

# City of Franklin COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall  
55 W. Madison St.  
Franklin Indiana 46131

Monday June 9, 2003 @ 7:00 P.M.

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Presiding Officer:	Mayor Norman P. Blankenship
Roll Call:	Mr. Stephen D. Hougland, President Pro-Tempore
	Mr. Joseph R. Ault
	Mr. Phillip R. Barrow
	Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter
	Mr. Jerry B. Maguire
	Dr. William T. Murphy
	Mr. Lyman A. Snyder
Also present:	Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Robert H. Schafstall, Esq.

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Mrs. Karen Bridges a correspondent for the Indianapolis Star was present at this meeting. Mr. Chris Schilling a reporter for the Daily Journal was also present at this meeting

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Hougland, made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2003 meeting as amended. The May 12<sup>th</sup> minutes stated that Mrs. Poynter used the Access Transportation service to go to Wal-Mart, which was inaccurate. Mrs. Poynter used the service to visit a doctor's office. The motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-09 – Additional Appropriation Ordinance - for the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund – TEA 21 Main Street Project: The City Engineer Mike Buening presented the proposed ordinance to appropriate \$130,000 from the Motor Vehicle Highway fund for the Main Street project. Mayor Blankenship stated that this was the public hearing and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the ordinance. No one asked to speak. A motion and a second were offered to read the ordinance by title only. Mr. Barrow seconded by Mr. Ault made the motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-09 – Additional Appropriation for MVH – TEA 21 Main Street Project, the motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes recorded as follows.

Ayes – 7      Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mrs. Poynter, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, & Mr. Snyder  
Nays – 0      None

## NEW BUSINESS

### INTRODUCTIONS:

Street Department Reorganization: Street Superintendent Richard Hughes and Mr. Mitch Ripley, the Board of Work's Human Resource consultant presented a re-organization plan for the Street Department. The plan creates employee classifications within the street department. Each position within the new organization will have a set hourly rate based on time in service and demonstrated knowledge of and mastery of the specific skills required for each position. The classifications include Probationary City Maintenance Worker Trainee, Street Maintenance Worker Trainee, Street Maintenance Worker, Senior Street Maintenance Worker, Crew Leader, Street Maintenance Supervisor, Mechanic Supervisor, Dispatcher / Secretary. A checklist of job responsibilities is being developed to describe the skills required to move from one rank to the next. Mr. Ripley explained that the reorganization would increase the 2004 budget for the Street Department by \$48,834.00. The Mayor stated that 2004 salary ordinance will include these changes.

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Budgetary Resolution No. 03-10 – A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from 101-11-441 Vehicle to 101-11-221 Motor Supplies: Mr. David Weir, Planning Department Director presented the proposed resolution moving money originally earmarked for the purchase of a vehicle to the Motor Supplies to pay for repairs and tires. A motion and a second were offered to read the resolution by title only. Mr. Maguire seconded by Mr. Ault, made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion to approve carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

Ayes – 7 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mrs. Poynter, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, & Mr. Snyder

Nays – 0 None

Budgetary Resolution No. 03-11 – A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from 101-2-210 Office Supplies to 101-2-124 Part-time: Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander explained her request to increase the budget for part-time employees and decrease the Office Supply budget. A motion and a second were offered to read the resolution by title only. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Ault made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion to approve carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

Ayes – 7 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mrs. Poynter, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, & Mr. Snyder

Nays – 0 None

Budgetary Resolution No. 03-12 – A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from 101-11-441 Vehicle to 101-11-222 Repair and Maintenance Supplies Mr. David Weir presented the resolution to transfer money from the 400 series to the 200 series to pay for miscellaneous charges associated with renovating the Planning Department office areas.. A motion and a second were offered to read the resolution by title only. Mr. Maguire seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion to approve carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

Ayes – 7 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mrs. Poynter, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, & Mr. Snyder

Nays – 0 None

Ordinance No. 03-10 – Vacation of a public alley that runs between Ott Street and Overstreet Ave. north Of Samuel Street: Mr. David Weir presented the proposed ordinance. Mr. Weir explained that he had requested and received comments from City Department Heads concerning the proposed alley vacation. He also told the Council that the Board of Works had given this a favorable recommendation contingent on the agreement of all the adjacent property owners, which he has received. Mr. Weir stated that this matter was advertised for public hearing at this meeting. Mayor Blankenship stated that this is the introduction and set this matter for Public Hearing June 23, 2003. Tabled.

2003 Tax Abatement Compliance Reports: Mr. David Weir presented compliance reports for the following companies: Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Pridgeon & Clay, Inc. Essex Group, Inc., AMCOR, Overton & Sons Tool & Die Company, Innovative Casting Technologies, Inc. Nitrex-IN, Grok Enterprises, Best Buy, Casting Technology. The Economic Development Commission found all of these companies to be in substantial compliance with their tax abatement approvals. Mr. Maguire made a motion that Council President Hougland endorse the compliance reports presented. Dr. Murphy seconded this motion. The motion carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Greenlawn Cemetery Merger with Parks Department – Parks Superintendent Ms. Suzanne Findley and Mayor Blankenship presented a proposal to merge Greenlawn Cemetery with the Parks Department. Benefits to this plan include an overall increase in manpower, better use of resources, and reduce duplication of tools and equipment purchases. Ms. Findley estimates that the merge will save the City \$78,440 in 2004. She also reported the Parks Board is very enthusiastic about this proposal which they discussed at their meeting held last week. The members of the Common Council voiced support of the plan. Mayor Blankenship explained that the City Attorney will be drafting an ordinance repealing all prior related ordinances and adopting an ordinance which transfers authority over the Cemetery to the Parks Board. Mayor Blankenship stated that the Cemetery staff were informed about the merger and that the City's Human Resource consultant Mr. Mitch Ripley has been contacted as well.

## **PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Blankenship asked whether anyone from the public had any petitions or public comments. No one asked to speak.

## **REPORTS**

Clerk Treasurer / City Attorney / Common Council Members Comments

The Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander informed the Council that she plans to introduce an ordinance at the next meeting declaring four funds dormant and transferring the balances to other active funds. Fund #399 – Police & City Court Construction – Balance \$7,447.90 – transfer the balance to the Municipal Bond Fund # 307, Fund #498 – Mitsubishi D.O.C. – Balance \$9,558.62 – transfer the balance to the General Fund #101, Fund #499 – Park Construction – Balance \$4,562.02 – transfer the balance to the Park Bond Fund #312, and Fund #900 – Payroll – Balance \$6,819.22 – transfer the balance to the General Fund #101.

Budgetary Resolution 03-13 – A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from from 400's to the 200's in MVH, City Court, Board of Works, Branigin, Cemetery, Park Systems, and City Hall Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander presented the proposed resolution transferring money from the 400 series budget line items for Capital Expenditures to the 200 series line item for Supplies. . A motion and a second were offered to read the resolution by title only. Mr. Ault seconded by Mrs. Poynter made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion to approve carried. The Council was polled and the votes cast were as follows:

Ayes – 7     Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mrs. Poynter, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, & Mr. Snyder  
Nays – 0     None

Lastly the Clerk Treasurer told the Council that due to requested changes in the organization of the 2004 budgets, the Department Heads will submit final proposed budgets to her this Friday. These figures and the proposed Salary Ordinance will be available to the Council Members at the next meeting.

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**Mayor Blankenship's Comments**

Proclamation – Mayor Blankenship proclaimed Saturday June 14, 2003 “Garden Celebration Day”. The Parks and Recreation Department and the Johnson County Garden Club have scheduled tours of the City’s renovated Rock and Rose gardens, and five private gardens in Franklin that day.

Gateway Service - Access Johnson County wrote to the Mayor and informed him that they do not intend to request a budgetary increase for 2004.

Employee anniversary’s: The Mayor announced that the following employees have anniversaries this month: Nicki Brewer nine (9) years. Mr. Ed Dougherty’ five (5) years, and Mr. Paul Sargent one (1) year.

Joint Plan Commission City Council Workshop Meeting will be held June 19, 2003 at Methodist Home 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room

Starting June 23, the City Council Meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. until the 2004 budget is adopted (no later than September 20, 2003)

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled Date: 6-10-03 Approved by Common Council: \_\_\_\_\_

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Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor