

City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Monday, October 22, 2007 @ 7:00 p.m.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews

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

Absent: President, Dr. William T. Murphy

Also present: City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall &
Chief Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sue E. Midkiff

News Media: The News Media was not represented.

Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews opened the meeting and asked the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Sue Midkiff, to call the roll. Council Member, Joe Ault, 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.

Mayor Jones-Matthews stated that firefighters Grant Nading, Josh Snyder, Marshall Ryan Percifield, and Jamie Reed had completed their probationary period and asked for each of them to come forward. Mayor Jones-Matthews swore in the firefighters and presented each with a certificate.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Minutes of the regular meeting held September 24, 2007
- Budgetary Resolution 07-08: A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from 100 Series to 300 Series for the Police Department.

The motion carried and the consent agenda was approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

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Deputy Police Chief Steve Hood 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. Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews asked if anyone from the public wished to speak on this matter. No one asked to speak. A motion and second were offered to read by title only. The motion carried and the budgetary ordinance was read by title only. Mr. Eggers, seconded by Mr. Austin, made a motion to adopt Budgetary Ordinance 07-09. The motion carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Requesting Consideration of the Favorable Recommendation of the Franklin Board of Zoning

Jeffrey C. Eggers speaking as the attorney for the Johnson County Commissioners stated that as a council member he would abstain from voting on this matter. Mr. Eggers reported that the City Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) approved a favorable recommendation for the County Animal Shelter to refurbish the old crematory oven in lieu of purchasing a new one. Mr. Eggers also stated that refurbishment would save the county \$60,000 to \$70,000. He also said that they would maintain a yearly maintenance contract for the equipment. Mr. Eggers on behalf of the Board of Commissioners asked the City Council to accept the recommendation of the Board of Zoning Appeals and to allow the county to use the refurbished machine in the new animal shelter. A discussion was held. Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Austin, made a motion to accept the recommendation of the BZA. The motion carried.

Introduction of Ordinance 07-11: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 07-08 Related to the Issuance of the City of Franklin, Indiana Economic Development Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2007 (The Franklin United Methodist Home, Inc. Project)

The City Attorney, Robert H. Schafstall, presented the proposed ordinance authorizing the issuance of Revenue Bonds to Franklin United Methodist Home. Mr. Schafstall stated that the Council would need to suspend the rules in order to vote on the matter tonight. Mr. Richard Starkey, an attorney with Barnes and Thornburg, stated that this will allow the Methodist Home to receive a tax exempt rate and borrow the funds at a cheaper rate. A discussion was held. Mr. Eggers, seconded by Mr. Barrow, made a motion to suspend the rules. The motion carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

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

Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews asked if anyone from the public wished to speak on this matter. No one asked to speak. A motion and second were offered to read by title only. The motion carried and the ordinance was read by title only. Mrs. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Ault, made a motion to adopt Ordinance 07-11. The motion carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Council Member Ken Austin inquired about the status of the proposals to conduct structural engineering studies of the existing fire stations. City Attorney Robert H. Schafstall stated that proposals have been received from structural analysts and would be discussed at the Board of Works meeting the following night.

Deputy Chief Clerk-Treasurer, Sue E. Midkiff, stated that the next scheduled meeting to be held on November 12, 2007, is a scheduled holiday. The consensus of the Council was to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, following the Board of Works, if necessary.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m. The next meeting will be held November 26, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: November 8, 2007

Approved by Common Council: November 26, 2007