

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 6, 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 and Kathy Cragen, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Stephen Hougland was 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. Invocation by Councilor Austin.

Announcements & Presentations

Fire Chief Henderson appeared before the Council to invite members to Fire House Sub's Open House and Celebration October 29, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- o Approval of the September 15, 2014 Common Council Minutes; & Special Joint Common Council & Franklin School Board Meeting of September 25, 2014

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.

Old Business

Public Hearings and / or Adoption Hearings

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

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-13 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations & Tax Rate (Budget Form 4) - Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Clerk Treasurer Alexander stated there have been no changes to the proposed budget presented to the council; however, she explained the advertised amount was inflated to allow for changes during the adoption process. Clerk Treasurer Alexander provided the members with a memo identifying amounts to be reduced from the advertised budget enabling the council to adopt the budget presented by the department heads and the Mayor. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness opened the matter for public hearing. No one asked to speak. The public hearing was closed. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to amend the advertised budget according to the memo presented by the Clerk Treasurer:

Reduce General Fund by \$500,000

Reduce MVH Fund by \$100,000

Reduce Parks and Recreation by \$75,000

Delete Fund 2431 Redevelopment Capital in the amount of \$225,000

Delete Fund 8403 Tax Increment Replacement in the amount of \$6,000,000

A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance 14-13, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-14 A Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$26,932.62, Fire Department 101-006-129 and Police Department 101-007-129 - \$13,466.31 – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Clerk Treasurer Alexander presented Budgetary Ordinance 14-14 in the total amount of \$26,932.62, with \$13,466.31 being appropriated in both the Fire Department and Police Department budgets. Mayor McGuinness opened the matter for public hearing. No one asked to speak. The public hearing was closed. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-15 A Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing An Additional Appropriation to Fire Department 101-006-400 in the amount of \$15,411.35 - Mayor McGuinness read the title. Clerk Treasurer Alexander explained the amount of \$15,411.35 is the amount received from the insurance company and had to be appropriated because it was received over one calendar year ago. Ms. Alexander stated that balance on the contract for the roof repairs will be paid from The Cumulative Capital Development Fund (CCD). Mayor McGuinness opened the matter for public hearing. No one asked to speak. The public hearing was closed. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Introduction

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-16 Authorizing an Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$39,780.00 - 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. Police Chief O'Sullivan appeared before the Council to request an additional appropriation from the Police Forfeiture Fund in the amount of \$39,780.00 for the purchase of laptops for the police vehicles. Mayor McGuinness explained that this is for introduction only tonight, and the matter will be set for public hearing on October 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Council Comments

Councilor Abban recognized City officials and employees for their efforts during the Franklin Fall Festival last weekend.

Mayor McGuinness also recognized city officials, employees and Discover Downtown Franklin for their efforts during the Fall Festival.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, October 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 10/16/14

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer