

City of Franklin COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Monday, January 28, 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
Member Absent	Mr. Lyman A. Snyder
Also Present:	City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall & Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander

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 January 14, 2001 meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 02-02 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Use of Blanket Bonds to Replace Individual Bonds

Mayor Blankenship stated that this is the public hearing for Ordinance No. 02-02 and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance. No one asked to speak. City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall stated that the ordinance has been modified since the introduction. Mr. Schafstall stated that he included the specific legal authorities and the dollar amounts required by law for the bonds stated. Mr. Maguire seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to read the ordinance aloud by title only noting that the document has changed. Motion carried. Mr. Barrow seconded by Mr. Maguire made a motion to approve. Votes in favor 6, votes opposed 0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 02-03 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Monthly Stipends

Mayor Blankenship stated that this is the public hearing for Ordinance No. 02-03 and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance. No one asked to speak. Mrs. Poynter seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Motion carried. City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall stated that the proposed ordinance was unchanged. The Clerk Treasurer stated that the proposed ordinance would “tidy up” the records allowing the Clerk Treasurer to pay members of each of the various boards and commissions. Mr. Maguire seconded by Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve. Votes in favor 6, votes opposed 0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 02-04 – An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 93-22 – Relative to the Civilian Personnel Policy and Procedures Manual.

Mayor Blankenship stated that this is the public hearing for Ordinance No. 02-04 and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance. No one asked to speak. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Motion carried. Mr. Ault seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to approve. Votes in favor 6, votes opposed 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CLERK TREASURERS COMMENTS

The Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander provided a copy of the December 31, 2001 Clerk Treasurer's Daily Balance of Cash and a summary of the City's interest earnings for 2001. The Clerk Treasurer stated that the City earned in excess of \$1,113,000.00, which is a 36% increase over last years interest earnings.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- ☐ Mayor Blankenship reminded the Council that it is "Girl Scout Cookie" time.
- ☐ In observance of Catholic Schools Week, he visited St. Rose of Lima Elementary School
- ☐ He asked the Council to review the materials provided by the JCDC concerning "The Wheel Tax". The Mayor stated that he would like the Council to discuss option taxes as the State support of local projects is expected to decrease sharply. Mr. Hougland expressed concern about this and other types of taxes.
- ☐ The Mayor stated that the City might be asked to contribute more money toward the downtown lighting project. The committee's total fund raising goal is \$300,000.00. Mr. Barrow stated his concerns about the number of requests for contributions that are ultimately paid using property taxes.
- ☐ The redistricting plan is still an outstanding issues
- ☐ Consolidation of all of the City's Traffic Ordinances is coming up this year.

COUNCIL MEMBERS COMMENTS

Dr. Murphy asked the Mayor and the Council to look closely at the traffic situation at State Road 44 and U.S. 31. South, in light of the recent failed attempt to build an apartment complex to the west of the intersection. The Mayor stated that he understands that the BZA intends to propose rezoning this area and that a traffic signal will be placed at Westview and State Road 44. Also the Mayor said that the new traffic signal may speed up traffic but may cause more accidents. The Mayor stated also that the "Walgreen cut" is used as an example of something the Planning Department will not allow.

Mr. Ault reported that the folks at South Bend Replicas plan to begin the "turning process" on the cannon replica tomorrow. Mr. Ault will be going to South Bend to watch the process known as "counting the clunks", which Mr. Ault explained is a 19th Century process used to shape on a lathe.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 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