

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL**

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

Monday, August 16, 2010 @ 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
Mr. Stephen D. Hougland

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

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 August 2, 2010 Common Council Minutes
- o Budgetary Resolution No.: 10-05 A Common Council Budgetary Resolution
Authorizing a Transfer from Parks 400 to Parks 200 for \$15,000.00

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

None were offered.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Franklin Resident Fran Leeper asked if the City sold an ambulance at the auction held last Saturday and stated that she does not think the City should sell the Fire Department's ambulances. Ms. Leeper also wanted to thank the Police Department for saving a baby's life that fell into a pool next door to her home recently.

Gary Moody of 299 ½ W. Madison Street commented that brick streets should be saved or restored.

Paul Humbles of 242 East Jefferson Street came forward and asked why utility companies are not required to restore City streets following a street cut.

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearings:

Dr. Murphy made a motion to read all items by title only; this was seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried, and Mayor Paris read the titles of all Budgetary Ordinances set for Public Hearing at this meeting.

- **Budgetary Ordinance No.: 10-07: A Budgetary Ordinance Repealing And Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 10-05 Fixing The Salaries Of Appointed Officers And Employees Of The City Of Franklin, Indiana For Year 2011**
- **Budgetary Ordinance No.: 10-08: A Budgetary Ordinance Repealing And Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 09-27 A Budgetary Ordinance Fixing And Authorizing The Payment Of Certain Salaries Of Appointed Officers And Employees Of The City Of Franklin, Indiana For Year 2011 (Sewer Utility)**
- **Budgetary Ordinance No.: 10-09: An Ordinance Fixing The Annual Salaries And Providing Compensation For All Elected Officials Of The City Of Franklin, Indiana For Year 2011**
- **Budgetary Ordinance 10-10: Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates**

Mayor Paris stated that the departments collectively trimmed about 1.3 million from their 2011 operating budgets at the special meeting held last Wednesday August 11, 2010. He also stated that he met with Judge Schafstall concerning the City Court budget and that the Court budget will remain the same as initially presented. He also reported that the Police Department has made some changes to their proposed budget after meeting with Council Member Ault last week.

Council Member Steve Barnett questioned the Parks Department's proposed budget which included reductions of funds for the Boys & Girls Club (line item #215 in the amount of \$4,000.00 and \$32,700.00 from line item #335). He also objected to the Parks Department cutting the funding for the Annual 4th of July Fireworks display (line item #339 in the amount of \$6,000.00). Mr. Barnett made a motion to restore the money cut for both purposes back into the Parks Department budget. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gordon.

Ms. Teresa McClure the Executive Director of the Boy's & Girl's Club told the Council that they serve around 1500 children a year, and that they rely on scholarships to pay the yearly dues of \$32.00 for a lot of these children. Mr. Ault stated he thinks that everything should be fee based to some extent to offset expenses, and would like for the Boy's & Girl's Club to start looking into ways to raise money. A discussion was held.

Dr. Murphy made a motion to amend Council Member Barnett's motion to "paying 50% of the funding that we already provided and require the Boys & Girls Club to raise the other 50%". This motion died for lack of second.

Mayor Paris called for a vote on Council Member Barnett's original motion to restore the funding for the Boys & Girls Club and the 4th of July Fireworks display. The motion carried.

Mayor Paris stated that this is the public hearing for all of the budgetary ordinances and asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on the proposed budgetary ordinances. No one asked to speak.

A motion was made by Dr. Murphy to approve City of Franklin Budgetary Ordinances 10-07, 10-08, & 10-09 with the discussed amendments. The motion to approve was seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

The Clerk-Treasurer reminded the Council Members that Budgetary Ordinance 10-10: Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates will be set for the adoption hearing on October 4, 2010.

Common Council Ordinance 10-10: An Ordinance Establishing Funeral Benefits Amount for 1925 Police Pension Fund

Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander stated that this ordinance is necessary for administrative purposes. Mr. Austin made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Dr. Murphy. Mayor Paris read the ordinance aloud by title only. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Introductions

Common Council Resolution No.: 10-12 – A Resolution Waiving Non-Compliance With Respect To FEMCO Magnet Wire Corporation's Tax Abatement Compliance Requirements

City Attorney Rob H. Schafstall stated that the Economic Development Commission voted to approve this waiver. Mr. Austin made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Mr. Abban. The motion carried, and Mayor Paris read the title. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Gordon. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 10-11 – An Ordinance Establishing a Fire-Watch Fee

City Attorney Rob H. Schafstall told the Council that this ordinance is presented for introduction only. He explained that the Fire Chief has the authority to order businesses whose fire alarms or suppression systems are not working properly to engage a firefighter to conduct a round the clock fire watch of a business until the required alarm system is repaired. The ordinance would include authorization to bill the businesses for the hours a firefighter is present in the amount of \$37.50 per hour. The proposed ordinance was tabled to the next regular meeting to be held September 20, 2010.

Resolution No.: 10-13 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Electro-Spec and Amending Resolution No.: 08-04

Dr. Murphy made a motion to read the resolution aloud by title only, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried. Mayor Paris read the title aloud. Mr. Jeff Smith from Electro-Spec came forward, and stated that the building expansion helped them attract more business and allowed

them to hire more employees. Mr. Smith stated that when this project is finished they should be able to add eleven new full time jobs. Mr. Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ault. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Paris told the Council that Atterbury Job Corps students have been assisting the City with many projects including construction work at the new Police Department.

Mayor Paris also thanked the department heads for the effort they put into reducing their 2011 budget proposals.

Mr. Abban asked if the Chief of Police was aware of any problems in Franklin with a product known as “Spice”. Police Chief Lynn stated that he was not aware of any problems in Franklin but has heard reports of problems elsewhere in Johnson County.

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 7:45 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, September 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 9/17/10

Approved by Common Council: 9/20/10