

City of Franklin

55 W. Madison St., Franklin IN 46131

Minutes of the Common Council

Monday August 28, 2000

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: City Council Room

PRESIDING: Norman P. Blankenship Mayor

PRESENT: Joseph R. Ault Council Member

Phillip R. Barrow 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

ABSENT: Council Member Lyman Snyder arrived at 6:55 p.m. following roll call.

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, Dr. Murphy, made a motion seconded by Mrs. Poynter, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2000 meeting, as distributed. The motion passed. Vote was 6 Aye, 0 Nay.

OLD BUSINESS

None entertained.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 00-25 Proposed Operational Budget for 2001- 1st Reading – Public Hearing: The Mayor read the introduction to the Ordinance into the record.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

The Mayor read his budget into the record. He explained that the increase in his budget is largely a result of the establishment of the Human Resource Consultant fee for 2001 of \$19,500.00. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

CLERK TREASURER'S OFFICE

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. The Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander presented her budget. The addition of \$9,000.00 for codification of the City Ordinance Book increased this budget to 14%. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

CITY HALL

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

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BOARD OF WORKS

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. Dr. Murphy abstained from this budget discussion. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

COMMON COUNCIL

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. Chief Herron explained specifics of his budget. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. Chief Borges explained specifics of his budget. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

CITY COURT

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

LAW DEPARTMENT

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. David A. Denslaw explained the specifics of the Law Department Budget. The largest single increase is in the Redevelopment Commission line item. The Council asked that the City's Counsel to the Redevelopment Commission, Robert H. Schafstall, appear at the next hearing to explain the increase in costs in this line item. The Mayor recommended that all municipal department line items within this budget should be consolidated. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. Director Jeffrey Bergman explained specific requests within his budget. The largest single increase in his budget is \$60,000.00 for the Comprehensive Plan project to begin next year. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

FIRE MERIT COMMISSION

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. Chief Herron spoke on behalf of the Fire Merit Commission. The increase in this budget is for testing for applicants. An outside consulting firm conducts this testing. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

POLICE MERIT COMMISSION

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

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MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY

The Mayor read the budget into the record. Mr. Richard Hughes explained specifics of the budget request. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

LOCAL ROAD AND STREET

The Mayor read the budget into the record. Mr. Richard Hughes explained specifics of his budget request. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

COMMUNITY CENTER

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. Ms. Suzanne Findley explained the specifics of the budget presented. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

PARK SYSTEMS

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. Ms. Suzanne Findley explained the specifics of the budget presented. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

SWIMMING POOL

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. Ms. Suzanne Findley explained the specifics of the budget presented. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

SENIOR CENTER

The Mayor expressed his concern for the Senior Center and his opinion that the Center should receive more attention than the current budget request allows. The Mayor read the budget request into the record. Dr. Murphy suggested that the Senior Center line item for Improvements increase to the 2000 budget level (\$11,890.00). Ms. Suzanne Findley explained the specifics of the budget presented. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading. Mr. Ault asked Mrs. Findley to consider Sunday hours at the Community Center.

GREENLAWN CEMETERY

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. Mr. Mark Webb explained the specifics of his budget for the Cemetery. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

FIRE PENSION

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

POLICE PENSION

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

The Clerk Treasurer reported that on the advice of the State Tax Board it was not necessary to appropriate money from this fund.

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CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

The Clerk Treasurer reported that on the advice of the State Tax Board it was not necessary to appropriate money from this fund.

MUNICIPAL BOND – POLICE / CITY COURT

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

PARK DISTRICT BOND

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

LOCAL LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

FRANKLIN EASTSIDE MITSUBISHI / TIF

The Mayor read the budget request into the record. The Council by general consent approved this budget on first reading.

The Mayor asked for public comment concerning Ordinance 00-25. No one from the public spoke. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Budget Ordinance 00-25 as amended. Motion made by Mrs. Poynter, seconded by Dr. Murphy to approve the 2001 Operational Budget as presented. Vote was 7 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried. This matter is scheduled for second reading September 11, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 00-16 Elected Officials Salary Ordinance – 1st reading: Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to read the Ordinance. The Mayor read the Salary Ordinance aloud. The Mayor asked for Public Comment. No one from the public spoke. Motion carried. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 00-16 on First Reading. Motion passed. Vote was 7 Aye, 0 Nay.

ORDINANCE NO. 00-24 – Additional Appropriation – Clerk/Treasurer's Office: The Clerk Treasurer presents a request to replace software and office furniture in her office. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Maguire, made a motion to approve the Clerk Treasurer's request. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to read the Ordinance aloud. The mayor read the Ordinance aloud. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve the Ordinance on 1st reading. Vote was 7 Aye, 0 Nay. The matter is scheduled for 2nd reading and Public Hearing Monday September 11, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION 00-07 - A Resolution Authorizing a Line Item Transfer

Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Barrow made motion to read the Resolution. The Mayor read the resolution aloud. Vote was 7 Aye, 0 Nay. Transfer approved.

ORDINANCE No. 00-23 – An Ordinance Regulating the Removal and Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles– 1st reading: Tabled – Return to Board of Works Agenda.

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OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor announced that he had made a presentation to the freshman class at Franklin College Saturday evening.

The Franklin Police Department has developed a Field Training Manual for new officers and an up-to date street guide of Franklin. Captain Joe Gruss was commended by the Mayor for his work on both documents.

Council Member Joseph Ault shares information with the Council and the public about the cannon, which has been in Greenlawn Cemetery for several years. According to Mr. Ault, the cannon was manufactured in 1861, by the Stedman Co. of Aurora Indiana, which currently produces equipment for the mining industry. The cannon is the only one of its' kind known to exist. A historically accurate carriage could be built for \$8,000 – \$10,000 for the gun.

PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

As there was no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor

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

Enrolled Date: 6/28/11
Approved by Common Council: _____