

City of Franklin COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Monday, August 12, 2002 @ 6:00 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
Mr. Lyman A. Snyder
Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter

Also present: Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander & City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall

Mrs. Karen Bridges a correspondent for the Indianapolis Star, and Mrs. Holly Yoakum a reporter from the Daily Journal, were 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 July 22, 2002 meeting as distributed. Mr. Snyder abstained. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Budgetary Ordinance 02-09 A Budgetary Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Franklin Indiana for the Year of 2003 (Public Hearing Held July 22, 2002) The first item of business was a request to acknowledge corrections to the salary ordinance as presented by the Clerk Treasurer. Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander explained that the part-time salary request for the City Court and for the Pool as listed draft of the Salary Ordinance were incorrect. The Clerk Treasurer asked the Council to approve pay rates as follows:

DEPARTMENT	POSITION	ANNUAL	RATE	BI-WEEKLY
City Court				
Page 1.	Court Clerk	\$17,037	26 pays @ \$655.27	\$655.27
	Bailiffs (2 @ 2,731.00)	\$5,462	26 pays @ \$105.04	\$105.04
	Overtime	\$6,000		
Parks Department				
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Swimming Pool	Pool Manager	\$5,225	7 pays @ \$749.29	
	Assistant Pool Manager	\$4,457	7 pays @ 636.71	

Mrs. Poynter seconded by DR. Murphy made a motion to approve the corrections to the Salary Ordinance. The motion carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Houglan, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Poynter & Mr. Snyder

Nays: None

Mayor Blankenship asked whether anyone wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance. Mr. John Hash a firefighter and Fire Pension Board Secretary took this opportunity to thank the council for being receptive to comments and for the open dialogue. He also thanked Chief Herron for his efforts. He said he still has concerns about how the changes may affect the officers' pension in the future.

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Mr. Barrow made a motion to read the proposed ordinance Budgetary Ordinance 02-09 A Budgetary Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Franklin Indiana for the Year of 2003 (Draft #5) by title only, seconded by Mrs. Poynter. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to approve the ordinance. Motion carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were:

Ayes: Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Poynter & Mr. Snyder

Nays: None

Ordinance No. 02-09: An Ordinance approving Resolution No. 02-19 of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission rezoning certain property within the City of Franklin (to be known as the Indiana Masonic Home East Property Rezoning) Planning Department Director David Weir presented the proposed ordinance. Mayor Blankenship stated that this is the public hearing and asked whether anyone wished to speak for or against the proposal. No one asked to speak. Mrs. Poynter seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to read. Motion carried. Mr. Barrow seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve. The motion carried 6 – 0. The Council was polled and the votes cast were:

Ayes: Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Mrs. Poynter & Mr. Snyder

Nays: None

Abstentions: Dr. Murphy

Resolution No. 02-07: A resolution authorizing the City of Franklin, Indiana to apply for a Community Focus Fund Planning Grant from the State of Indiana – Planning Director David Weir stated that the petitioner would like to continue this matter indefinitely. Removed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 02-10 of the City of Franklin, An Ordinance Creating a Citywide Longevity Compensation Plan (& Repealing Conflicting Ordinance No. 81-5 and 735, and 91-3 and 736 regarding Police and Fire Longevity Programs) Mayor Blankenship introduced the ordinance repealing prior Police & Fire longevity pay formula and implements the new formula proposed by the Mayor and funded in the Salary Ordinance for 2003. City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall at the request of Council President Hougland explained how the Council might pass an ordinance on the same day it is introduced. He explained that the Council must vote unanimously in favor of suspending the rules to consider the ordinance on the day of introduction. In order to pass the ordinance a least five members out of seven (two thirds) must vote in favor of approval. Mr. Hougland seconded by Dr. Murphy to suspend the rules. The motion carried 7 – 0 (unanimously).

Ayes: Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Poynter & Mr. Snyder

Nays: None

Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Snyder made a motion to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Motion carried 7 - 0. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 02-10 of the City of Franklin, An Ordinance Creating a Citywide Longevity Compensation Plan. The motion carried 7 – 0. The Council was polled and the votes cast were:

Ayes: Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, Mrs. Poynter & Mr. Snyder

Nays: None

Ordinance No. 02-12 Proposed 2003 Budget Mayor Blankenship introduced the budget and asked Department Heads to review their initial budget requests. Several Department Heads summarized their budget requests including, Planning Director David Weir, Street Commissioner Hughes, Parks Director Suzanne Findley, Cemetery Superintendent Mark Webb, Chief of Police John Borges and Fire Chief Mike Herron.

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Discussion held. This matter is set for Public Hearing August 26, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. and for Adoption Hearing September 9, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Budgetary Ordinance No. 02-11 An Ordinance Fixing The Annual Salaries And Providing Compensation For All Elected Officials Mayor Blankenship introduced the ordinance.

- The proposed salary for the Mayor is \$46,614.00 per year from the General Fund, and \$8,500.00 per year from the Sewer Utility Fund, for a total of \$55,114.00
- The proposed salary for the Clerk-Treasurer is \$39,590.00 per year from the General Fund, and \$8,500.00 per year from the Sewer Utility Fund, for a total of \$48,090.00
- The proposed salary for the City Judge is \$20,091.00 per year
- The proposed salary for the Common Council is \$4,000.00
- The proposed salary for the Council Members also serving on the Board of Works and Safety shall be paid \$2,632.00 from the Sewer Utility Fund, for a total of \$6,632.00

Budgetary Ordinance 02-10 Additional Appropriations Ordinance Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander introduced a budgetary ordinance appropriating monies from several funds, such as the DARE Fund, Local Law Enforcement Fund, Insurance Trust and Branigin Way Fund all of which receive monies from sources other than property taxes. The Clerk Treasurer explained that the purpose of appropriating the monies held in the various funds was to comply with Indiana Code and State Board of Accounts guidelines stipulating that no disbursement may be made without an appropriation unless specifically authorized by law. The Clerk Treasurer stated that this should be done annually because all appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless there is an encumbrance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Council President Hougland commended the Department Heads for the diligence they demonstrated by working with their Council representatives to develop low cost reasonable budgets.

Mayor Blankenship requested that if Department Heads make any changes or find errors in their enrolled budgets, that they communicate that information to his office and to the Clerk Treasurer separately.

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:

Approved by Common Council:_____

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor