

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

Monday November 10, 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
Dr. William T. Murphy
Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter
Mr. Lyman Snyder

Absent Mr. Jerry B. Maguire

Also present: Deputy Clerk Treasurer Sue Midkiff, Robert H. Schafstall, Esq.

Dr. Murphy offered the invocation and Mayor Blankenship led the Council in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Hougland, seconded by Dr. Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2003 meeting as distributed. The motion carried. Mrs. Poynter, seconded by Mr. Barrow made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2003 meeting as distributed. Dr. Murphy abstained, and 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. No one asked to speak.

OLD BUSINESS

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-24 – Request for additional appropriation to Line Item 199 –

Overtime: Police Chief John Borges presented the proposed ordinance requesting an additional appropriation of \$15,000 for overtime due to additional unexpected death investigations. 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. 03-24. The motion to approve carried.

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-25 – Request for additional appropriation to Line Item 100 –

Grant-Park-Fall Festival Expense: Parks Superintendent Suzanne Findley presented the ordinance requesting permission to spend \$500 from a grant received in connection to the Fall Festival. 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. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Barrow, made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 03-25. The motion to approve carried.

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-26 – Request for additional appropriation to Line Item 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.

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. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Ault, made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 03-26. The motion to approve carried.

Budgetary Ordinance No. 03-27 – Request for additional appropriation to Line Items 335 – Group Insurance, 337 – Hydrants and 339 - Rumpke: Mayor Blankenship introduced an ordinance appropriating \$445,490.00 to the Board of Works budget. 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. Dr. Murphy seconded by Mrs. Poynter, made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 03-27. The motion to approve carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Introduction of Resolution No. 03-14 – A resolution establishing an economic revitalization area and designating a tax abatement for Electro-Spec: Planning Director David Weir introduced the resolution and informed the Council that the EDC had favorably approved a 7 year tax abatement. General discussion held. Tabled until the November 24 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTIONS:

Ordinance No. 03-17 – An Ordinance Creating The “Developer’s Share – Municipal Improvement Fund”: Attorney Rob Schafstall advised the council that in order to introduce and adopt this ordinance at one council meeting, the council needs to suspend their rules by unanimous vote, and then adopt the ordinance by at least a vote of 5 to 2. Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Poynter made a motion to suspend the rules to adopt this resolution on first reading. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Schafstall introduced and presented the ordinance. Discussion held. A motion and a second were offered to read. Mr. Ault, seconded by Mr. Barrow made the motion to approve. The motion to approve carried. The council was polled and votes cast were recorded as follows:

Ayes – 6 Mr. Hougland, Mr. Ault, Mr. Barrow, Mrs. Poynter, Mr. Snyder, Dr. Murphy

Nays – 0

Budgetary Resolution No. 03-27 – Transfer of funds from 400 series to 200 series: Mr. Mark Webb, the Greenlawn Cemetery Superintendent requested the Council's approval to transfer \$1,554 from 205-1-443 Improvements to 205-1-228 Other Supplies/Materials. 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. Ault, seconded by Mr. Barrow made the motion to approve Budgetary Resolution No. 03-27. The motion to approve carried.

Budgetary Resolution No. 03-28 – Transfer of funds from 400 series to 300 series: Mrs. Suzanne Findley, Park and Recreation Superintendent requested the Council's approval to transfer \$2,500 from 204-3-443 Improvements and \$1,500 from 204-3-444 Machinery/Equipment to 204-3-336 Building/Equipment Maintenance. 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. Mrs. Poynter, seconded by Dr. Murphy made the motion to approve Resolution No. 03-28. The motion to approve carried.

Budgetary Resolution No. 03-29 – Transfer of funds from the 400 series to 300 series: Fire Chief Mike Herron presented the resolution transferring \$500 from 445 Office Equipment to 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 to read by title only were offered. Mr. Barrow, seconded by Dr. Murphy made the motion to approve Resolution No. 03-29. The motion to approve carried.

Council Members Comments

Mrs. Poynter and Mr. Ault thanked the Council Members and the Mayor for their support on their successful re-election campaigns.

Mr. Ault, with the assistance of Fire Chief Mike Herron, gave the Council an overview of the purchase of an aerial fire truck approved by the Board of Works on October 28. Chief Herron stated that the aerial truck is now in Indianapolis and is scheduled for delivery to the Fire Department on Friday, November 14. The truck will then be sent out to have decals affixed before training on the unit commences and it is placed into service.

Mayor's Comments

The Mayor announced that two employees had anniversaries this month. Daniel Fleener and John Michael Moore.

The Mayor stated that there is a collection box in the lobby of City Hall for donations of items needed by our military. The box was placed here by the Franklin Senior Citizens Center and they will be responsible distributing all donated items.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled Date: _____ Approved by Common Council: _____

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor