

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 21, 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 Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kristi Bruther, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

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

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the July 7, 2014 Common Council Minutes

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

Council President Barnett, made a motion to move new business to before old business and to move Resolution 2014-10 before Resolution 2014-09, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**New Business**

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

**Resolution 2014-10: A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Pridgeon & Clay**

Mayor McGuinness read Resolution 2014-10 aloud by title only. Mr. Dan Sparrow, representative from Pridgeon & Clay, appeared before the Council to request a 10-year tax abatement. Mayor McGuinness stated that a competitive process for the expansion of Pridgeon & Clay took place between Franklin and another state. Councilor Austin stated that the Economic Development Commission had voted unanimously to recommend the Council approve the tax abatements. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-10. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Resolution 2014-09: A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Hetsco, Inc.**

Mayor McGuinness read Resolution 2014-09 aloud by title only. Mr. Sam Willard, President of Hetsco, Inc., appeared before the Council requesting a tax abatement for Hetsco, Inc. He provided the members with a presentation containing additional information about his company and their planned expansion in Franklin. Mayor McGuinness stated that a competitive process had been undertaken for Hetsco, Inc., between the City of Franklin and the City of Greenwood. He also recognized the efforts and hard work

completed by Johnson County Development Corporation and Franklin's Community Development Department during this process. Community Development Director Linke outlined the terms of the proposed abatements. City Attorney Gray told the Council that the resolution in front of them tonight is a draft, and that she would like to add on the second page were after it states "now be it resolved that" in the paragraph one after exhibit "A" - "as permitted by law" to the resolution. Council President Barnett, seconded by Mr. Austin, made a motion to approve with changes as indicated by City Attorney. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Old Business**

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-09 A Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation of \$486,964 for the 2014 (Street) Maintenance Improvement Project**  
Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to read Budgetary Ordinance 14-09 by title only. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. The motion carried. Mayor McGuinness read Common Council Budgetary Ordinance 14-09 by title only. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to approve. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Other Business**

#### **Fire Department Invitations**

Fire Chief Henderson extended several invitations to the Council and public:

- July 26, 2014 - 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. – Water Rescue and Safety Day at Franklin Aquatics Center
- August 9, 2014 - 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Public Education Event at Station 22
- August 16, 2014 - 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Firefighter's Softball Tournament

#### **Information Regarding Proposed Investment Policy and related Ordinances and Resolutions Concerning the Investment of Public Funds**

Clerk-Treasurer Alexander provided information to the Council regarding a proposed city investment policy for the investment of public funds. Three separate documents were presented under "other business" in order to allow additional time to review the ordinances and resolutions that the normal process of introduction and public hearing would not necessarily allow. A discussion was held. The ordinances and resolutions will be presented for introduction at the August 4, 2014 meeting.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Abban stated that there was a good article in The Daily Journal concerning the proposed trail on the Westside of U.S. 31.

Councilor Wertz stated that there would be a Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting tomorrow at 8:00 a.m., and a special meeting on July 28, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

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Councilor Henderson announced the upcoming informational meeting regarding the round-about will be held July 30, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. A discussion was held.

Mayor McGuinness recognized and wished good luck to the 10-year old Franklin little league baseball team in the upcoming State tournament.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 4, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 7/30/14

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Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer