

City of Franklin COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Monday, August 27, 2001 @ 6:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Mr. Stephen P. Houglan, 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:

City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall
Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander

Council Members Absent: Mr. Maguire arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Karen Bridges a correspondent for the Indianapolis Star was present at this meeting.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Ault, seconded by Dr. Murphy, made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2001 meeting as distributed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 01-16 – An Ordinance Approving a Resolution of the City of Franklin Plan Commission, and Annexing Certain Property Contiguous to the Franklin Corporate Limits (to be known as the Franklin Tech Park Annexation) Adoption Hearing – Mr. David Weir presented the petition requesting that the City of Franklin annex 218 acres of land on the east side of Franklin for light industrial development The Mayor asked for public comment. No one asked to speak. Motion to read made by Mrs. Poynter, seconded by Mr. Barrow. Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve seconded by Dr. Murphy. The Council was polled and the votes were recorded as follows: Mr. Houglan – Aye, Mr. Ault – Aye, Mr. Barrow – Aye, Dr. Murphy – Aye, Mrs. Poynter – Aye. Mr. Snyder – Aye. Vote to accept 6 – 0. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 01-19 An Ordinance Vacating a Portion of An Alley In Hougham 2nd Addition to the City of Franklin Indiana (to be known as the Williams Family alley vacation) – Mr. Weir presented a petition to vacate an alley. The petitioners Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Belinda Williams were present. Discussion was held. Mr. Barrow made a motion to table, seconded by Mr. Snyder. Voice vote taken. Vote was 3 in favor to 3 opposed. The vote was tied and due to Mr. Maguire's absence Mayor Blankenship was asked to vote to break the tie (pursuant to 36-4-6-8). Mayor Blankenship voted Nay. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Snyder made a motion to read the ordinance. Voice vote taken. Vote was 3 in favor to 3 opposed. Mayor Blankenship was again asked to vote to break the tie. The Mayor voted Aye. The Mayor read the ordinance by title only. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the ordinance. The Council was polled and the votes were recorded as follows: Mr. Houglan – Nay, Mr. Ault – Aye, Mr. Barrow – Nay, Dr. Murphy – Nay, Mrs. Poynter – Nay. Mr. Snyder – Aye. Vote to approve Nay - 4, Aye – 2. Motion failed.

Neighbors of the petitioners asked the Council what action the City could take to reduce the speeds in the alley. The Mayor stated that he would contact the College administration and the Fraternity to request assistance. Also the Mayor stated that portable speed bumps could be considered.

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Ordinance No. 01-23 Aaron J. Voiles Rezoning – Mr. Csikos introduced the proposed ordinance requesting that 10.1 acres in Needham Township be rezoned from I2 to R4. The Plan Commission voted unanimously July 17th to forward this request with a favorable recommendation to the City Council. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve the request. The Council was polled and the votes 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. Vote to accept 7 – 0. Motion carried.

Ordinance 01-24 – An Ordinance Fixing the Annual Salaries and Providing Compensation for All Elected Officials (1st reading advertised) - Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to read. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve on first reading. The Council was polled and the votes 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. Vote to accept 7 – 0. Motion carried. The proposed ordinance will be set for second reading public hearing September 10, 2001.

Ordinance 01-27 – 2002 Budget (1st reading- advertised)– Mayor Blankenship introduced the proposed Budget Ordinance. The following Department Heads and Elected Officials presented their budgets to the Council:

- ❖ Richard Hughes – Motor Vehicle Highway & Local Road & Street
- ❖ Mayor Norman P. Blankenship – Mayors Office, City Council & City Hall
- ❖ Janet P. Alexander – Clerk Treasurers Office, Fire & Police Merit, Local Law, City Court, Police Pension, Cumulative Capital Development Fund, Municipal Bond, & Park Bond
- ❖ Phil Barrow & Janet Alexander – Board of Works
- ❖ Asst. Fire Chief Michael Lewis – Fire Department
- ❖ Chief Borges – Police Department
- ❖ Robert H. Schafstall – Law Department
- ❖ David Weir – Planning Department
- ❖ Suzanne Findley – Community Center, Parks, Senior Center & Pool
- ❖ Mark Webb – Greenlawn Cemetery
- ❖ John Hash – Fire Pension

The Council by voice vote approved each proposed budget presented on first reading.

Ordinance No. 01-25 – An Ordinance Repealing the City’s Taxicab Regulations and Establishing New Regulations: (second reading) Mr. Robert H. Schafstall introduced the ordinance. Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to read the ordinance aloud by title only. Mrs. Poynter seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the ordinance on second and final reading. Motion carried. The Council was polled and the votes 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. Vote to accept 7 – 0. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 01-26 – Additional Appropriation from the General Fund to Employee Insurance Trust – Mayor Blankenship presented the ordinance requesting an additional appropriation to increase the City’s Employee Medical Insurance reserve fund. Motion to read made by Dr. Murphy seconded by Mrs. Poynter. Motion carried. Motion to approve made by Mr. Ault, seconded by Mrs. Poynter. Motion carried. Request for Additional Appropriation approved. The Clerk Treasurer will certify this action to the State Tax Board for their approval.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Johnson County Interlocal Agreements - Removed

Format for Introduction of Ordinances – Mayor Blankenship requested that the Council adopt a modified process for the adoption of Ordinances. The Mayor stated that in general all ordinances introduced to Council will be automatically scheduled for 1st reading – public hearing at the next regular meeting unless tabled by the Council. The Mayor stated that this would be effective as of the first meeting in September. Council President Hougland asked for comment from the Council. None were offered. The proposed procedure was adopted by consensus.

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PETITIONS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Mayor asked if there were any petitions or requests from the public to make comments. No one asked to speak.

OTHER BUSINESS & COMMENTS

Council Member Poynter announced that the Federation of Republican Women honored the Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander last Friday evening at a banquet. The Franklin Republican Women's Club had nominated Mrs. Alexander for this special recognition.

Mayor Blankenship pointed out the Heritage Festival Brochure provided by Ms. Findley. The Mayor also stated that he is considering the purchase of mobile recording equipment for use by the City.

Council Member Houglan thanked the Parks Director Suzanne Findley for hosting the "doggie pool party".

Ms. Findley invited the Council to a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new rose garden, which has been built on the hill in Province Park. This ceremony will take place September 15th at 4:00 p.m. A reception will be held following the ribbon cutting.

As there was no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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

Enrolled Date: 8-30-01

Approved by Common Council: _____

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor