

City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Monday, September 24, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews

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

Absent: Mr. Joseph P. Abban

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

News Media: The News Media was not represented.

Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer, Janet P. Alexander, to call the roll. 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 anything not listed on the agenda. No one asked to speak.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of the regular meeting held September 10, 2007
- Budgetary Resolution 07-07: A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from 300 Series to 200 Series.

The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 07-10: An Ordinance Approving Vacating Public Alleys Within the City of Franklin, Indiana Between Lots 1, 2, 12, and Part of Lot 11 of Hougham's Addition to the City of Franklin (to be known as the Franklin College 2007 Alley Vacation)

The Planning Director, Joseph Csikos, presented the proposed ordinance requesting that the City of Franklin vacate two public alleys to Franklin College. Council Member Ken Austin asked the Planning Director what happens to lighting structures when an alley is vacated and whether lighting structures are located in these alleys. Mr. Csikos stated that currently there are no lighting structures in the alley and despite the vacation the utility easements remain. Mr. Austin asked

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whether the City is responsible for the lighting the alleys or Franklin College? Mr. Csikos stated that Franklin College would be responsible for lighting the parking lots.

Following this discussion Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews stated that this was a public hearing and asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on this matter. No one asked to speak. A motion and second were offered to read the proposed ordinance by title only. The motion carried and the ordinance was read by title only. Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to adopt Ordinance 07-10 Ordinance 07-10: An Ordinance Approving Vacating Public Alleys Within the City of Franklin, Indiana Between Lots 1, 2, 12, and Part of Lot 11 of Hougham's Addition to the City of Franklin (to be known as the Franklin College 2007 Alley Vacation). The motion carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

Ayes – Murphy, Ault, Austin, Barrow, Eggers, Gordon
Nays –

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Budgetary Ordinance 07-09: A Common Council Budgetary Ordinance Requesting an Additional Appropriation to Line Item 199 and the 300 Series

The Police Chief, John Borges, presented the proposed budgetary ordinance requesting an additional appropriation of \$15,048.59 to be credited to the department's overtime line item 199 and to the 300 series budget line item for other services within the Police Department budget. Chief Borges stated that the requested funds were reimbursed for expenses and he would like the reimbursed funds put back in to the department's budget. The funds come from grants which assist the department and fund special enforcement operations including: speeding violations, seat belt violations, stop sign, and stop light check points. A discussion was held. This Budgetary Ordinance is scheduled for public hearing at the next meeting to be held on October 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews stated that the next scheduled Council Meeting falls on a holiday, October 8, 2007, and the City offices will be closed. Mr. Eggers, seconded by Mrs. Gordon, made a motion to have only one meeting in the month of October 2007, that being the fourth Monday of the month. The motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Ken Austin inquired about the engineering studies requested for the fire departments buildings and was curious if the Mayor had received any additional information on the matter. The City Attorney, Robert H. Schafstall, stated that the requests for proposals was finalized and has been sent out.

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ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m. The next meeting will be held October 22, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: October 18, 2007

Approved by Common Council: October 22, 2007