Dr. William T. Murphy
Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter

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

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Ault, seconded by Mrs. Poynter, made a motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2003 meeting. The motion carried. Mr. Eggers and Mrs. Gordon abstained.

Election of Council President

Mayor Blankenship turned the meeting over to Council President Houglan requesting that the Council elect a president for 2004. President Houglan asked for nominations. Dr. Murphy nominated Mr. Houglan. Mr. Eggers seconded this motion. No other nominations were offered. Dr. Murphy made a motion that the nominations be closed. Mr. Eggers seconded the motion. The nominations were closed. Dr. Murphy made a motion to elect Mr. Houglan Council President, the motion was seconded and the motion carried.

Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

President Houglan informed the Council that they had the duty to appoint one member to serve on the Plan Commission. Mrs. Poynter made a motion to appoint Dr. Murphy to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Ault. 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

Ordinance No 03-19 – An Ordinance Approving Resolution No. 2003-33 of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property Within the City of Franklin (To be known as the 2003 Franklin College Rezoning). Ms. Martha McQueen, Esq. appears on behalf of Franklin College concerning the request to rezone three (3) residential properties: 1001 Orchard Lane – R4, 6 Henry Street and 98 South Forsythe Street – R5 to Franklin College Planned Unit Development district. The properties under consideration are owned by Franklin College. The Plan Commission forwarded this petition to the City Council with a favorable recommendation that was passed unanimously. This matter was introduced at the December 8, 2003 meeting and set for First reading and public hearing on this date. The Mayor asked if anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance. No one asked to speak. A motion and a second were made to read the ordinance by title only. Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance, seconded by Mr. Houglan. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were recorded as follows.

Ayes – 7 Mr. Houglan, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mrs. Poynter, Mr. Eggers, Mrs. Gordon, & Dr. Murphy

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Nays – 0 None

OTHER BUSINESS:

City Attorney Comments

The City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall provided all members with a copy of a proposed amendment to the sewer rate ordinance titled An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 94-32 Entitled "An Ordinance Establishing A Schedule Of Rates And Charges Collected By The City Of Franklin, Indiana, From The Owners Of Property Served By The Sewage Works Of Said City, which is set for public hearing during the next regular meeting January 26, 2004.

Council Member Comments

Mr. Ault welcomed the new members. All of the Council Members stated that they were glad to see the Mayor.

Clerk/Treasurer Comments

The Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander reported that a total of \$349,474.00 was encumbered at the end of 2003 for unpaid obligations. She also reported that \$364,225 in appropriations were unspent at years end (\$241,868 from General Fund)

Mayor Comments

Mayor Blankenship welcomed the Council, and made general comments concerning his plans for the 2004 budget schedule issues related to the state legislature.

The Mayor also welcomed Scoutmaster Ken Magar and the members of Boy Scout Troop #227 from St. Rose of Lima School who attending the meeting. He also welcomed the friends and family of the new Common Council Members and the Department Heads, all of whom were sworn in prior to the start of the Common Council meeting.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled Date: _____ Approved by Common Council:_____

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor