

City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Monday, November 25, 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
Mr. Lyman A. Snyder arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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, Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Poynter, made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2002 meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Budgetary Ordinance No. 02-16 - An Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation (Public Hearing) Deputy Chief Hood presented the request for an additional appropriation of \$1,524.15 received from St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company for auto repairs. Mayor Blankenship asked whether anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed budgetary ordinance. No one asked to speak. There was a motion and a second to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion to approve carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were:

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0 **Ayes:** Mr. Houglan, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, & Mrs. Poynter

Nays: None

Budgetary Ordinance No. 02-17 - An Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation (Public Hearing) Deputy Chief Hood explained that this additional appropriation is the result of a reimbursement from a federal grant allowing the City to purchase Bullet Proof Vests. The City spent \$20,053.56 for the vests; one half of that expense or \$10,026.78 was reimbursed to the City through the federal grant. Mayor Blankenship asked whether anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed budgetary ordinance. No one asked to speak. There was a motion and a second to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Mr. Ault seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion to approve carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were:

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0 **Ayes:** Mr. Houglan, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, & Mrs. Poynter

Nays: None

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Deputy Chief Hood informed the Council that the Governor's Council on Dangerous and Impaired Drivers recognized the Franklin Police Department for their participation in Operation Pull-Over. The Franklin Police Department was awarded "Best In State" for a medium size police department. The Department was recognized at a luncheon hosted by the governor, received a plaque, and \$4,000.00 equipment grant.

Resolution No. 02-12 – Acceptance of the Comprehensive Plan Planning Director David Weir presented the resolution. Mr. Weir explained that this document is the result of fifteen (15) months of work by a steering committee, including a number of public comment meetings, and workshops. The Plan Commission voted to recommend the adoption of this plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a document that deals with the community's overall vision for the development of the City, land use, and zoning. Mr. Weir introduced Mr. Jeff Bergman from Ratio Architects. Mr. Bergman reviewed the process followed by the steering committee and gave an overview of the document and the features of the plan. Mr. Bergman explained that the plan addresses a balanced mix of land uses including commercial, industrial, residential, and different kinds of residential developments. There was a motion and a second to read the resolution aloud by title only. Mr. Barrow seconded by Dr. Murphy made a motion to accept the resolution. The motion to approve carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were:

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0 Ayes: Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Poynter & Mr. Snyder
Nays: None

Ordinance No. 02-13 An Ordinance To Establish An Engineering Department (Public Hearing)

Mayor Blankenship referred the proposed ordinance to Mr. Robert H. Schafstall, the City Attorney who stated that a sentence had been added to the proposed ordinance in the first numbered paragraph titled Establishment of Department of Engineering, stating "For budgetary and other applicable purposes, the Department of Engineering will be located within and act as a part of the Board of Works." Mayor Blankenship asked whether anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed resolution. No one asked to speak. There was a motion and a second to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to accept the ordinance. The motion to approve carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were:

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0 Ayes: Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Poynter & Mr. Snyder
Nays: None

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Budgetary Ordinance No. 02-18 - An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 02-09 – 2003 Salary

Ordinance (Public Hearing) The Clerk Treasurer introduced the proposed ordinance amending the 2003 Salary Ordinance creating two new positions including a new Plant Operator for \$24,000.00 Sewer Treatment Plant per year and a full time City Engineer for \$59,000.00 from Board of Works and \$15,000.00 from Sewer Billing. Mayor Blankenship asked whether anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed budgetary ordinance. No one asked to speak. There was a motion and a second to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion to approve carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were:

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0 Ayes: Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Poynter & Mr. Snyder

Nays: None

Budgetary Ordinance No. 02-19 - An Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation (Public

Hearing) The Mayor and Clerk Treasurer introduced an additional appropriation ordinance increasing the Board of Works 2002 budget by \$346,700. Mayor Blankenship asked whether anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed budgetary ordinance. No one asked to speak. There was a motion and a second to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion to approve carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were:

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0 Ayes: Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Poynter & Mr. Snyder

Nays: None

Budgetary Ordinance No. 02-20 - An Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation (Public

Hearing) The Clerk Treasurer introduced an additional appropriation ordinance for the Branigin Boulevard project pursuant to the City Engineer's request to appropriate \$1,071,896.00 from the Branigin Way Fund. Mayor Blankenship asked whether anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed budgetary ordinance. No one asked to speak. There was a motion and a second to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Mrs. Poynter seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion to approve carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were:

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0 Ayes: Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Poynter & Mr. Snyder

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Petitions and Public Comments

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

Clerk Treasurer's Comments

Mrs. Janet Alexander, the Clerk Treasurer requested permission to transfer \$900.00 from the Records Clerk line item and \$115.05 from FICA / Medicare -\$1,015.05 to 101-2-144.0 Unused Personal Days. Approved.

The Clerk Treasurer informed the Council that in order to include the City Engineer in the State's Retirement program PERF, the position must be named in the City's Resolution designating covered positions. The deadline to submit an amended resolution is May 1, 2003. The benefit will not take effect until July 1, 2003. She also reported that Judge Schafstall has expressed an interest in PERF. The Judge is listed on the City's current PERF resolution but neither the Judge nor the City has contributed to his account.

The Clerk Treasurer also reminded the Council that the state sales tax will increase to 6% December 1, 2002. The only department that this will impact is Parks & Recreation due to concession sales.

City Attorneys Comments

Stated that he was contacted by the local news media concerning City ordinances controlling adult entertainment.

Council Members Comments

Dr. Murphy informed the Council about two matters of concern. He stated that the local utilities have been very slow to install and or activate service to the new Senior Services Office. He contacted all of the utilities in August to schedule installation of service and to date no action has been taken.

He also informed the Council that as a result of an auto accident that occurred September 24, 2002 he received a bill from Central Indiana Billing Service for ambulance transportation November 12th— more than forty-five days (45) since the incident. He informed the Council that three days before he received this bill, he settled his accident claims with his insurance company. Dr. Murphy expressed concern about the length of time that had elapsed. Mayor Blankenship stated that the Board of Works would discuss this with the Chief tomorrow night.

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Mayor Blankenship made the following announcements:

1. Council Members are invited to attend the Employee Christmas Luncheon December 11, 2002. Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy and Mr. Snyder stated that they would be attending.
2. The Good Cheer Hog Roast will be at Rhoades True Value December 5, 2002
3. The Downtown Holiday Lighting Ceremony is December 3, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.
4. He has received a number of responses to the Citizens Survey.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Secretary to the Common Council

Enrolled Date: November 26, 2002

Approved by Common Council:_____

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor