

City of Franklin COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Monday, March 11, 2002 @ 7:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mr. Stephen D. Hougland, 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

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

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 2002-05 of the City of Franklin, Indiana - An Ordinance Approving a Resolution of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission Recommending the Amendment of Section 5.1 (B) (5) – Performance Bond of the City of Franklin Subdivision Control Ordinance Public Hearing Mr. Weir presented the amendment to the subdivision control ordinance, requiring applicants providing Performance or Maintenance Bonds – any surety to the City of Franklin - to prove that the Surety Company posting the Performance Bond is listed on the U.S. Circular 570 – Listing of Approved Sureties. Mayor Blankenship stated that this is a public hearing and asked whether anyone present wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance. No one asked to speak. Mr. Maguire seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Motion carried. Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to approve the proposed ordinance. Motion carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows, Mr. Hougland - Aye, Mr. Ault - Aye, Mr. Barrow - Aye, Mr. Maguire - Aye, Dr. Murphy - Aye, Mrs. Poynter - Aye, and Mr. Snyder - Aye. Number voting in favor of the action 7. Number voting opposed 0. Motion carried. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONS & PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

CLERK TREASURER’S COMMENTS Mrs. Janet Alexander asked the Council to accept a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement from Stuart Bridges – of Stuarts Fire Protection. Mr. Maguire seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to accept the application and forward it to the State Board of Accounts. Motion carried.

The Clerk Treasurer also stated that Indiana Law requires the Clerk to prepare a list of outstanding checks for cancellation on or by March 1st. The checks are two (2) years old as of December 31. The Clerk read the check numbers into the record: #34263, 36053, 37983, 8476, 10427, 10880, 9001, & 9334. These checks will be cancelled and receipted back into the fund from which they were drawn. The State Board of Accounts requires that this activity be reported to the City Council. Mr. Barrow seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to cancel the checks presented. Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

- ❑ Mr. Ault announced that both the Stedman cannon and the replica have returned to Franklin
- ❑ Mr. Maguire stated that there was a show on television highlighting the economic development activities of the City of Columbus Indiana. The program pointed out that 1/3 of the employment in Columbus can be directly linked to these efforts.
- ❑ Dr. Murphy asked whether the City would be able to identify the population of the precincts with split wards – referring to a letter received from Mrs. Brenda Jones Matthews, the Clerk of the Courts concerning our upcoming redistricting project. The Mayor stated that the City Attorney and the Planning Department are looking at these questions.
- ❑ Mr. Snyder asked whether the City was looking at NSK in reference to the fire station project. The Mayor assured him that that would be discussed at one of the upcoming special meetings concerning the fire station project to be held March 13, at 6:30 p.m. and March 21, at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS The Mayor stated that the City of Franklin would be spotlighted in an article in the Indiana Business Magazine. Mr. Joe Csikos has been working with the magazine in an effort to promote economic development. The Mayor complimented Mr. Csikos's efforts. The cost of this is anticipated to be about \$3000.

The Mayor also stated that the Telecommunications Commission will start looking at the municipal website.

The Mayor also pointed out that they have received a letter from the Indiana State Police commending Sergeant Stan Lynn for pursuing a deranged man who fired upon officers in Marion County and upon Sergeant Lynn himself. The man was apprehended.

Mr. Rick Littleton on behalf of the City of Franklin and Mr. Ponist of Commonwealth Engineering attended a recognition banquet March 9, 2002 in Indianapolis to receive a Merit Award from Consulting Engineers of Indiana, Inc. for the Biosolids Management Facility Project. Mayor Blankenship stated that the Wastewater Treatment Facility has received numerous awards over the years for operational excellence.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Enrolled Date: 6/28/11

Approved by Common Council: _____

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor