

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL**

**City Council Chambers
70 E. Monroe St.
Franklin, Indiana 46131**

Monday, March 7, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Fred Paris

Members Present: Dr. William T. Murphy, President
Mr. Joseph Abban
Mr. Joseph Ault
Mr. Kenneth W. Austin
Mr. Stephen Barnett
Mr. Stephen D. Houglan

Members Absent: Mrs. Ann Gordon

Also Present: City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall, Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander and
Communications Director Zach Burton

Mayor Paris opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Dr. Murphy offered the invocation, which was followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Paris presented the consent agenda for approval.

- o Approval of the February 21, 2011 Common Council Minutes

Mr. Austin moved to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Ault seconded. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Awarding Medals – Franklin Police Department

Police Chief O’Sullivan awarded Detective Scott Carter the Community Service Medal and Chief O’Sullivan awarded Sergeant Kevin Scheuermann the Police Commendation Medal.

OLD BUSINESS

Bulk Purchasing Presentation

Council Member Joe Abban explained that a Council committee had been designated several months ago to research bulk purchasing options for the City of Franklin. He introduced Joe Kelly of Kelly Enterprises and INDOFF who presented a ten month pilot program for purchasing office supplies (Series 200 purchases). He explained that if the pilot program was successful, then the intent would be

to start the bidding process to include other office supply companies. Council member Steve Barnett made a motion to implement the pilot program and instructed the Department Heads accordingly. Attorney Rob Schafstall noted that it would be better if the motion was in the form of a recommendation. Mr. Barnett withdrew his motion, and made a motion that the Council recommend to the Mayor that the Department Heads and City Offices use the pilot program for bulk purchasing of supplies. Dr. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tree Board Ordinance Draft

Gregg Cantwell, Tree Board Commission Chairman presented the changes and revisions to the proposed tree ordinance and a separate tree care manual. A discussion was held. Legal Counsel Robert H. Schafstall indicated that he thinks that the draft ordinance will need some fine tuning. It was explained that the Council would be responsible for approving the ordinance, but not the tree care manual. The Clerk-Treasurer also stated that prior to taking effect the ordinance would need to be advertised 30 days prior due to the inclusion of fees and fines. The final draft of the proposed ordinance will be introduced at the next regular meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER & PUBLIC COMMENTS

Franklin resident Fran Leeper of 145 Washington Street appeared before the Council to discuss concerns she had with recent services she received from Seals Ambulance Service. Mayor Paris encouraged Ms. Leeper to discuss her concerns with Fire Chief Jim Reese. There were no other public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion and a second were made to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 3/16/2011

Approved by Common Council: 3/21/11