

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL**

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

Monday, October 17, 2011 @ 6:30 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Fred Paris

Members Present: Mr. Joseph Abban
Mr. Joseph Ault
Mr. Kenneth W. Austin
Mr. Stephen D. Barnett
Mrs. Ann Gordon

Members Absent: Dr. William T. Murphy, President
Mr. Stephen D. Hougland

Also Present: City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall, Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander and
Clerk Treasurer's Assistant Kristi Bruther

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

Consent Agenda

Mayor Paris presented the consent agenda for approval, with one scrivener's error corrected in the minutes.

- o Approval of the October 3, 2011 Common Council Minutes

Mr. Austin, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the change in the enrolled minutes. The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

Old Business

Approval of 2012 City Budget, Budgetary Ordinance 11-08

Mayor Paris presented the 2012 City Budget: Budgetary Ordinance 11-08 An Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates for approval. The Clerk Treasurer stated that the budget will be submitted to the State of Indiana electronically through the Gateway. A discussion was held. Mr. Ault, made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried and the 2012 budget was approved.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Paris introduced members of the audience from Camp Atterbury who will soon be deployed to Kosovo. An officer speaking on behalf of the group of soldiers present explained

that the project is called the Joint Regional Detachment in which soldiers integrate into the local communities. He explained that the members are observing local government proceedings to learn about civilian government operations prior to deployment.

New Business

Approval of Cinergy MetroNet Proposed Timetable

Frank Schumacher, President of the City of Franklin Telecommunications Council appeared before the Council to present the Cinergy MetroNet Proposed Timetable. He provided a brief overview and explained that the next step is the development process which involves public hearings. Mr. Schumacher explained that representatives for MetroNet were present to answer questions and he introduced Steve Biggerstaff. A discussion was held. Jim Higgins, a financial consultant from London Witte Group was introduced and offered to answer questions about the project. Richard Starkey, Bond/Legal Counsel from Barnes and Thornburg, was also present to answer questions. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Austin, made a motion to allow MetroNet to move forward to the City of Franklin Redevelopment Commission. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Resolution 11-07 - A Resolution Approving the Consolidation of Economic Development Areas and Related Matters

Legal Counsel, Robert H. Schafstall, presented Resolution 11-07: A Resolution Approving the Consolidation of Economic Development Areas and Related Matters for approval. Mr. Schafstall explained that throughout the City there are several TIF districts that are linked together, except one, Musicland. The Redevelopment Commission is proposing to merge the current integrated economic development area to include the Musicland TIF. He explained that this is step three of a four step process. Discussion held. The Council decided not to take action on the matter.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Public Comments

Franklin resident, Ron Collins, 16 W. Water Street spoke about his concerns with the City's debris removal and street cleaning efforts.

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 7:55 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, November 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 11/04/2011

Approved by Common Council: 11/7/11