

City of Franklin COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Monday, June 24, 2002 @ 7:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship
Roll Call:
Members Present: Mr. Stephen D. Hougland,
Mr. Joseph R. Ault
Mr. Phillip R. Barrow
Mr. Jerry B. Maguire
Mr. Lyman A. Snyder Arrived at 7:08 p.m.
Also Present: Chief Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sue Midkiff & City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall
Members Absent: Dr. William T. Murphy
Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter

Mrs. Karen Bridges a correspondent for the Indianapolis Star attended this meeting.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Blankenship stated that they would delay the approval of the Minutes until Mr. Snyder arrived.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Ordinance No. 02-07 - Early Interstate Park, Lot #6 - Rezoning: Rezone from GB-1, General Business and I-1, Light Industrial to I-1, Light Industrial – Mr. Joseph M. Csikos, Staff Planner presented the petition to rezone. Mr. Csikos stated that the Plan Commission forwarded this petition with a favorable recommendation. Mayor Blankenship stated that this is the public hearing and asked if any one from the public wished to speak for or against this petition. No one asked to speak. Mr. Barrow seconded by Dr. Murphy made a motion to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Motion carried. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Maguire made a motion to approve the ordinance. Motion carried. The Council was polled and the vote's cast were as follows, Mr. Hougland – Aye, Mr. Ault - Aye, Mr. Barrow - Aye, Mr. Maguire - Aye, Mr. Snyder – Aye. Number voting in favor of the ordinance 5. Number voting opposed 0. Motion carried. Approved.

Approval of the Minutes Mayor Blankenship asked the Council to consider approval of the Minutes of the June 10, 2002 meeting. Mr. Barrow seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2002, meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

Ordinance No. 02-08 - Franklin College - Rezoning: Rezone property abutting the existing campus from multiple single family residential zoning to the Franklin College Planned Unit Development – Mayor Blankenship stated that the petitioner requested that this matter be tabled until July 8, 2002. Tabled

Budgetary Ordinance No. 02-05 - A Common Council Budgetary Ordinance authorizing an Additional Appropriation: \$4,500.00 From the Record Perpetuation Fund to Record Perpetuation budget line item for Professional Services – Mr. Barrow seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to read by title only. Motion carried. Mayor Blankenship stated that this is the public hearing and asked if any one from the public wished to speak for or against this petition. No one asked to speak. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve. The Council was polled and the vote's cast were as follows, Mr. Hougland – Aye, Mr. Ault - Aye, Mr. Barrow - Aye, Mr. Maguire - Aye, Mr. Snyder – Aye. Number voting in favor of the ordinance 5. Number voting opposed 0. Motion carried. Approved.

Budgetary Ordinance No. 02-06 - A Common Council Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing an Additional Appropriation: \$25,000 From the General Fund to City Hall budget line item for Building Repairs to repair the roof of City Hall – Mayor Blankenship introduced the proposed budgetary ordinance. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Maguire made a motion to read by title only. Motion carried. Mayor Blankenship stated that this is the public hearing and asked if any one from the public wished to speak for or against this petition. No one asked to speak. Mr. Barrow seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve. Motion carried.

Budgetary Ordinance No. 02-07 - A Common Council Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing an Additional Appropriation: \$500,000.00 from the General Fund to Board of Works budget line item for Group Insurance – Mayor Blankenship presented the request to appropriate funds. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to read by title only. Motion carried. Mayor Blankenship stated that this is the public hearing and asked if any one from the public wished to speak for or against this petition. No one asked to speak. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve. Motion carried. The Council was polled and the vote's casts were as follows, Mr. Hougland – Aye, Mr. Ault - Aye, Mr. Barrow - Aye, Mr. Maguire - Aye, and Mr. Snyder – Aye. Number voting in favor of the ordinance 5. Number voting opposed 0. Motion carried. Approved.

Budgetary Ordinance No. 02-08 - A Common Council Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing an Additional Appropriation: \$2,500.00 From the Abandoned Vehicle Fund to Abandoned Vehicle budget line item for Professional Services – Mayor Blankenship presented the request to appropriate funds. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to read by title only. Motion carried. Mayor Blankenship stated that this is the public hearing and asked if any one from the public wished to speak for or against this petition. No one asked to speak. Mr. Barrow seconded by Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve. Motion carried. The Council was polled and the vote's casts were as follows, Mr. Hougland – Aye, Mr. Ault - Aye, Mr. Barrow - Aye, Mr. Maguire - Aye, and Mr. Snyder – Aye. Number voting in favor of the ordinance 5. Number voting opposed 0. Motion carried. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Employee Salaries and Benefits – Mayor Blankenship read his letter dated June 24, 2002 into the record referring to his memorandum dated May 31, 2002. General discussion covered the following topics:

- The Mayor wants a 1.2 % cost of living increase to the current base and an additional 2% increase for all employees in 2003.
- Actions taken by the State Legislature over the weekend. The Mayor is optimistic about the expected revenue from the state to City's and Towns.
- "Grandfathering" the current Police & Fire Longevity program and initiating a new program for all city employees which would cap at \$1,000.00
- Base pay increase for Police and Firefighters of \$1,250.00
- Adoption of an Employee Wellness Program – Requiring 90% participation. Employees and their families who enroll in the program would continue to be covered for \$1.00 per year.
- Employee spouses whose employers offer insurance will be given one year to convert to their employer's coverage.

COMMON COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Barrow commented on the improvements on North Main. He also asked whether a right turn lane at the intersection of U.S. 31 & N. Main Street could be added..

Mr. Maguire asked about mowing grass at the entrances to town along State Roads particularly the grass on the east side of town along 44 coming into town.

PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Blankenship asked if anyone in the audience had any petitions or public comments. No one asked to speak.

CLERK TREASURERS COMMENTS

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: 7-17-02

Approved by Common Council: _____

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor