

City of Franklin COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Monday, May 14, 2001 @ 7:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship

Roll Call:

Council Members Present:

Mr. Stephen P. Hougland, President Pro Tempore
Mr. Joseph R. Ault
Mr. Phillip R. Barrow
Mr. William T. Murphy
Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter
Mr. Lyman A. Snyder

Also Present:

City Attorney David A. Denslaw
Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander

Council Members Absent: Mr. Jerry Maguire

Ralph Tomlinson a reporter for the Daily Journal and Karen Bridges a correspondent for the Indianapolis Star were present at 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 April 23, 2001 meeting as distributed. The motion carried.

The Mayor presented a plaque to Ina Louise Fleetwood a former Clerk Treasurer who recently celebrated her 80th Birthday and held a block party for the community.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 01-06 An Ordinance Vacating A Portion Of Hudson Street And R. J. Parkway In The Hudson Commercial Park Of The City Of Franklin, Indiana (to be known as the "Hudson Street Vacation") (public hearing – continued from April 9th) Attorney Robert H. Schafstall appears on behalf of the City of Franklin. Mayor Blankenship announced that this is the public hearing for Ordinance 01-06 and asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak for or against this matter. No one asked to speak. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Dr. Murphy made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the ordinance. The Council was polled and their votes were recorded as follows: Mr. Ault - Aye, Mr. Barrow - Aye, Mr. Hougland - Aye, Dr. Murphy - Aye, Mrs. Poynter - Aye, Mr. Snyder - Aye. Vote to Approve 6 - 0. Motion passed.

Introduction to Common Council Ordinance No. 01-08: An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana, Authorizing and Approving the Entry Into An Interlocal Agreement for the Investment of Public Funds: (first reading) Presented by Janet P. Alexander. The Clerk Treasurer introduced Mr. Randy Warman, the representative of MBIA / Invest Indiana. Mr. Warman gave a brief presentation about the program and the legality of the investments. City Attorney David Denslaw requested that a more current legal opinion be provided from Attorney Brian Burdick of Barnes and Thornburg. Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The Mayor read the title aloud. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve on 1st reading. This matter is scheduled for second reading May 30, 2001. The Council was polled and their votes were recorded as follows: Mr. Ault - Aye, Mr. Barrow - Aye, Mr. Hougland - Aye, Dr. Murphy - Aye, Mrs. Poynter - Aye, Mr. Snyder - Aye. Vote to Approve 6 - 0. Motion passed. This matter will be on the May 30th agenda for the second reading and public hearing.

Ordinance No. 01-07 An Ordinance Providing For and Updating Purchasing Guidelines and Repeal Ordinance No. 98-24: (second reading / public hearing) presented by Mayor Blankenship. The Mayor announced that this was the public hearing for this ordinance and asked if anyone present wished to speak for or against the ordinance. No one spoke. Mrs. Poynter seconded by Dr. Murphy made a motion to read by title only. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Snyder made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading. The Council was polled and their votes were recorded as follows: Mr. Ault - Aye, Mr. Barrow - Aye, Mr. Hougland - Aye, Dr. Murphy - Aye, Mrs. Poynter - Aye, Mr. Snyder - Aye. Vote to Approve 6 - 0.

Discussion of Employee Salary and Benefits 2002: Tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Of Amendment to Ordinance No. 90-9 (An Ordinance Regulating Traffic, Street and Sidewalk Usage in the City of Franklin, Indiana): Ms. Suzanne Findley the Parks Department Director appears and requests that the Council increase the fine for use of motorized vehicles on park trails and green spaces. Discussion held. The Council by consensus recommended that a new ordinance be drafted by the City Attorney increasing the fine for violators to \$30.00 for the first offense and \$75.00 for every offense thereafter. This matter will be on the Council's agenda May 30, 2001.

Proposed Paint Ball Gun Ordinance Discussion: Mr. Ault clarified his request that the Council consider the adoption of an ordinance, which would restrict users of paint ball guns from transporting them in cars when the gun is loaded. The Mayor suggested that this could be accomplished by amending the City's current ordinance concerning projectiles. Matter tabled until May 30, 2001.

Ordinance No. 01-10 – An Ordinance Authorizing and Additional Appropriation: (Introduction and first reading) Request to appropriate \$25,000.00 from Branigin Way Fund to cover anticipated expenses for the traffic study and engineering services. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Barrow to read the ordinance. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to approve on first reading. The Council was polled and their votes were recorded as follows: Mr. Ault - Aye, Mr. Barrow - Aye, Mr. Hougland - Aye, Dr. Murphy - Aye, Mrs. Poynter - Aye, Mr. Snyder - Aye. Vote to Approve 6 - 0. This matter will be placed on the May 30th City Council Agenda for second reading / public hearing.

Ordinance No. 01-09: An Ordinance Approving Resolution No. 01-09 of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property Within the City of Franklin (to be known as the Gasoline Alley / Burton Industrial Rezoning) Mr. Steve Williams appears on behalf of the petitioner. Mr. David Weir stated that the Plan Commission held a hearing on this matter and made a favorable recommendation. Mr. Ault seconded by Dr. Murphy made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only. The Mayor read the ordinance aloud by title only and the Council voted to approve the ordinance on first reading. The Council was polled and their votes were recorded as follows: Mr. Ault - Aye, Mr. Barrow - Aye, Mr. Hougland - Aye, Dr. Murphy - Aye, Mrs. Poynter - Aye, Mr. Snyder - Aye. Vote to Approve 6 - 0. This matter will be placed on the May 30th City Council Agenda for second reading / public hearing.

Discussion of New Curfew Legislation: Mayor Blankenship announced that the state legislature passed curfew legislation / guidelines that can be adopted by municipalities. The Mayor stated that this issue would return to the Board of Works, which will consider the development of a local ordinance to be returned to the Council for final approval. Mr. Ault and Mr. Hougland requested copies of the documents to which the Mayor referred.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander asked the Council to accept a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement submitted by Parks and Recreation Director Suzanne Findley. Mrs. Findley's husband is an auctioneer who sometimes contracts with the City and hold the City auction. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Snyder made a motion to accept the statement. Motion carried.
- Council Member Katherine Poynter asked whether the increase in the census would require the City to redraw its' Councilmatic Wards. The City Attorney and Clerk Treasurer will research this question.

Mayor Blankenship made the following announcements

- Concerning the Telecommunications Commission Appointments - The Mayor has appointed Mr. Frank Schumacher Jr. and Mr. James A. Payne to serve on this Board. Mr. Robert H. Schafstall has offered and will serve as Legal Counsel to the Telecommunications Commission. Mr. Schumacher has agreed to serve as the interim chairman of this Board. Council President Hougland stated that Council Members should consider candidates for nomination to this Commission at the next meeting.
- Dare – Car Show at Fletcher Buick & Pontiac this weekend
- City of Franklin Night at Victory Field – Saturday May 19th
- Recognition of Law Enforcement Week the Mayor has asked that the flags be lowered to half mast per the Congressional Order
- Veterans Memorial Display at City Hall – The quote for an installed permanent display area was \$8600 – The Mayor will be approaching the Council for funding of this project.
- Concert Under the Stars June 8th & Fanfare and Fire Works July 6th at Johnson County Park
- Public Hearing called by INDOT May 31, at City Hall regarding the bridge project along Jefferson Street and Hurricane Creek.
- Stated that Art Schlengan and other City Fire Department and Police Officers will be participating in the International Police & Fire Games in June.

As there was no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 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