

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL**

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

Monday, November 15, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Fred Paris

Members Present: Dr. William T. Murphy, President
Mr. Joseph Abban
Mr. Kenneth W. Austin
Mr. Stephen D. Barnett
Mrs. Ann Gordon
Mr. Stephen D. Hougland

Members Absent: Mr. Joseph Ault

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 October 18, & October 25, 2010 Common Council Minutes

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance No. 10-17 - A Common Council Ordinance Amending Ordinance No.: 04-01 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 94-32 Entitled "An Ordinance Establishing A Schedule Of Rates And Charges Collected By The City Of Franklin, Indiana, From The Owners Of Property Served By The Sewage Works Of Said City

Sewer Billing Office Manager Brenda Poe came forward and offered an overview of the proposed ordinance. Dr. Murphy, made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Mr. Austin. The motion carried, and Mayor Paris read the title. Mayor Paris opened the floor for a public hearing. No one asked to speak. The public hearing was closed. Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Austin. The motion carried.

Ordinance No. 10-18 – A Common Council Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 09-14 of the City Of Franklin, Indiana An Ordinance Establishing Storm Water Management User Fees And Rates, And Policies Related Thereto

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The public hearing was closed. Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Austin. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Rescinding Sergeant's Position

Police Chief Stan Lynn reported that Sgt. Goldfarb has asked to rescind his sergeant position and be reassigned to patrol officer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Paris asked the Council to recognize Sewer Billing Office Manager Brenda Poe for her many years of service to the City. Mrs. Poe has announced that she will be retiring at the end of this year. The Mayor also announced that Sherry Phillips a current employee of the Sewer Billing Department has been appointed to replace Mrs. Poe in January.

Mr. Abban relayed his concern about the possibility of chain stores moving into downtown. He would like to see restrictions on big box businesses locating in the historic downtown area. A discussion was held.

Mr. Barnett asked about the cost of the recent court trial waged against the City. Mr. Barnett also stated that he noticed that tonight's meeting was not posted in the Daily Journal.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Franklin resident Gary Moody of 299 ½ Madison Street read a prepared statement concerning the City Engineering Department and the recent paving project.

Mayor Paris stated that Mr. Moody had filed another cause concerning the paving project with the Clerk of the Courts and advised the Council members that due to pending litigation it would not be advisable to discuss this matter.

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 6:55 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, December 6, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 11/29/2010

Approved by Common Council: 12/6/2010