

City of Franklin COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Wednesday October 22, 2001 @ 7:00 P.M.

Presiding Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Officer:

Roll Call:

Members Present: Mr. Stephen P. Hougland, President Pro Tempore
Mr. Phillip R. Barrow
Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter
Mr. Jerry B. Maguire
Mr. William T. Murphy

Members Absent: Mr. Joseph R. Ault
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 was present at this meeting.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Poynter seconded by Mr. Barrow, made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2001 meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution No. 01 - 23 A Resolution Adopting a Transportation Priority Study for TEA-21 Funding (to be known as the City of Franklin Indiana Transportation Priority Study) – TEA 21 GRANT – Planning Director David Weir spoke in favor of the study. Mr. Maguire made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Barrow. Motion carried. Council was polled and the vote was 5 Aye, 0 Nay. Votes by member were recorded as follows: Mr. Hougland - Aye, Mr. Barrow – Aye, Mr. Maguire – Aye, Dr. Murphy – Aye, Mrs. Poynter – Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 01-31 An Ordinance Approving Resolution Number 2001-41 of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property Within the City of Franklin (to be known as the Heritage Trails Rezoning) Mr. Joe Csikos introduced the ordinance to rezone 18 acres of ground on Upper Shelbyville Road from R-3, Single Family Residential to R-7, Multi-Family Residential. Mr. Joseph Csikos, staff planner presents the petition and states that the Plan Commission voted unanimously to give this petition a favorable recommendation. Mr. Darren Thompson spoke on behalf of this project. Discussion held. Mr. Maguire seconded by Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve. Motion carried. The Council was polled and the vote was 5 Aye, 0 Nay. Votes by member were recorded as follows: Mr. Hougland - Aye, Mr. Barrow – Aye, Mr. Maguire – Aye, Dr. Murphy – Aye, Mrs. Poynter – Aye.

The City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall summarized provisions in state law relative to the possibility that Mayor Blankenship may be called into Active Military Service. Mayor Blankenship holds the rank of company 1st sergeant in the Indiana National Guard. Mayor Blankenship stated that he has not received any indication that he will be called up, but because of the possibility, he had asked the City Attorney to review the law and share this information with the City Council.

Resolution 01-24, A Resolution to Preserve Compensation for City Employees Called to National Military Service –

Mrs. Poynter seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to table. Motion carried. Tabled.

An Amendment to the City Noise Ordinance 00-33 – Mayor Blankenship introduces proposed amendment.

Comprehensive Plan Update – Mr. Jeffrey Bergman of Ratio Architects summarized the status of the Comprehensive Plan project. The issues that have been identified by the participants in the public workshops, survey results and other public input. The priorities identified include: planned growth, reduction of truck traffic through downtown, upkeep of the downtown area, Historic Preservation, and housing diversity. The target date for completion of this project is June of 2002.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Mr. Hougland requested that Indiana American Water provide justification for the proposed rate increase.

Mrs. Poynter stated that the historic tour of the cemetery was very interesting and well done.

Mayor Blankenship read aloud e-mails he received from Mr. Mitsuru, a friend of the City of Franklin from Kuji Japan our sister city. Mr. Mitsuru expressed his concern for our country and our community following the September 11, terrorist attacks on the United States. The several organizations and the community of Kuji held a prayer meeting and special bell ringing in our honor of our Country and our City.

The Mayor received letter thanking and commending Firefighters Hestand, McElyea, Herron (Ron), Henderson, and Price for their successful rescue of a baby last September.

Mayor Blankenship asked the Council to review the letter they received earlier this year concerning Holiday Lighting from Mr. Dean Abplanalp. Mayor Blankenship said that the City might be asked to provide financial assistance to this project yet this year.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 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