

**City of Franklin
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

Monday December 8, 2003 @ 7:00 P.M.

Presiding Officer: Mayor Norman P. Blankenship
Roll Call: Mr. Stephen D. Houglan, President Pro-Tempore
Mr. Joseph R. Ault
Mr. Phillip R. Barrow
Mr. Jerry B. Maguire
Dr. William T. Murphy
Mrs. Katherine L. Poynter
Mr. Lyman Snyder

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

After the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance Dr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Maguire, made a motion to approve the minutes of November 24, 2003 meeting. The motion carried. Mrs. Poynter 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.

Review of Wellness Program:

Mayor Blankenship introduced John Auld and a representative from J. F. Molloy Melinda Cappa. She distributed materials to the Council regarding the results of the employee health screenings held earlier this year. She advised that employee participation in the Wellness program was 90.7% for the City of Franklin, in which the normal is approximately 60%. She reviewed the outcome of the screening in regards to blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, body fat percentages, and the number of smokers. She stated that 65% of participants received letters/notes from Doctor in reporting a problem area identified during the screening. She explained the 'Take Charge Program' as well as the number of persons who are pursuing preventative measures, and the number of persons who use the emergency rooms. The Mayor commented on the employees' rating of work satisfaction and thanked J. F. Molloy for conducting the screening. Mr. John Auld asked about chronic disease program, in which J. F. Molloy has not made a recommendation on how chronic diseases will be addressed. He asked that J. F. Molloy prepare a presentation to address a Chronic Disease Program.

OLD BUSINESS

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS

Resolution No. 03-15 – A Resolution Setting Forth Final Action in Determining an Economic Revitalization Area and confirming Resolution No. 03-14 - A Resolution establishing an ERA and Designating a Tax Abatement for Electro-Spec: Planning Director David Weir presented the proposed resolution. A motion and second were offered to read the resolution by title only. Dr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. McGuire to approve the resolution. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTIONS

Ordinance No 03-19 – An Ordinance Approving Resolution No. 2003-33 of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property Within the City of Franklin (To be known as the 2003 Franklin College Rezoning).

Attorney Steve Huddleston addressed the Council in regard to rezoning three (3) residential properties: 1001 Orchard Lane – R4, 6 Henry Street and 98 South Forsythe Street – R5 to Franklin College Planned Unit Development district. He made the following commitments:

- 1) The “Chupp” House (1001 Orchard Lane) would be used solely for residential purposes for an adult employee(s) of the College
- 2) The House at 6 Henry Street would be used as a guest house with a full-time onsite caretaker
- 3) 98 South Forsythe Street – R5 to Franklin College Planned Unit Development district for parking.

Mr. Huddleston reported that the college would make the following commitments concerning these properties to the City:

- The existing security lighting located on 6 Henry Street will be adjusted to reduce the light entering the neighbor’s home.
- A defined easement will be provided for joint access of a drive for the property at 6 Henry Street and the adjacent structure
- The outdoor compressor unit will be installed at 6 Henry Street so that it is not adjacent to any residential home
- The parking lot, which will create approximately 35 additional spaces, will be landscaped as submitted previously.

The Plan Commission forwarded this petition to the City Council with a favorable recommendation that was passed unanimously. Discussion was held and the matter was tabled. First reading to be held at the public hearing on January 12, 2004.

Budgetary Resolution No. 03-32 – A Resolution authorizing a transfer of funds within the Fire Department budget: No one from the Fire Department was present. A motion and second were offered to read the resolution by title only. Mr. Ault made a motion, seconded by Ms. Poynter to approve the resolution for the transfer of \$350 from 228 Other Supplies to 320 Travel and Training. The motion carried.

Budgetary Resolution No. 03-33 – A Resolution Authorizing the transfer of funds from the 200 series to the 300 series in the City Hall budget: Mayor Blankenship presented the request for the transfer. A motion and second were offered to read the resolution by title only. Mr. Barrow made a motion, seconded by Dr. Murphy to approve the resolution to transfer \$1350 from 215 Operating Supplies to 339 Contractual Services. The motion carried.

Budgetary Resolution No. 03-34 – A Resolution Authorizing a transfer of funds from the 300 series to the 200 series in the Board of Works budget: Mayor Blankenship presented the request for the transfer. A motion and second were offered to read the resolution by title only. Dr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Poynter to approve the resolution for the transfer of \$12,500 from 336 Liability insurance to 215 Operating Supplies: Gasoline. The motion carried.

Budgetary Resolution No. 03-35 – A Resolution Authorizing a transfer of funds from 100 series to 300 series in the Police Pension Fund: Mayor Blankenship presented the request for the transfer. A motion and second were offered to read the resolution by title only. Dr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Poynter to approve the transfer of \$9,000 from 112 Eligible Police Officers to 349 Death Benefits. The motion carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Sewer Utility Rate Audit and Recommendations: Jeff Birk and Rick Littleton presented materials regarding the sewer utility rates and recommendations. Mr. Birk provided the Council with a report (Municipal Sewage Works Unit: Study to Re-determine the Schedule of Rates and Charges) that outlined the findings of the audit and recommendations. A 10% rate increase has been proposed. The last rate increase was in 1994. Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Rick Littleton reported to the Council that the city's annual growth has averaged 4%. Discussion was held and the matter was tabled to January 13, 2004.

Mr. Littleton reported to the Council that the Plant recently received two (2) awards at a local conference and Laboratory Technician, Sally Bray, received an Excellence Award.

OTHER BUSINESS:

CLERK/TREASURER COMMENTS

Clerk-Treasurer presented a resolution 03-16: A Resolution Ratifying the Clerk-Treasurer's Actions Relative to the Financing of the Purchase of a Fire Truck regarding the purchase of the Fire Engine and financing. The request was made by the Clerk-Treasurer in order to complete the purchase pursuant to State law: A motion and second were offered to read the resolution by title only. Mr. Ault made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barrow to approve the resolution. The motion carried.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Blankenship invited Council Members to attend the Employee Christmas Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on December 10, 2003, to be held at Beeson Hall. Mayor Blankenship announced that the funeral for Retired Police Officer Michael Moore would be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2003. Mayor Blankenship suggested that the swearing in of officials take place prior to the Council meeting which will be held on January 12, 2003. Mayor Blankenship recognized Franklin City employees for years of service. Mayor Blankenship recognized retiring Council Members, Jerry McGuire and Lyman Snyder, for their many years of service to the City of Franklin.

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled Date: _____ Approved by Common Council: _____

Norman P. Blankenship, Jr. Mayor