

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2014

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Councilors Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, and Stephen Houglund were absent.

Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

Mayor McGuinness Recognition of Franklin High School Wrestling Team Achievements

Mayor McGuinness stated that several Franklin High School students recently competed in the IHSAA Wrestling State Finals held Friday, February 21 and Saturday, February 22 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse and read the following proclamations:

- Now, Therefore; I, Joseph E. McGuinness, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Franklin, Johnson County, Indiana, now hereby proclaim and recognize April 8, 2014 as Franklin High School Grizzly Cubs Wrestling Team Day in the City of Franklin, Indiana;
- Now Therefore; I, Joseph E. McGuinness, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Franklin, Johnson County, Indiana, now hereby proclaim and recognize April 9, 2014 as DJ Smith & Jake Stevenson Day in the City of Franklin, Indiana;
- Now Therefore; I, Joseph E. McGuinness, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Franklin, Johnson County, Indiana, now hereby proclaim and recognize April 10, 2014 as Skyler Lykins Day in the City of Franklin, Indiana;
- Now, Therefore: I, Joseph E. McGuinness, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Franklin, Johnson County, Indiana, now hereby proclaim and recognize April 7-11, 2014 as Coach Bob Hasseman Week in the City of Franklin, Indiana;

The Mayor thanked Coach Hasseman and the student wrestlers for attending this meeting of the Franklin City Council and praised them for their outstanding athletic accomplishments.

Presentation of Police Commendation Medal to Officer Tony Povinelli - Police Chief O'Sullivan read a commendation letter written to Officer Tony Povinelli dated March 28, 2014 recognizing Officer Povinelli for his work uncovering a drug growing operation.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the March 17, 2014 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-06 An Additional Appropriation from Francis Melton Donation 217 to Fire Dept. Services 217-13-300 Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. He explained that the \$3,160 the department has asked to be appropriated came from a behest by Ms. Francis Melton. The Mayor said that each year funds will be available for firefighter education through this gift left by Ms. Melton to honor her father. The Mayor announced that this is the public hearing and asked for public comments. No one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request to change Pick up Fee & Waiting Time Fee for Taxi Service to Match City of Greenwood Fees – Mr. Lakhinder Sandhu owner of Super Yellow Cab came forward and asked the Council to consider amending our ordinance reducing the pick-up fees to match the City of Greenwood's ordinance fees. A discussion was held. City Attorney Gray stated that our ordinance states these fees cannot exceed \$3.00 but it does not stipulate a minimum. The Council agreed that Mr. Sandhu may lower the amount charged without the Council's permission. No other action required.

Other Business

Report on Standard & Poor's Bond Rating Upgrade - Clerk-Treasurer Alexander told the Council that the city bond rating had been upgraded from A+ to AA. A discussion was held.

Council Comments

Councilor Wertz stated that the RDC received a request to consider a pub micro brewery at old city hall, and asked for Council comments about the proposal. He also stated that he was aware that at one time some members had stated that they wanted to renovate the former post office into city court offices and chambers. A discussion was held. There were no motions, votes or official action taken.

Councilor Austin stated an Economic Development Commission meeting will be held tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m., and that they will hold a special meeting April 22, 2014.

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A resident came forward and expressed a concern about cars parking in backyards on N. Main Street, due to construction in this area. City Attorney Gray told him that he would need to address this issue with the Board of Works.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, April 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 4/17/14

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer