

**City of Franklin  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

Monday September 22, 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 Dr. William T. Murphy
Absent	Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter Mr. Jerry B. Maguire Mr. Lyman Snyder
Also present:	Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Robert H. Schafstall, Esq.

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After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance Mr. Ault, seconded by Dr. Murphy, made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2003 meeting. The motion carried.

**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. Mr. Terry Madge of 369 S. Home Avenue addressed the Council. Mr. Madge stated that he is concerned about the safety of children using the skate park facilities due to the fact that helmets and pads are not required. Mr. Madge stated that he spoke with Ms. Findley and is aware of the insurance liability issue however he stated that in his opinion there is a moral obligation to require them.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

~~Resolution No. 03-10 – A Resolution Establishing An Economic Revitalization Area and Designating A Tax Abatement for International Fuel Systems, Inc.:~~ Resolution No.: 03-11 A Resolution Setting Forth Final Action In Determining An Economic Revitalization Area and Confirming Resolution No: 03-10 of August 25, 2003. Mr. Weir presented the confirming resolution. (The original resolution establishing the area was listed on the agenda rather than the confirmation for which this matter was advertised) Mayor stated that this is the public hearing and asked if anyone had any questions or wished to discuss this resolution. Mr. Keith Walls the Controller of Delco Remy and Mr. David Keys, the Senior Vice President and General Manager of Delco Remy representing International Fuel Systems, Inc., a division of Delco Remy's Diesel Power Group introduced themselves and answered questions concerning the nature of the property abatement request. They explained that the request is for new hi-tech testing equipment. The division operates out of the former Bendix Corporation building. A motion and a second were offered to read the proposed resolution by title only. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Ault made the motion to approve. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were recorded as follows:

Ayes – 4     Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, & Dr. Murphy,

Nays – 0     None

**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 stated that as he said at an earlier meeting that if the Council adopts an ordinance increasing his salary he would veto the ordinance. Mayor Blankenship stated that this is the public hearing for this matter and asked if anyone from the public wished to speak for or against the ordinance. No one spoke. Mr. Hougland made a motion to adopt the elected officials salary ordinance with 0% increases for the elected officials. The motion was seconded. Mayor Blankenship requested a motion to read the ordinance by title only as amended. A motion and a second were made. Mr. Hougland seconded by Mr. Ault made a motion to approve the ordinance as amended. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were recorded as follows:

Ayes – 4 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, & Dr. Murphy

Nays – 0 None

**Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-21 – Additional appropriation to Police Equipment #101-7.00-444 from funds received for Traffic Safety Equipment grant from Indiana Criminal Justice Institute:** Chief John Borges presented 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”. The Mayor stated that this is the public hearing on 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. Mr. Hougland seconded by Dr. Murphy, made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 03-21. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were recorded as follows:

Ayes – 4 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, & Dr. Murphy

Nays – 0 None

**Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-22 – Additional Appropriation to Line Item #101-5.00-215 – Gasoline:** Mayor Blankenship presented 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. The Mayor stated that this is the public hearing on 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. Mr. Barrow seconded by Mr. Ault, made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 03-22. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were recorded as follows:

Ayes – 6 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, & Dr. Murphy

Nays – 0 None

**Budgetary Ordinance No 03-23 – Additional appropriation to Police Overtime #101-7.00-199 and 101-7.00-215 Operating Supplies from funds received from the Johnson County Fair Board:** Chief John Borges presented 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. The Mayor stated that this is the public hearing on 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. Mr. Barrow seconded by Dr. Murphy, made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 03-22. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were recorded as follows:

Ayes – 4 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, & Dr. Murphy

Nays – 0 None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

**Gateway Services - A Presentation of the Land Use Study for the Property on N. Morton St. prepared by InterDesign Group and funded by IDOC Planning Grant:** Gateway Services and InterDesign Group (Resolution will be prepared for Oct. 27 meeting). Mr. Bruce Spear the Project Manager, Mr. Bill Muldenour, Site Development Director, and Mr. John Brown, a Gateway Services Board Member presented the proposed Land Use Study to the Common Council. They displayed a color map of the planned development and reviewed each component. They explained that the plan uses must conform to criteria set by the Gateway Services Board, which stated that the uses must 1. Fulfill an unmet need in the community and 2. must be compatible with the mission of Gateway Service. General discussion held. This plan will be presented to the Plan Commission at a Public Hearing October 21, 2003. Following the Public Hearing a resolution will be presented to the Common Council October 27, 2003. Tabled.

**Budgetary Resolution No. 03-21** – a resolution to transfer funds from 400 series to 200 series and from the 400 series to the 300 series within the Fire Department budget: Fire Chief Mike Herron presented the requested line item transfer. A motion and a second were offered to read the proposed ordinance by title only. Mr. Ault seconded by Dr. Murphy, made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were recorded as follows:

Ayes – 4 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, & Dr. Murphy

Nays – 0 None

**Budgetary Resolution No. 03-22 – A Resolution To Transfer Funds From 400 Series To 100 Series Within The Cemetery Budget:** Mr. Mark Webb presented the requested line item transfer. A motion and a second were offered to read the proposed ordinance by title only. Mr. Ault seconded by Dr. Murphy, made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were recorded as follows:

Ayes – 4 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, & Dr. Murphy

Nays – 0 None

**Budgetary Resolution No. 03-23 – A Resolution To Transfer Funds From 400 Series To 200 And 300 Series Within the Parks Department Budget:** Mr. Rick Littleton (standing in for the Parks Superintendent Suzanne Findley) presented the requested line item transfer within the Parks Department budget. A motion and a second were offered to read the proposed ordinance by title only. Mr. Ault seconded by Mr. Barrow, made the motion to approve the resolution. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were recorded as follows:

Ayes – 4 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, & Dr. Murphy

Nays – 0 None

#### **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Mayor Blankenship stated that Mrs. Poynter is at home and is improving. He also spoke about the reports that ArvinMeritor will announce Wednesday whether they intend to close the Franklin manufacturing plant and that more than 800 current employees may lose their jobs. The Mayor observed out loud that our local and state economy is evolutionary.

Council Member Ault requested that the City prepare a resolution opposing this closure. The Mayor stated that his office would work with the Clerk Treasurer to prepare the requested resolution.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council the meeting adjourned at 6:50 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