

City of Franklin COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Wednesday November 12, 2001 @ 7:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mr. Stephen P. Houglan, President Pro Tempore
Mr. Joseph R. Ault
Mr. Phillip R. Barrow
Mr. Jerry B. Maguire (arrived at 7:04 p.m.)
Mr. William T. Murphy
Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter
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 and Ms. Holly Fricks a reporter for the Daily Journal attended 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 October 22, 2001 meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 01-24, A Resolution to Preserve Compensation for City Employees Called to National Military Service – Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Barrow made motion to read the Resolution by title only. Mr. Ault seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to approve. Motion carried. Vote was 6 – 0. The Council was polled and the votes by the members were recorded as follows: Mr. Houglan - Aye, Mr. Ault – Aye, Mr. Barrow – Aye, Dr. Murphy – Aye, Mrs. Poynter – Aye, Mr. Snyder – Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 01-35 – Employee Benefits – Introduction of proposed ordinance. Mr. Houglan seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to table. Tabled to November 26, 2001.

Ordinance No. 01-32 - Large Scale Retail Use Ordinance: Mr. Joe Csikos presented the proposed ordinance and answered Council questions. Tabled to November 26, 2001.

Ordinance No. 01-33 - Additional Appropriation and Transfer Between Funds: Approved on first reading. Set for second and final reading November 26, 2001. Vote was 7 – 0. The Council was polled and the votes by the members were recorded as follows: Mr. Houglan - Aye, Mr. Ault – Aye, Mr. Barrow – Aye, Mr. Maguire – Aye, Dr. Murphy – Aye, Mrs. Poynter – Aye, Mr. Snyder – Aye.

Ordinance No. 01-34 - Flood Hazard Section of the Zoning Ordinance: Mr. David Weir introduced the ordinance. Tabled to November 26, 2001.

Resolution No. 01-27 - Line Item Transfer: Request by the Police Department to transfer \$44,963.00 from several budget lines within the 300 series to the 400 series – Chief John Borges explained the reasons behind this request to the Council. Mr. Maguire seconded by Dr. Murphy made a motion to read. Mr. Maguire seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve. Motion carried. Vote was 7 – 0. The Council was polled and the votes by the members were recorded as follows: Mr. Hougland - Aye, Mr. Ault – Aye, Mr. Barrow – Aye, Mr. Maguire – Aye, Dr. Murphy – Aye, Mrs. Poynter – Aye, Mr. Snyder – Aye.

Resolution No. 01-28 - Designating an Economic Revitalization Area for Franklin Tech Park: Planning Director Mr. David Weir presents the petition of Mr. Harry “Mac” McNaught. Mrs. Poynter made a motion seconded by Mr. Hougland to set the “sunset provision” date for January 1, 2017 (fifteen years). Motion carried. Motion to read made by Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Snyder. Motion to approve made by Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Barrow. Motion carried. Vote to approve was 7 – 0. The Council was polled and the votes by the members were recorded as follows: Mr. Hougland - Aye, Mr. Ault – Aye, Mr. Barrow – Aye, Mr. Maguire – Aye, Dr. Murphy – Aye, Mrs. Poynter – Aye, Mr. Snyder – Aye. This matter is set for confirmation hearing November 26, 2001.

Resolution 01-29 - Designating an Economic Revitalization Area for Franklin Business Park: - Mr. David Weir the Planning Director and Mr. Dan Theobald the director of the Johnson County Development Corporation presented the petition of Mr. Fred Linville for the 302 acre business park located north of Arvin Road and along Musicland Drive and Graham Road. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to set the “sunset provision” for January 1, 2017 (fifteen years). Motion carried. Mr. Ault seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to read. Motion to approve made by Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Ault. Motion carried. Vote to approve was 6 in favor 0 against (Mr. Maguire stepped out during this portion of the meeting). The Council was polled and the votes by the members were recorded as follows: Mr. Hougland - Aye, Mr. Ault – Aye, Mr. Barrow – Aye, Dr. Murphy – Aye, Mrs. Poynter – Aye, Mr. Snyder – Aye. This matter is set for confirmation hearing November 26, 2001.

Resolution No. 01-30- Authorizing a Transfer Between Major Categories: The Park Department submitted a request to transfer \$4,180.73 from Part-time 14-1-124 to Utilities 14-3-335. Mr. Barrow made a motion to read, seconded by Mr. Maguire. Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to approve. Motion carried. Vote to approve was 7 – 0. The Council was polled and the votes by the members were recorded as follows: Mr. Hougland - Aye, Mr. Ault – Aye, Mr. Barrow – Aye, Mr. Maguire – Aye, Dr. Murphy – Aye, Mrs. Poynter – Aye, Mr. Snyder – Aye.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Ordinance No. 00-33 - An Amendment to the City Noise Ordinance: Tabled.

PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mayor asked if anyone from the public had a petition or comment. No one asked to speak.

CLERK TREASURER, CITY ATTORNEY, COMMON COUNCIL, AND MAYORS COMMENTS

The Clerk Treasurer informed the Common Council that she has arranged for “direct deposit” of payroll checks for employees and stated that this service is available to the Council and Commissions.

Council Member Poynter stated that she would be attending the Chamber of Commerce Dinner Thursday and suggested that other members of the Council should come as well. Mrs. Poynter also suggested that the Council should look into re-financing the City’s Municipal Bonds due to the lower interest rates. She also asked where the City stands on the new fire station. The Mayor told her that a proposal would be presented tomorrow evening at Board of Works.

Council Member Ault stated that South Bend Replicas, the company that is building a replica of our cannon, has contacted him and reported that our replica is progressing.

Council Member Maguire suggested that the City could close on National Holidays.

Mayor Blankenship invited the Council to the Employee Luncheon December 5th at 11:30 p.m. in Beeson Hall. He also told the Council that the display case for veteran’s memorabilia is in place and there will be a ceremony December 7th, here in City Hall. The Board of Works Meeting November 27, will be held at 5:00 p.m. to allow the Mayor and Members to attend the Christmas Lighting Ceremony at the Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. The Mayor also spoke about the Holiday Lighting project proposed by Mr. Dean Abplanalp.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 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