

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL**

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

Monday, May 16, 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 D. Barnett
Mrs. Ann Gordon (arrived at 6:33 p.m.)
Mr. Stephen D. Hougland

Members Absent:

Also Present: City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall, Clerk Treasurer's Assistant Kathy Cragen

Mayor Paris opened the meeting and asked Kathy Cragen 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 May 2, 2011 Common Council Minutes

Mr. Barnett, seconded by Dr. Murphy, made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Trussway Tax Abatement Hearing –

Mr. Pat Sherman and Mr. Kendall Hoyd, CFA of Trussway came forward to answer questions concerning the status of the Trussway property. A discussion was held. The City Attorney had previously advised the Council to approve the abatement because the original agreement was given on the commitment by the developer to construct a spec building and was not tied to employment or the operation of a particular type of business.

Resolution No.: 11-01 A Resolution Terminating Trussway, Ltd's Tax Abatement

Mr. Ault made a motion to defeat this resolution, seconded by Mr. Hougland. A voice vote was taken with six members stating Aye. Mr. Barnett voted Nay. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Barnett asked if the Mayor had received a proposal from the firefighters concerning funding to keep the former fire station building located at the corner of Hamilton and Forsythe Streets. Mayor Paris stated that he had not received any proposals.

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Mayor Paris stated that he thinks that the City should put several buildings up for sale including: former fire station building located at the corner of Hamilton and Forsythe Streets, 55 W. Madison Street, and 400 S. Main St.

The Mayor informed the Council that the City gas pumps will be moved to the new Street Department location on Morton Street.

Mr. Barnett stated that before the RDC moves forward on their Downtown projects, that the Council and the RDC should have a joint meeting.

Mr. Abban asked about walking trails near the high school. Mayor Paris suggested that he talk to Parks Superintendent Chip Orner.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Resident Fran Leeper commented on the lack of progress on the Canary Ditch project.

Resident Gary Moody read a statement concerning civil rights aloud to the Council.

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 7:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, June 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 6/3/11

Approved by Common Council: 6/6/11