

City of Franklin

55 W. Madison St., Franklin IN 46131

Minutes of the Common Council

Monday November 13, 2000

TIME: 7:02 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

Jerry Maguire

Council Member

Katherine L. Poynter

Council Member

William T. Murphy

Council Member

David A. Denslaw

City Attorney

Janet P. Alexander

Clerk Treasurer

Sue Midkiff

Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Mr. Lyman A. Snyder was not present for this meeting

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

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Hougland, made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting as distributed. The motion passed. Vote was 5 Aye, 0 Nay, Dr. Murphy abstained.

The Mayor welcomed a Franklin College journalism class that was present to observe the meeting.

Police Chief John Borges presented a 20-year pin to Lt. John Moore for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Franklin. Officer Moore thanked the Council and the Mayor.

OLD BUSINESS

Abandoned Vehicle/ Abandoned Vehicle Fund Ordinance No. 00-23: (second reading - public hearing) Chief John Borges presented the proposed ordinance which amends Ordinance No. 90-9 and 91-5. Dr. Murphy made a motion to read the ordinance by title only, seconded by Mrs. Poynter. Mr. Ault made a motion to adopt Ordinance 00-23, seconded by Mrs. Poynter. Passed. Vote to approve 6 Aye, 0 Nay

Ordinance No. 00-29: (first reading) An Ordinance to Authorize the Clerk Treasurer to make City payments to keep from making late charges and payments The Mayor asked for public comment. Mrs. Poynter made a motion seconded by Dr. Murphy to read the ordinance by title only. Mr. Barrow made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 00-29, seconded by Mr. Hougland. Passed. Vote to approve 6 Aye, 0 Nay

Ordinance No. 00-31: (first reading - public hearing) - An ordinance authorizing an additional appropriation for the Fire Department Dr. Murphy made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Ault. Motion carried by unanimous consent. The Mayor asked for public comment on the ordinance. Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve Ordinance 00-31 on first and final reading, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion passed. Vote to approve 6 Aye, 0 Nay

Ordinance No. 00-33 Noise Ordinance -(first reading) Chief John Borges introduced Ordinance No. 00-33. The City Attorney read paragraph seven (7) which has been amended to allow collection of fines by the City Court or Clerk Treasurer. The Chief stated that he had spoken with Judge Schafstall concerning this ordinance. The Mayor asked the City Attorney for a clarification on the obligations of a minor child's guardian. The Chief recommends that the City use a fine scale of \$25, \$50, to \$100. Mr. Hougland made a motion to table this matter, seconded by Mr. Barrow. Vote to table 6 Aye, 0 Nay. Matter scheduled for first reading November 27, 2000.

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Ordinance No. 00-30: (first reading) - An additional appropriation for Branigin Way Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander introduced Ordinance 00-30 - An Ordinance authorizing an additional appropriation for the Branigin Way Project. Mr. Ault made a motion to read the ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Poynter. Motion carried. The Mayor read the ordinance aloud. Mr. Ault made a motion to accept on first reading, seconded by Mr. Barrow. Vote to accept 6 Aye, 0 Nay This matter is scheduled for second reading – public hearing November 27, 2000

Ordinance No. 00-32: An Ordinance Authorizing an additional appropriation for the Parks Department Suzanne Findley made a request that the Council allow an additional appropriation of bond proceeds which initially had been deposited into dedicated retainage accounts which were not expended and / had earned interest. The State Board of Accounts required that in order to spend the money the Council would need to authorize or re-appropriate the funds. Mr. Maguire made a motion to read Ordinance No. 00-23, seconded by Mr. Ault. The Mayor read the Ordinance aloud. Vote to adopt on first reading 6 Aye, 0 Nay. Matter set for second reading – public hearing November 27, 2000.

Resolution No. 00-14 A Resolution Authorizing A Transfer Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander requested that the Board of Works transfer \$30,000.00 to line item 1-5-216 Gasoline from Street Lights 1-5-336. Mr. Hougland made a motion to read the resolution, seconded by Mr. Barrow. The Mayor read the resolution aloud. Mr. Hougland made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Dr. Murphy. Vote to adopt 6 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried. Passed

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Barrow asked about the status of billing for medical services provided by the Fire Department. The Clerk-Treasurer informed the Council that she had met with Fay Bain of Central Indiana Billing and expected Central Indiana Billing to begin issuing bills for services by November 19, 2000. The Clerk Treasurer also stated that pursuant to the Councils' wish she has instructed Ms. Bain to back bill for service provided up to six months prior to the passage of the ordinance as allowed by law. The ordinance was signed June 26, 2000 and the City will back bill up to January 26,2000.

Council Member Poynter asked when the Fire Department expects to receive the new fire truck. Asst. Fire Chief Russell Irving reported that the truck is scheduled to be finished November 24, 2000. Representatives from the department will be going to Pennsylvania to inspect the truck. After that, the truck will be held for two weeks in Valparaiso, Indiana for testing and they expect it to be delivered the second week of December.

The Mayor announced that Indiana Public Employees Plan (a.k.a. IPEP) has awarded the City a safety award. He also congratulated Suzanne Findley and the Parks Department for another successful Heritage Day, and reminded the Council that Jeff Bergman would be leaving the Planning Department.

Council Member Murphy reminded the Mayor that Rudy Jacobsen retired from the Franklin Senior Center and has returned to his hometown of Terre Haute. Dr. Murphy asked the Mayor to send a letter on behalf of the Council congratulating Rudy on his retirement. The Mayor agreed.

PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

As there was no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 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