

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

Monday October 27, 2003 @ 7:00 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 Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter Mr. Lyman Snyder
Absent	Dr. William T. Murphy

Also present: Clerk Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Robert H. Schafstall, Esq.

Mr. Hougland offered the invocation and Mayor Blankenship led the Council in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Blankenship tabled approval of the September 22, 2003 Minutes due to the absence of Dr. Murphy.

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

None

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTIONS:

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-24 – Request for additional appropriation to Line Item 199 – Overtime: Police Chief John Borges introduced the ordinance requesting an additional appropriation of \$15,000 for overtime. **Tabled until the November 10, 2003 meeting.**

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-25 – Request for permission to spend Grant- Fall Festival funds: Parks Superintendent Suzanne Findley presented the ordinance requesting permission to spend \$500 from a grant received in connection to the Fall Festival. **Tabled until the November 10, 2003 meeting.**

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-26- Request for additional appropriation for account 336 – Building Equipment Repair Maintenance: Fire Chief Mike Herron introduced his request for an additional appropriation of \$8000.00 to the department Repair & Maintenance line item. The Chief explained that Engine 22 R requires repairs and the original appropriation has been spent and is over expended by \$4000 due to large numbers of costly repairs. **Tabled until the November 10, 2003 meeting.**

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-27 – Request for additional appropriation for accounts 335 – Group Insurance, 337 – Fire Hydrants and 339 – Rumpke: Mayor Blankenship introduced an ordinance appropriating \$445,490.00 to the Board of Works budget. **Tabled until the November 10, 2003 meeting.**

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Budgetary Resolution No. 03-24 – Transfer of funds from 400 series to 300 series: Mr. David Weir, the Planning Department Director requested the Council's approval to transfer \$1000 from 101-11-441 Vehicle to 101-11-332 Communications. The Mayor asked if anyone from the Public wished to speak for or against the resolution. No one spoke. A motion and a second were offered to read. Mr. Maguire, seconded by Mrs. Poynter made the motion to approve Budgetary Resolution No. 03-24. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and the votes cast were.

Ayes – 6 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mrs. Poynter, Mr. Maguire, & Mr. Snyder

Nays – 0 None

Budgetary Resolution No. 03-25 – Creation of appropriation # 337 – Rentals and Leases in 2003 Planning Dept. Budget: Mr. David Weir requested the Council approve the creation of the line item and to allow a transfer within the 300 series of his budget. The Mayor asked if anyone from the Public wished to speak for or against the resolution. No one spoke. A motion and a second to read by title only were offered. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Mr. Ault made the motion to approve Resolution No. 03-25. 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, Mrs. Poynter, Mr. Maguire, & Mr. Snyder

Nays – 0 None

Budgetary Resolution No. 03-26 – Transfer of funds from the 300 series to 400 series: Mayor Blankenship presented the resolution transferring \$1,294.00 from 320 Travel and 336 Equipment Maintenance to 445 Office Equipment. The Mayor asked if anyone from the Public wished to speak for or against the resolution. No one spoke. A motion and a second to read by title only were offered. Mr. Barrow, seconded by Mr. Maguire made the motion to approve Resolution No. 03-26. 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, Mrs. Poynter, Mr. Maguire, & Mr. Snyder

Nays – 0 None

Resolution No. 03-12 – A resolution to authorize the submittal of a grant to clean up the Brownfield known as the Central L & M property: Mr. David Weir introduced the resolution concerning a Community Block Development Grant to the Indiana Department of Commerce, a grant to clean the site located at 100 Cincinnati Street. Mr. Fred Paris was present for this discussion. Due to a scrivener's error the Council voted to delay the hearing and allow Mr. Weir to obtain confirmation of the amount required for the local match. Following the presentation of Resolution No. 03-13 Mr. Weir returned with the requested information. The local match to the grant is \$15,300. Mr. Weir informed the Council that this matter was advertised for a public meeting this evening. 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 resolution. No one spoke. A motion and a second to read by title only were offered. Mrs. Poynter, seconded by Mr. Barrow made the motion to approve Resolution No. 03-12. 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, Mrs. Poynter, Mr. Maguire, & Mr. Snyder

Nays – 0 None

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Resolution No. 03-13 – A resolution accepting a master Land Use Plan for Gateway Services prepared with a Community Focus Fund Planning Grant from the State of Indiana: Mr. Bruce Spear the Project Manager, & Mr. Bill Muldenour, Site Development Director, from InterDesign Group reviewed the proposed Land Use Study to the Common Council. General discussion held. This plan was presented to the Plan Commission at a Public Hearing October 21, 2003 and the Plan Commission voted to forward the Land Use Study to the City Council with a favorable recommendation. Mr. Spear explained that the backside of the property would be a public park accessible by a trail. The acreage is 12.47. They would like to reserve the front lots for a commercial enterprise because of the U.S. 31 frontage. They discussed the possibility of placing a fire station somewhere on the site. 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 resolution. No one spoke. A motion and a second to read by title only were offered. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mrs. Poynter made the motion to approve Resolution No. 03-13. 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, Mrs. Poynter, Mr. Maguire, & Mr. Snyder

Nays – 0 None

Clerk Treasurer

Introduction Of Ordinance No. 03-17 – An Ordinance Creating the Developers Share – Municipal Improvement Fund: The Clerk Treasurer introduced the ordinance which the City Attorney had written at her request to create a special fund for developers project contributions. The Mayor asked the Clerk Treasurer to bring this matter up at the Board of Works meeting tomorrow evening. Tabled.

The Clerk Treasurer reviewed the new 2004 Budget Book format and offered to answer questions. None were asked.

Council Members Comments

Mrs. Poynter thanked the Council Members and the Mayor for the flowers sent to her while she was in the hospital.

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor announced that two employees had anniversaries this month. Officer Rick Sharp and Ms. Sally Bray.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled Date: _____ Approved by Common Council: _____

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor