City of Franklin

55 W. Madison St., Franklin IN 46131

Minutes of the Common Council

Monday February 26, 2001

TIME:	**7:00 P.M.**	**PLACE:**	**City Council Room**
PRESIDING:	Norman P. Blankenship	Mayor	
PRESENT:	Stephen D. Hougland	President	
	Joseph R. Ault	Council Member	
	Phillip R. Barrow	Council Member	
	Katherine L. Poynter	Council Member	
	Jerry B. Maguire	Council Member	
	Lyman A. Snyder	Council Member	
	William T. Murphy	Council Member	
	David A. Denslaw	City Attorney	
	Janet P. Alexander	Clerk Treasurer	

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

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as distributed. The motion passed. Vote was 6 Aye, 0 Nay. Dr. William T. Murphy abstained due to his absence from that meeting.

Mayor Blankenship honored Dick Land for his 52 years as a City employee. The Mayor presented Mr. Land an Honorary Mayors Certificate. Mr. Land thanked the Mayor and the people of Franklin.

OLD BUSINESS

<u>Ordinance No. 01-03: An Ordinance Creating the Franklin Telecommunications Council:</u> (First reading) Dr. Murphy made a motion to read the ordinance by title only, seconded by Mrs. Poynter. Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 01-03 on first reading, seconded by Mr. Barrow. The motion passed. The vote to approve was 7 aye, and 0 nay. This matter will be scheduled for second reading March 12, 2001.

<u>Ordinance No 01-02: An Ordinance Providing for Permit Inspection and Connection Fees for Connection to the Public Sewer System:</u> (Second reading / Public Hearing) The Mayor asked for public comment, as this was the advertised public hearing. Mr. Fred Paris addressed the council and stated his opposition to the passage of the ordinance increasing sewer connection fees. Mr. Hougland made a motion to read the ordinance by title only, seconded by Mr. Snyder. Mayor Blankenship read the ordinance aloud by title. Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Hougland. The motion passed. The vote to approve was 7 aye, and 0 nay. Approved.

Ordinance No. 01-04: An Ordinance Approving a Resolution of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, and Annexing Certain Property Contiguous to the Franklin Corporate Limits. (To be known as the Bolin Land Company Inc. annexation): (Introduction) Mr. Steve Williams gave a presentation to the Council on this petition. Mr. Maguire made a motion to table, seconded by Mrs. Poynter. Vote to table was 7 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried. Tabled until March 12, 2001.

Ordinance No 01-05: An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 76-13 and Establishing a Program for the Repair and Replacement of Sidewalks in the City of Franklin: (Introduction) Discussion held. Mr. Maguire made a motion to table, seconded by Dr. Murphy. The motion passed. The vote was 7 aye and 0 nay. This matter is set for first reading March 12, 2001.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 01-06: A Resolution Creating an Economic Revitalization Area and Designating Tax Abatement for Overton & Sons Tool & Die Company, Inc.: (First Reading) Mr. David Weir introduced the petition of Overton & Sons and stated that the Economic Development Commission held a hearing February 6, 2001 and recommended that the requested area be designated an Economic Revitalization Area and also recommended the approval of a ten year tax abatement on personal property, specifically a Struder CNC Cylindrical Grinding Machine. Mr. Dan Theobald also spoke in favor of this request. Mr. Steve Overton described his company's operation and answered questions from the Council. Mrs. Poynter made a motion to read the resolution by title only, seconded by Dr. Murphy. Mayor Blankenship read the resolution, by title, aloud. Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Barrow. The vote to approve was 7 aye and 0 nay. This matter will be scheduled for a Public Hearing / Confirmation Hearing March 12, 2001.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor requested that the Council nominate and appoint Joan Pfifer as the council representative to the Police Merit Commission. Mr. Hougland made a motion to nominate Mrs. Pfifer for Police Merit Commission and asked whether or not there were any other nominations. None were offered. Mr. Hougland made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mrs. Poynter. Mr. Hougland asked for a vote on the nomination of Mrs. Pfifer retroactive to January 31, 2001. The Council voted 7 aye, 0 nay. Mrs. Pfifer is selected to serve as the council representative to the Police Merit Commission retroactive to January 31, 2001.

Clerk Treasurer Alexander presented the budget adoption calendar. Mr. Hougland stressed that he hoped to have all of the meetings between Council Members and Department Heads wrapped up as soon as possible.

The Clerk Treasurer stated that Council Members may request banker boxes for storage of their older Council related documents. These document boxes may be kept at City Hall.

Mr. Barrow asked Mr. Weir about the status of the Wake Up station on S. Main Street. Mr. Barrow requested that the property owner be required to clean up the building and grounds at this location. Mr. Weir will assign have Mr. Parsley to look into this matter.

Mr. Snyder asked about the house on N. Main that's' porch has fallen down. Mr. Weir responded that his office has begun condemnation proceedings on the property.

Mayor Blankenship announced that May 19^{th} would be Franklin Night at Victory Field.

Mayor Blankenship proclaimed the month of March American Red Cross Month.

As there was no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 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