

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin, Indiana 46131

Monday, April 9, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews

Members Present: President Dr. William T. Murphy
Mr. Joseph P. Abban
Mr. Joseph R. Ault
Mr. Kenneth W. Austin
Mr. Phillip R. Barrow
Mr. Jeffrey C. Eggers
Mrs. Ann M. Gordon

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander and City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall

News Media: The News Media was not represented.

Mayor Jones-Matthews opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer, Janet P. Alexander, to call the roll of members. Council President, Dr. William T. Murphy, offered an invocation which was followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on any matter not listed on the agenda. No one requested to speak.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews recognized Franklin College for their work during “Prides of March” Service Day and presented a certificate of appreciation to Sarah Coffey and provided her with certificates of appreciation to distribute to others involved in this project.

Mayor Jones-Matthews also presented plaques to Fire Chief Jim Reese, Police Chief John Borges and Code Enforcement Officer’s Larry Harris and Dan Lee on behalf of the Board of Directors for the Knollwood Farms Homeowners Association for services and efforts which have resulted in recognizable improvements in the housing subdivision.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held March 26, 2007.

The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 2007-01:An Ordinance Approving a Resolution of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission and Annexing Certain Property Contiguous to the Franklin Corporate Limits (to be known as the Johnson County Animal Shelter Annexation)

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The City Attorney, Robert H. Schafstall, requested that the Council table this ordinance until the next meeting. The City Attorney explained that a Fiscal Services Resolution needs to be adopted prior to adopting this ordinance. Mr. Ault, seconded by Dr. Murphy, made a motion to table. Mr. Eggers abstained. The motion carried and the matter was tabled.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 07-02: An Ordinance Vacating Right of Way within John Clarke's Second Edition (Emma, Herriott, Central Ave., and Clarke Streets)

Mr. Roger Young, attorney for Franklin Community School Corporation, appeared before the Council to request the vacation of right-of-ways for Emma, Herriott, Central, and Clark Streets within the current (or as referred to as "old") high school building. The Mayor stated that this is the public hearing for the proposed ordinance and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the vacation request. No one asked to speak. A motion and a second were made to read the ordinance by title only. Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mrs. Gordon, made a motion to approve the Ordinance. The motion carried and the Ordinance was approved and signed.

NEW BUSINESS

Budgetary Ordinance No. 07-02: A Common Council Budgetary Ordinance Requesting an Additional Appropriation

Mr. Richard Hughes, Street Department Superintendent, appeared before the Council to request an additional appropriation in the amount of \$40,000 to purchase a used backhoe. Mr. Hughes explained that the current one is worn out and no longer in service. A discussion was held. The Council directed Mr. Hughes to obtain three (3) quotes for a used backhoe.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Jones-Matthews publicly recognized the Police and Fire Departments for their exemplary response to a call to her parent's residence.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m. The next meeting will be held April 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk Treasurer

Enrolled: April 10, 2007

Approved by Common Council: April 23, 2007