

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

Monday September 8, 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 Mr. Jerry B. Maguire Dr. William T. Murphy Mr. Lyman Snyder
Absent	Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter
Also present:	Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Robert H. Schafstall, Esq.

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Ault, seconded by Dr. Murphy, made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2003 meeting. The motion carried. Mr. Barrow abstained.

PETITIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Blankenship asked whether anyone from the public had any petitions or public comments not related to matters on the agenda. No one asked to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03–19, Ordinance for Appropriations and Tax Rates: Mayor Blankenship asked the Clerk Treasurer to review the State of Indiana Forms 4, Form 4-A & Form 4 B which were provided to the Department Heads and to the Council. The Clerk reviewed the forms and explained that upon adoption these are forms used to certify the adopted budget. The Mayor requested that each department head confirm for the record that the budget figures listed on the Form 4 are accurate.

The Mayor stated that the 100's for the Mayors office reflects a 5% increase in his salary, which he will not accept. The Clerk Treasurer explained that the budgeted amount is consistent with that which was advertised. The amount may be lowered but it cannot be increased. Upon adoption of the elected officials salary ordinance the overage will be moved to a line item such as unemployment compensation. The following budgets were reviewed and the amounts listed confirmed as accurate by the department head or designated representative.

Clerk Treasurer Janet Alexander confirmed the amounts shown for Clerk Treasurer, Park Bond, Municipal Bond, Cumulative Capital Improvement and Cumulative Capital Development; Mayor Blankenship confirmed the budgets for City Hall, Board of Works, Police & Fire Merit, Telecommunications Commission, Police Pension, Fire Pension and City Court; Chief Borges confirmed the Police Department budget, the Abandoned Vehicle and the Local Law Continuing Education budget; Chief Herron confirmed the Fire Department's budget; Planning Director Weir confirmed the amounts requested for the Planning Department; Ms. Suzanne Findley confirmed the amounts for Parks and Recreation and the Cemetery – five departments; and Ms. Carol Patterson confirmed the Motor Vehicle Highway and Local Road and Street budgets.

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Common Council – Council President Houglan made a motion to move \$25,000 from the Council budget for Professional Services to the Board of Works Budget for Professional Services line item #315. Mr. Maguire seconded this motion and the motion carried.

The Mayor stated that this is the advertised adoption hearing for this matter. A motion and a second were offered to read the proposed ordinance by title only. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Snyder made the motion to approve the 2004 budget ordinance as presented. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were recorded as follows:

Ayes – 6 Mr. Houglan, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, & Mr. Snyder

Nays – 0 None

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-20 – Additional Appropriation and Transfer between Funds: Chief Borges presented the proposed ordinance and explained that the Criminal Justice Institute has given the department a \$4,000 grant for Operation Pullover to pay overtime for hours dedicated to this project. The Mayor stated that this is the Public Hearing for this matter and 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 Mr. Maguire made the motion to approve. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were recorded as follows:

Ayes – 6 Mr. Houglan, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mr. Maguire, Dr. Murphy, & Mr. Snyder

Nays – 0 None

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

Resolution No. 03-10 – A Resolution Establishing An Economic Revitalization Area and Designating A Tax Abatement for International Fuel Systems, Inc.: The Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or wished to discuss this resolution. No one spoke. The Mayor stated that this matter has been advertised for Confirmation Hearing September 22, 2003.

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-14 - An Ordinance Fixing The Annual Salaries And Providing Compensation For All Elected Officials & Providing For The Publication Thereof: Mayor Blankenship asked if anyone had any questions or wished to discuss the Elected Officials Salary Ordinance. No one spoke. The Mayor stated that this matter has been advertised for public hearing September 22, 2003.

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTIONS:

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-21 – Additional appropriation to Police Equipment #444 from funds received for Traffic Safety Equipment grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute: Chief John Borges introduced the proposed ordinance for an additional appropriation of \$2,910 which was received from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to reimburse the City 75% of the cost of an “in-car video system”. This matter will be set for Public Hearing September 22, 2003.

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Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-22 – Additional Appropriation to Line Item #215 – Gasoline: Mayor Blankenship introduced the proposed ordinance for an additional appropriation for the Board of Works budget. The Mayor explained that due to rising costs the existing appropriation has been depleted. The amount requested was estimated based on charges and usage for this last 7 months. This matter will be set for Public Hearing September 22, 2003.

Budgetary Ordinance No 03-23 – Additional appropriation to Police Overtime and Operating Supplies from funds received from the Johnson County Fair Board: Chief John Borges introduced the proposed ordinance for an additional appropriation of a reimbursement from the Johnson County Fair Board for traffic control \$701.47 and for road flares \$80.00. This matter will be set for Public Hearing September 22, 2003.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk Treasurer reported that the City recently received \$123,000 from the State's Riverboat Sharing account. Council Member Ault requested that the Clerk Treasurer provide information about how the Council may use the money received.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled Date: _____ Approved by Common Council:_____

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor