

City of Franklin COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Monday, December 9, 2002 @ 7:00 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. Jerry B. Maguire
Mr. William T. Murphy
Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter Absent
Mr. Lyman A. Snyder

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

Mrs. Karen Bridges a correspondent for the Indianapolis Star was present at this meeting.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Ault, seconded by Dr. Murphy, made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2002 meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Council Appointment to the Economic Development Commission (EDC): Mr. Sam Yount's appointment to the EDC expires at the end of this year. Council President Steve Houglan asked for nominations. Mr. Maguire seconded by Mr. Snyder nominated Mr. Yount for re-appointment. The motion to appoint carried.

Council Appointment to the Board of Zoning (BZA): Mr. Joe Vaught's appointment to the BZA expires at the end of this year. Council President Steve Houglan asked for nominations. Mr. Barrow seconded by Mr. Maguire nominated Mr. Vaught for re-appointment. The motion to appoint carried. President Houglan directed the Clerk Treasurer to notify Mr. David Weir the Planning Department Director and to request that if required by law that both appointees take the oath of office when their new terms take effect.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Blankenship asked whether anyone from the public had any petitions or public comments. No one asked to speak.

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CLERK TREASURER'S COMMENTS

The Clerk Treasurer asked the Council to consider Budgetary Resolution 02-03 transferring \$28,000 from Board of Works line item 101-5.00-215 Operating Supplies to Group Insurance 5.00-335. A motion to read was offered and seconded. Mr. Houglund seconded by Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve. The motion to approve carried.

The Clerk Treasurer also told the Council that Ms. Kristi Bruther would be contacting each of them to schedule an appointment at their convenience to sign the ordinances and resolutions for the permanent books

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Blankenship introduced the following matters for consideration or discussion:

1. The Mayor asked the Council to consider suspending the December 23, 2002 Common Council Meeting. Discussion held. Mr. Houglund seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to suspend the meeting unless circumstances arise requiring Council action. The motion carried.
2. Mayor Blankenship announced that he has re-appointed Ms. Pam Ault to the Park Board effective January 1, 2003.
3. Reminded the Council Members that they are invited to attend the Employee Christmas Luncheon December 11, 2002.

At 7:20 p.m. the Mayor called a short recess to wait for Mr. Rob H. Schafstall, the City Attorney who was attending a meeting of the City's Telecommunications Commission in the basement of City Hall. The Council meeting resumed at 7:25 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mr. Schafstall explained that a representative of Homeview, a residential care facility located in Franklin, contacted him requesting the City's consent to refinance their mortgage bonds. The consent is required because the City originally had been used as a conduit allowing the company to obtain a more competitive interest rate in 1985. The company wishes to refinance the bonds and requires the City's consent to refinance. Discussion held. Mr. Schafstall introduced a resolution titled Resolution of the Common Council No. 02 -13 of The City Of Franklin, Indiana Authorizing Redemption of Certain Bonds Commonly Referred to as \$1,725,000.00 Homeview Mortgage Revenue Bonds. The City Attorney recommended that the City give consent. A motion to read was made and seconded. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the resolution seconded by Mr. Barrow. The motion carried.

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Mr. Schafstall introduced an ordinance titled Ordinance Number 2003 – 01 of the City of Franklin, Indiana An Ordinance Authorizing Inter-Departmental Loans From The City's Sewer Utility. Mr. Schafstall stated that this ordinance is a home rule ordinance that would permit the loan of Wastewater Utility Funds to other City Departments. Discussion held. Mayor Blankenship stated that this meeting is the introduction and the ordinance will be set for public hearing January 13, 2002.

The Clerk Treasurer asked the City Attorney to explain the changes in the TIF laws according to House bill 1001. Mr. Schafstall explained that changes in the law might reduce TIF's collections. A provision in the law enacts an automatic levy unless the Council takes action to reduce the automatic levy or eliminate the levy entirely. The Clerk Treasurer reported that the State's filing deadline is January 15, 2003. She also stated that the Redevelopment Commission is required to make a recommendation to the Council in advance of their taking action. The Mayor said he would look into the matter and contact the Council Members if a special meeting prior to January 13, 2003 would be necessary.

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
Secretary to the Common Council

Enrolled Date: December 10, 2002

Approved by Common Council:_____

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor