

City of Franklin COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

City Hall
55 W. Madison St.
Franklin Indiana 46131

Monday July 28, 2003 @ 6:00 P.M.

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 Dr. William T. Murphy
Absent Members	Mr. Jerry B. Maguire Mr. Lyman Snyder
Also present:	Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Robert H. Schafstall, Esq.

Mrs. Karen Bridges a correspondent for the Indianapolis Star was present at this meeting.

Mayor Blankenship and the Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Murphy offered an invocation. Mrs. Poynter seconded by Dr. Murphy, made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2003 meeting with an amendment. There was a typographical error on page four that indicated seven (7) Council Members voted "Aye" when there were only six (6) present. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 03-15 – Insight Communications Contract – City Attorney Mr. Robert H. Schafstall introduced the agreement between Insight Communications and the City of Franklin. He also stated that the Telecommunications Council members (Mr. Phil Rainey, Mr. David Sievertson, and Ms. Abby Kirby) were present and could answer questions. Mr. Tom Flora and Mr. Alex Crowley of Insight Communications were also present. Mr. Schafstall said that he believes the document presented is a fair agreement. Mr. Phil Rainey a member of the commission stated that this agreement with Insight is an improvement over earlier agreements. He cited the \$10,000 worth of equipment that will be given to the Franklin Community High School, which will benefit the community, the commitment to provide the PEG channel and the improvement in services from this company. Chief Borges asked about his department having the ability to broadcast messages to Franklin residents using the dedicated Public Access channel. According to Insight officials this would not be possible under the new agreement for technical reasons. Mr. Schafstall also pointed out that the agreement includes a 3% share of gross profits with the City of Franklin. The Clerk Treasurer reviewed the amounts received for the last four years.

Year	Cable Company Revenue
1999	79,670.00
2000	52,238.00
2001	56,540.00
2002	54,966.00

Discussion held. The cable company representatives explained that economic factors such as the increase in home satellites have affected revenues. They stated that they have 4000 accounts in Franklin at this time. Mr. Hougland asked for information about profits and the number of customers. Tabled. This matter will be discussed again at the meeting to be held August 11, 2003.

Ordinance No. 03-09 – Of the City of Franklin, Indiana An Ordinance Approving Resolution Number 2003 -15 of the City of Franklin Plan Commission, Amending Chapters IV & V of the Subdivision Control Ordinance

Mr. Mike Buening the City Engineer presented the update to the subdivision control ordinance. Mr. Buening explained that the proposed ordinance revises the construction standards for new subdivisions. The changes addressed include new standards for: pavement, right of ways, passing blisters, signs, drainage, monuments, inspection and testing, and performance and maintenance guarantees. He also reported that the Plan Commission voted unanimously to forward this proposal to the City Council with a favorable recommendation. The Planning Department and the City Engineer are drafting a second ordinance as a companion to this ordinance that will include fees for services provided. Mr. Buening reported that a letter was received from Franklin Engineering with comments concerning the proposed ordinance. The comments largely addressed typographical errors. 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. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mrs. Poynter made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 03-09. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were recorded as follows:

Ayes – 5 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mrs. Poynter, & Dr. Murphy

Nays – 0 None

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 03-09 – A Resolution Of The Common Council Of The City Of Franklin, Indiana Authorizing The Submittal Of The CDBG Brownfields Redevelopment Program Application To The Indiana Department Of Commerce And Addressing Related Matters

The Planning Director David Weir presented the request to submit an application to the Indiana Department of Commerce for grant funding to address the blighted conditions of the area located in the 200 block of South Main Street. The property owners John Clark and Jacque Peterson have committed to paying the matching funds required upon approval and receipt of the grant (\$36,000). Mayor Blankenship stated that a public hearing was held concerning this project in City Hall at 5:00 p.m. this afternoon. A motion and a second were made to read. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve. The motion carried and the resolution was approved by a vote of 5 to none.

Resolution No.: 03-08 Of The Common Council Of The City Of Franklin, Indiana A Resolution Authorizing The Creation Of Cash Change And Petty Cash Accounts For The Park And Recreation Department (And Repealing Resolution No. 86-02) Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander presented the resolution authorizing the establishment of several Petty Cash and Cash Change Funds for the Parks Department and repealing Resolution 86-02. Mayor Blankenship explained that the Parks Board first approved the resolution and forwarded it to the Council. The Clerk Treasurer explained that Indiana code requires the Council as the fiscal body to approve the creation of these types of accounts. She also explained that the law requires the assignment of a named custodian.

Name of Account	Amount	Fund Type	Custodian	Usage
Concession Stock	3,000.00	Petty Cash	Recreation Director	Year round
Our Town Players	225.00	Petty Cash	Recreation Director	Seasonal
Cultural Arts Center Office	100.00	Cash Change	Admin. Assistant	Year round
C & A Center Café	100.00	Cash Change	Recreation Director	Year round
Pool Gate	100.00	Cash Change	Admin. Assistant	Seasonal
Pool Concessions	100.00	Cash Change	Recreation Director	Seasonal
Ball Park Concessions	100.00	Cash Change	Recreation Director	Seasonal

A motion and a second were made to read. Mr. Ault seconded by Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve. The motion carried and the resolution was approved by a vote of 5 to none.

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-11 – An Additional Appropriation for the Donation Control Fund for the K-9 (Police Department): The Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander introduced the proposed ordinance and explained that a Police Dog was recently purchased and paid for from the gift fund but the appropriation made in January was short \$250. The fund received \$250.00 in March, which was not appropriated at that time. This matter is set for public hearing August 11, 2003. Tabled.

PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Clerk Treasurer / City Attorney / Common Council Members Comments

The Clerk Treasurer reviewed the contents of the budget binders that were given to the Council Members this evening. She explained that the pink pages are copies of the original requests submitted by the Departments. She also pointed out that her office has developed a new report that summarizes each budget and includes the prior year's budget as well. Also included in the budget binder are proposed budgets for CCI and CCD, which have not been included in the budget for several years. She also pointed out that in the back of the binder a single page covered a list of non – property tax budgets that are also proposed for consideration during this summer.

Mayor Blankenship's Comments

The Mayor referred the Council Members to the copy of the Letter of Understanding between the City of Franklin and Indiana Department of Transportation in which INDOT agreed to make Eastview bypass the official detour route. He also stated that INDOT's annual meeting is scheduled August 5th. He has tickets available for anyone who is interested in attending. Mr. Buening will be attending this meeting.

Mayor Blankenship also announced that Dispatcher Jeanne Hodler and Firefighter Richard Williams recently retired.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled Date: _____ Approved by Common Council: _____

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor