

# City of Franklin COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall  
55 W. Madison St.  
Franklin Indiana 46131

Monday June 23, 2003 @ 6:00 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 and Mrs. Holly Yoakum a reporter for the Daily Journal were present at this meeting.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Poynter seconded by Dr. Murphy, made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2003 meeting. The motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

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 stated that the Planning Department recommends that the Council approve this proposed ordinance. The Mayor asked if anyone from the Public wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance. No one asked to speak. A motion and a second were offered to read the proposed ordinance by title only. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 03-10. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were recorded as follows.

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

Nays – 0 None

## INTRODUCTIONS:

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-10 – Introduction to Salary Ordinance: Mayor Blankenship Introduced the proposed ordinance and invited the Department Heads to share information with Council about their specific requests for additional help, salary adjustments above \$800 per employee, or special department issues. The following Department Heads gave brief presentations to the Council:

Street Department - Motor Vehicle Highway Fund- Mr. Richard Hughes reviewed his proposal to reorganize his department and pay employees based on demonstrated skills and time in service. Mr. Hughes explained that he plans to “grandfather” two employees into the position of Senior Street Maintenance Workers because both men have worked for the Department for many years.

## Parks and Recreation

Mrs. Suzanne Findley explained that the cemetery employees are included in the Park Systems budget. The original Ground Foreman employed by the Parks is currently paid \$100 less per year than the Assistant Cemetery Superintendent who will also be a Grounds Foreman in 2004 – Mrs. Findley pointed out that the annual salary in the ordinance reflects the adjustment making both positions equal.

In May the Parks Board authorized Ms. Findley to re-assign a Grounds Assistant to maintain all of the facilities. The title was changed to Facilities Maintenance Supervisor and the individual in that position is responsible for the maintenance of all of the buildings used by the Parks Department including The Cultural Arts Center, Palmer Center, Senior Center, Wonder Five Center, the Pool and the Bath House. This individual supervises a full time custodian. The Park Board believed that the additional responsibilities made this position equal to the Grounds Foreman and the pay was adjusted accordingly.

## Planning Department

Mr. David Weir provided the Council with a memorandum outlining his requests for the Planning Department's 2004 salary. Mr. Weir proposed increases above the recommended \$800.00 for two positions, raising the Code Enforcement Official from \$30,000 to \$36,000 and the Office Administrator's salary by \$3,727 from \$26,273 to \$30,000.

## Engineering

Mr. Weir presented the City Engineer's request for an assistant Engineer for \$36,000 per year starting in 2004, explaining that the position could be funded through inspection fees for inspecting public improvements in new subdivisions paid to the City by developers.

Police Department – Chief Borges thanked the Council for increasing the wages of police officers last year and for adopting the 10 year plan earlier this year.

### 1. Salary Request

The Chief asked the Council to consider increasing the police officers salary in 2004 by \$2800. The council made the \$2000 commitment last year and the Mayor has recommended that all City employees receive an \$800 increase in 2004.

### 2. Patrol Officers

The Chief explained that to provide the ideal level of protection, he wants four additional police officers. The Chief explained that this request is due to a large increase in the police run/ respond calls, overall community growth, and an increase in housing units. Various formulas used by State and Federal agencies support the Chief's request.

### 3. Dispatch

The Chief requested that the Council budget for two additional dispatchers in 2004. The Chief explained that due to the complex technologies being used, police officers are not able to assist the dispatchers, as they had been able to in the past.

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Budgetary Resolution No. 03-14 - A resolution to transfer funds from the 400 series to the 300 series within the Greenlawn Cemetery budget: Cemetery Superintendent Mark Webb presented a resolution transferring \$1000.00 from 205-1-449 Trees and Shrubs to 205-1- 332 communications due to budget changes required by the implementation of the of the Government Accounting Standards Board recommendations for capital asset tracking. A motion and a second were offered to read the proposed budgetary resolution. Mayor Blankenship read the entire resolution aloud. Mrs. Poynter, seconded by Mr. Ault made the motion to approve Budgetary Resolution No. 03-14. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were.

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

Nays – 0 None

Budgetary Resolution No.# 03-15 A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing A Transfer Within The Fire Department Budget Chief Mike Herron presented the proposed budgetary resolution to transfer money within his budget from the 400 series due to budget changes required by the implementation of the of the Government Accounting Standards Board recommendations for capital asset tracking.

FROM: 101-6-445 General Office Equipment AMOUNT \$4,000.00 TO: 101-6-210 Office Supplies \$2,000.00 101-6-215 Operating Supplies \$2,000.00

FROM: 101-6-446 Communication Equipment AMOUNT \$2,000.00  
TO: 101-6-222 Repairs & Maintenance \$2,000.00

FROM: 101-6-228 Other Supplies AMOUNT \$14,500.00  
TO: 101-6-449 Other Capital Outlays \$14,500.00

FROM: 101-6-221 Garage & Motor AMOUNT \$3,000.00  
TO: 101-6-332 Communications \$3,000.00

A motion and a second were offered to read the proposed budgetary resolution. Mayor Blankenship read the entire resolution aloud. Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Hougland made a motion to approve Budgetary Resolution No. 03-14. The motion to approve carried. The council was not polled.

Ordinance No. 03-11 – A request to vacate the southern 134 feet of Overstreet Avenue: Mr. David Weir, Planning Department Director introduced the proposed Ordinance. Mr. Weir stated that he received a call from an adjacent property owner who had questions about the proposed vacation. This matter is set for Public Hearing July 23, 2003

Ordinance Number 03-12 of the City of Franklin, Indiana An Ordinance Declaring Dormant Funds And Transferring Balances To Active Funds Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander introduced the ordinance 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. This matter is set for Public Hearing July 14, 2003.

Ordinance No. 03-13 – An Ordinance merging Greenlawn Cemetery into the Parks Department:  
Tabled and set for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading under Old Business at the July 14, 2003 regular meeting.

Resolution No. 03-06 – A resolution for Five (5)-Year Continuation of Interlocal Association: Mayor Blankenship presented the resolution confirming our community's participation in the Interlocal Association, a locally based intergovernmental organization established in 1973 under the Interlocal Cooperation Act of 1957. Other member cities include Beech Grove, Greenfield, Greenwood, Muncie, New Castle and Shelbyville. The organization provides supporting community development services to local entities including planning administration and program operations. A motion and a second were offered to read the proposed ordinance by title only. Mr. Maguire seconded by Mr. Barrow, made the motion to approve Resolution 03-06. The motion to approve carried.

Resolution No. 03-07 – A Resolution authorizing the use of certain credit cards accounts (and repealing Resolution No. 03-02): Mayor Blankenship and Robert H. Schafstall presented the resolution repealing the prior resolution and increasing the per account limit from \$3000 to \$5000. A motion and a second were offered to read the proposed ordinance by title only. Mrs. Poynter seconded by Dr. Murphy, made the motion to approve Resolution No. 03-07. The motion to approve carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

## **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**

Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander reported to the Council on the following matters:  
1782 Notice Notes Report, a preliminary 2003 budget order has been received from the Department of Local Government Finance which reports the A.V. (Assessed Valuation) at \$906,890,340, the rate for our unit at .7545 and the total allowed levy of \$6,842,487. The order approved the budgets adopted by the Common Council last fall for General Fund, Motor Vehicle Highway, Local Road & Street, Park and Recreation, Cemetery, Park Bond, Municipal Bond, Fire Pension, Police Pension, and Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

2004 Proposed Budgets by Fund – The Clerk Treasurer read the totals based on preliminary information provided by the Mayor, Council Members, Boards and Department Heads, which included the proposed salary ordinance presented at this meeting. General Fund \$10,472,000 Motor Vehicle Highway \$1,061,000, Local Road & Street \$323,000, Park and Recreation \$1,340,600, Cemetery \$76,965, Park Bond \$301,525, Municipal Bond \$240,545, Fire Pension \$507,542\* last year and Police Pension \$275,043\* last year. The estimate 2004 budget is \$14,598,790 at this time.

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Informed the Council that the Cumberland Commons Rezoning Ordinance 03-05 is ready for signatures. The Planning Office provided the final version today.

Johnson County Development Corporation annual dues of \$25,000 were paid in February 2003. The claim was submitted by the Mayor's office. Pursuant to ordinance the Common Council must approve this claim. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to approve the payment of annual dues to the Johnson County Development Corporation retroactive to February 11, 2003. The motion carried.

Robert H. Schafstall, Esq., City Attorney reported that the Telecommunications Commission is considering the cable franchise renewal agreement with Insight Communications this evening. If they vote in favor of the recommendation he will forward that to the Council for consideration.

**Mayor Blankenship's Comments**

Mayor Blankenship reminded the Council that all future budget meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. He also stated that both the Salary Ordinance and Budget would be reviewed line item by line item.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved by Common Council: \_\_\_\_\_

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Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor