

# City of Franklin COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall  
55 W. Madison St.  
Franklin Indiana 46131

Monday, September 23, 2002 @ 7:00 P.M.

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Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Roll Call:

Mr. Joseph R. Ault  
Mr. Phillip R. Barrow  
Mr. Jerry B. Maguire Arrived at 7:15 p.m.  
Mr. William T. Murphy  
Mr. Lyman A. Snyder  
Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter

Absent: Mr. Hougland

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

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

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Poynter seconded by Dr. Murphy, made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2002 meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Ordinance No. 2002-11 of the City of Franklin, Indiana, An Ordinance Approving A Resolution of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission Recommending the Amendment of Section 4.2 – Table II – Minimum Lot Size & Area Table of the City of Franklin Subdivision Control Ordinance** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. / Public Hearing - Mr. Weir stated that the purpose of the ordinance is to update our Subdivision Control Ordinance to keep the Zoning Ordinance up-to-date with current light industrial market and development trends. He also stated that the Plan Commission voted unanimously to forward the proposed ordinance to the Common Council with a favorable recommendation. There was a motion and a second to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the ordinance. The motion to approve carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were:

**Ayes – 5, Nays – 0**      **Ayes:** Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Poynter & Mr. Snyder  
**Nays:** None

## NEW BUSINESS

**Ordinance No. 02-09: A Resolution Creating An Economic Revitalization Area For Blue Chip Industrial Park**  
Mr. Weir stated that the property owners have an existing ERA on lots 1, 2 & 3 and this ordinance extends that to the remaining lots. He also stated that the Economic Development Commission voted unanimously to recommend the approval of an ERA for a period of ten (10) years. There was a motion and a second to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Dr. Murphy 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. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Poynter & Mr. Snyder  
**Nays:** None

Upon approval by the Council, Ordinance 02- 09 was set for an advertised Public Hearing and Confirmation at the regular meeting scheduled October 28, 2002.

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**Budgetary Ordinance No.: 02-15 – A Budgetary Ordinance for Additional Appropriation(s)**

Introduction only. This ordinance is set for 1<sup>st</sup> reading Public Hearing, October 28, 2002.

**Budgetary Ordinance No.: 02-14 – A Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing and Additional Appropriation and a Transfer between Funds**

Introduction only. This ordinance is set for 1<sup>st</sup> reading Public Hearing, October 28, 2002.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**Redistricting** – Mr. Weir provided maps with suggested boundaries. Discussion held. Councilmembers suggested modifications to the proposed map and asked that this matter will be set for a special hearing. It was decided that this would be discussed at a special meeting to be held October 15, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. following an abbreviated Board of Works and Safety Meeting. Then it will be advertised and set for public hearing October 28, 2002 during the regular meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Blankenship asked whether anyone from the public had any business to bring before the Council. No one asked to speak.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Mr. Barrow commented on a letter received by the Members from Judge Schafstall detailing the substantial increase in cases filed in City Court and the amount of revenue generated because of these cases.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Blankenship invited the Council to attend the Mayors Roundtable Luncheon October 17, 2002 at Hillview Country Club.

He received a letter from IPEP stating that the City has once again earned a safety award by having a less than 50% loss ratio plus an acceptable claim incident rate as compared to other municipalities statewide for 2001.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Enrolled Date:

Approved by Common Council:\_\_\_\_\_

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Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor