

City of Franklin

55 W. Madison St., Franklin IN 46131

Minutes of the Common Council

Monday July 24, 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
Jerry Maguire Council Member
William T. Murphy Council Member
Katherine L. Poynter Council Member
Lyman A. Snyder Council Member
David Denslaw City Attorney
Janet P. Alexander Secretary

ABSENT: Stephen Hougland

Ralph Tomlinson a reporter for the Daily Journal was present at this meeting.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Dr. Murphy, made a motion seconded by Mr. Ault, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2000 meeting, as distributed. The motion passed. Vote was 5 Aye, 0 Nay. Mr. Maguire abstained due to his absence from that meeting.

The Mayor invited Pam Janning from Girls Inc. to the podium. Mrs. Janning publicly thanked the City Council for their ongoing annual support of Girls Inc.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 00-18: An Ordinance Approving Plan Commission Resolution 00-20 and Rezoning Certain Property from I-1, Light Industrial to SC, Shopping Center (to be known as the Wal-Mart Rezoning) (Second reading) : Mr. Jeffrey Bergman the City Planning Director reviewed the petitioners request with the Council. Dr. Murphy made a motion to read the Ordinance by title only Mrs. Poynter seconded the motion. The motion passed. The Mayor read the Ordinance by title. Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve Ordinance 00-18, seconded by Mrs. Poynter. Vote was 6 Aye 0 Nay. Joyce Tellstrom, Counsel for the petitioner appears following the passage of this ordinance. The City Attorney David Denslaw asked Ms. Tellstrom if she recalled the stipulation made by Council Member Hougland concerning the size of the detention pond for this development. Ms. Tellstrom confirmed that she did recall the stipulation and that it was acceptable to her client.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 00-19: An Ordinance Vacating An Alley Originally Platted to Run East/West Through Lots 7 & 20 (To the South) and 8 & 19 (to the North) of G.M. Overstreet's Addition to the City of Franklin, Indiana (now located between properties owned by Franklin College generally located west of Forsythe Street and north of Park Avenue) Mr. Bergman made a presentation to the Council. The Mayor asked for clarification of procedural requirements. Mr. Bergman explained that this process requires two hearings with a Public Notice being given between the first and second hearing. Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Mr. Maguire.. President Marion asked if they could

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begin making improvements in the area before the second reading scheduled August 14, 2000. The Council approved this request. Mr. Hougland arrived at this point in the meeting. The Mayor read Ordinance 00-19. Vote was 7 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion approved. This matter was scheduled for Second Reading August 14, 2000.

ORDINANCE 00-21 "An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Franklin Indiana for the Year 2001"

The Mayor reviewed changes and corrections to the Ordinance. Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief \$37,692, Captain (s) \$35,592, and Lieutenant (s) \$34,212.00. Mr. Maguire made a motion for the Mayor to read the Ordinance 00-21, seconded by Dr. Murphy. The Mayor read the ordinance aloud.

The Planning Director corrected errors in his department's salary request. The Staff Planner's salary for 2001 should read \$35,700.00 and the request for part-time should read \$18,300.00. The amount shown was \$36,600.00.

The Mayor resumed reading the Ordinance. The Mayor suggested that each Department Head speak concerning their request.

The Mayor explains that he has increased his part-time budget request. The Clerk reports that her request followed the guidance given by the Mayor. The Mayor reported that the City Court budget includes a request for a new deputy. The Clerk Treasurer reported that she has spoken to the Judge and that the request for a new deputy is due to the increased volume of filings in their Court.

Mr. Jeffrey Bergman asked that the Council consider increasing the salary of the Zoning Administrator. He explained that the salary request of \$29,256.00 is not adequate and that the salary should be \$31,000. Mr. Bergman also asked the council to consider increasing the salary of the Administrative Assistant in his office above the \$22,833.

Mr. Hughes addresses the Council concerning his request for Motor Vehicle Highway. Three Street Maintenance Workers were put in to receive a 7% increase. Mr. Hughes made this request because it is mandatory that each Street Department employee must have a CDL License before they may be hired, which costs \$200 – \$300 out of the prospective employee's pocket. This increase raises the hourly rate to \$10.04.

Ms. Suzanne Findley presents information about her salary request. She included two new positions. The first position requested is a Public Relations / Bookkeeping Assistant in the Community Center budget with an annual salary of \$23,660 and the second position is for a Grounds Assistant with an annual salary of \$20,880 within the Park Systems Budget.

Dr. Murphy asked about the revenue from the rental of facilities. Suzanne explained that the revenue generated from the rental of these facilities goes into the non-reverting fund. This revenue is used to offset costs for programming. Suzanne will provide a report to the Council on this fund.

Mr. Mark Webb, the Greenlawn Cemetery Superintendent presented his salary request. He raised all staff by 5% as directed by the Mayor.

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Mr. Rick Littleton stated that he has added a State License Credit for employees based on which of the four licenses Class I, Class II, - \$400 and Class III, and Class IV - \$800. He also increased the Overtime to cover the 5% overall increase

Ms. Brenda Poe requested an additional part-time person for her department. This will be \$9.50 to \$10.00 per hour twenty hours per week.

Police Chief John Borges and Fire Chief Mike Herron introduce their "pay matrix", a salary structure that would adjust the salaries of positions based on rank within both departments. Chief Borges compared the positions to other agencies throughout Indiana, and Johnson County. The Ordinance presented included the matrix adjustments and included the 5% annual adjustment as recommended by the Mayor.

Mr. Stephen Hougland recommends that the Council create a full time Human Resource Administrator. The Mayor states that he included \$19,500.00 for a Human Resource Consultant in his Professional Services line item. The Council discussed the possibility of creating a full time Human Resource position.

Mr. Ault recommended that the Council consider the creation of a full time facility maintenance position. He also suggested that this individual could be responsible for City sidewalks. The salary he suggested was \$30,000.

These additions were taken under advisement

Mr. Maguire made a motion to accept Ordinance 00-21 on first reading as presented. Mrs. Poynter seconded this motion. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor asked Chief Herron to inform the Council about recent equipment failures. The aerial ladder (#25) retracted 50% which blew out the water seals. The cost estimate for the repair was \$7,100. Engine #23 overheated this week and when it was taken in for service, they found that there are two cracked heads on the engine. This should be repaired by Saturday July 29th. He does not have an estimate on the repair at this time.

Chief Herron reported also that his department won the Fire Fighters Olympics.

The Mayor asked the Council to review a sample Noise Ordinance that he would like the Council to consider. Also the Mayor is suggesting withholding building permits to developers if there is a rank vegetation problem in the subdivision.

The Mayor is recommending a four percent increase for elected officials salaries.

The Clerk Treasurer announced that upon final selection of a bank or banks to hold the City's monies, she will be bringing ordinances in front of the council concerning re-purchase agreements and wire transfers.

The Mayor announced that the Council Meeting scheduled August 14th will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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Dr. Murphy stated that the Council should review the signage ordinance. The Mayor and Mr. Bergman agreed with him.

PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

As there was no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 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: _____