

City of Franklin

55 W. Madison St., Franklin IN 46131

Minutes of the Common Council

Monday October 9, 2000

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	
	Jerry Maguire	Council Member	
	William T. Murphy	Council Member	
	Katherine L. Poynter	Council Member	
	Lyman A. Snyder	Council Member	
	David A. Denslaw	City Attorney	
	Janet P. Alexander	Secretary	

Note: Council Member Maguire arrived at 7:03 p.m. following roll call and the approval of the minutes.

Mr. Ralph Tomlinson with 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, Mr. Ault, seconded by Dr. Murphy, made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2000 meeting, as distributed. The motion passed. Vote was 6 Aye, 0 Nay.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 00-08: A Resolution Creating and Economic Revitalization Area and Designating a Tax Abatement for Pridgeon & Clay, Inc., located at 150 Arvin Road in Franklin: The Mayor pointed out that this Resolution had been numbered 99-08 in error. Mr. Dan Theobald with the Johnson County Development Corporation spoke in favor of this resolution and introduced the Plant Manager, Mr. Skeltis who answered Council questions about the companies plans. Mr. Carlos Doyle a representative from the Economic Development Commission also spoke in favor of the resolution. As this was the advertised public meeting, Mayor Norman Blankenship asked for comments from the public concerning the approval of this resolution creating an economic revitalization area and tax abatement for Pridgeon and Clay. No one from the public spoke up. Mr. Ault made a motion that the Mayor read the resolution by title only. Mr. Barrow seconded the motion. The Mayor read Resolution 00-08 by title only aloud. Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Barrow. The motion passed. Vote was 7 Aye, 0 Nay.

Ordinance 00-26 An Ordinance Vacating an Alley in John Clark's First Addition to The City of Franklin, Indiana Located Between the Lots Commonly Known as 686 and 650 North Main Street (to be known as the John Clark Addition Alley Vacation): This meeting had been advertised as a public hearing. Mayor Blankenship asked for public comment on the proposed ordinance. Mr. Ed Gearhart spoke up, asking the Mayor to confirm the location of the alley in question. Upon seeing a map of the area, Mr. Gearhart made no objection. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mrs. Poynter, made a motion to read the ordinance by title only. The motion carried. The Mayor read the ordinance by title only. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve Ordinance 00-26 on second reading. The motion carried. Vote was 7 Aye, 0 Nay.

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NEW BUSINESS

Cemetery Cannon: Mr. Dan Mitchell, a local historian appeared in front of the Council to share the history of the Stedman Cannon that for a number of years had been located in Greenlawn Cemetery. Mr. Mitchell explained that the Grand Army of the Republic, a Union Civil War veterans association brought the cannon to Franklin. The local organization, Wadsworth Chapter #127, probably acquired the gun in the late 1860's or 70's. The cannon is mentioned frequently in the Chapter's records, which Mr. Mitchell possesses. Mr. Mitchell stated that he believed the cannon was a garrison cannon used along the Ohio River perhaps around Vevay, Indiana.

Mr. Ault stated that he had meet with Mr. Paul Barnett, a Franklin College alumnus whose company South Bend Replicas specialize in the reproduction of military armaments. According to Mr. Ault, Mr. Barnett stated that the size of the cannon indicated to him that the cannon was a prototype built by the Stedman Company in an effort to obtain a military contract. He also suggested that the cannon may have never been used.

Mr. Mitchell stressed the Grand Army's numerous contributions to our community and to the county as a whole. On his own behalf, Mr. Mitchell asked the Council to keep the cannon in Franklin.

Following a discussion, this matter is re-scheduled for the next City Council Meeting October 23, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at which time Dale Ogden, the Curator of Americana with the Indiana State Museum will be giving a presentation to the Common Council. The matter will be referred back to the Board of Works for their consideration October 24, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance No. 00-23 and Abandoned Vehicle Fund: The Mayor requests that this item is tabled until October 23, 2000. Mr. Hougland made a motion seconded by Mr. Ault to table. Motion carried.

Ordinance 00-29: The Clerk Treasurer stated that she intends to submit an ordinance to the council which would allow her to make certain disbursements for necessary or emergency payments, such as taxes, utility payments, or any payment which if not paid would result in a penalty. The Clerk also stated that the Council should be aware that Wal-Mart no longer will allow store charges. Wal-Mart is converting to a commercial charge account requiring each purchaser to have a store charge card.

PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

As there was no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 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