

City of Franklin

55 W. Madison St., Franklin IN 46131

Minutes of the Common Council

Monday May 22, 2000

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: City Council Room

PRESIDING: Norman P. Blankenship Mayor
PRESENT: Stephen D. Hougland Council President
Jerry B. 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; Council Member Joseph Ault

Council Member, Lyman A. Snyder arrived at 7:05 p.m. following roll call.

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

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Poynter made a motion seconded by Dr. Murphy, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2000 meeting, as distributed. The Motion passed
Vote was 5 aye, 0 nay.

Mayor Blankenship introduced County Republican Chairman Dr. Donald Scroggins. Dr. Scroggins announced that a caucus had elected Phillip R. Barrow to the Franklin Common Council. City Attorney David Denslaw swore in Mr. Phillip R. Barrow who assumed his seat on the Common Council at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Blankenship recognizes representatives of the Franklin Community High School Band Boosters Marsha Schumacher and Becky Hefner. The Mayor presented these representatives with a Proclamation declaring Saturday June 2, 2000 as "Franklin Community High School Band Booster Day".

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 00-10 - An Ordinance Concerning Emergency Medical Fees – Update: Chief Herron provided information to the Council regarding a professional agency that may be billing for the emergency medical services provided by the Fire Department. City Attorney David A. Denslaw provides a copy of the Draft of Ordinance 00-10 to the Council. The Ordinance will be scheduled for first reading June 12, 2000. The Mayor directed the Council Members to contact the committee - Dr. Murphy with any questions they may have.

Ordinance 00-11 – An Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation for Fire Department Overtime:

The Clerk Treasurer reported that the Ordinance was not published in time to allow first reading until June 12, 2000. Mr. Hougland made a motion to table Ordinance 00-11 until the June 12 meeting. Mrs. Poynter seconded this motion. The motion passed.

Ordinance 00-12 - Build Indiana Fund Update: Mayor Blankenship reported that the draft is in the mail to the Council. Dr. Murphy made a motion to table Ordinance 00-12, until June 12, 2000. Seconded by Mr. Maguire. Motion Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Report from Jerry Jacobs the new Director of Johnson County Senior Services: Mr. Jacobs introduced himself to the Council. He was began his work March 18, 2000. The office is located in Franklin inside the old High School Building on 550 East Jefferson St. Mr. Jacobs informed the Council that his agency served 4000 seniors in Johnson County last year. The organization was established in 1979. His future plans include providing all requested services to seniors, including transportation, information and supplies or equipment. He plans to conduct a need assessment. Applying for a grant to purchase a permanent home for the agency.

Rescinding of Ordinance 00-05 An Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation and Introduction of Ordinance 00-13 - An Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation for Police Department Equipment Maintenance: The Clerk Treasurer reminded the Council that they passed 00-05 but due to failure to publish in accordance with the State Board of Tax Commissioners guidelines, the additional appropriation was turned down by the Tax Board. Mr. Hougland made a motion to withhold any action on Ordinance 00-05 - An Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation, until such time as the Ordinance may be rescinded. Dr. Murphy seconded the motion. Counsel is directed by the Mayor to produce the Ordinance rescinding 00-05. The motion passed.

Mr. Hougland made a motion to read Ordinance 00-13 - An Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation for Police Department Equipment Maintenance. Seconded by Dr. Murphy. The motion passed. Mayor Blankenship read Ordinance 00-13 aloud. Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve Ordinance 00-13 on first reading, seconded by Dr. Murphy. The Ordinance is scheduled for second reading June 12, 2000

OTHER BUSINESS

Clerk Treasurer provided a memorandum to the Council informing them that Governmental Interinsurance was returning the policy fee paid to that company in 1987 over the course of five years with interest.

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- He received notice from IACT regarding their upcoming Conference: Sept. 17th- 21st in Evansville Indiana.
- The United States Post Office will be holding a public meeting at City Hall May 24, 2000 to discuss their desire to relocate the Post Office.
- The Parks Department and Suzanne Findley should be commended for their efforts to put together the Fourth of July Millennium Celebration.
- Pointed out the report provided by Senior Center Director Rudy Jacobson detailing recent activities at the Senior Center.

PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Dorothy Rainey, a resident of Whispering Ponds, came forward and asked whether a hearing will be held tonight concerning a change in zoning in a neighborhood adjacent to Cumberland Trails and Whispering Ponds. Mrs. Rainey expressed concern that she and all the other residents did not receive written notification. The Council invited Mrs. Rainey to attend the Plan Commission hearing on June 20th regarding this zoning matter.

As there was no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor

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

Enrolled Date: May 31, 2000

Approved by Common Council: _____