

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2013**

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, and Stephen Houglan answered roll call. Richard Wertz was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, 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 Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

Community Development Specialist Rhoni Oliver told the Council they had sent in the IHEDA Contract Agreement for the Owner Occupied Repair Grant for \$350,000.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of Meeting Minutes for Meetings held August 19, 2013; and August 26, 2013.

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

There was no old business presented.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all items of new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Councilor Wertz arrived at this point in the meeting; it was 6:33 p.m.

Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 13-07 Authorizing a Transfer from Personal Services EIP 149 to Capital Outlay 400 in the amount of \$125,000 in the Rainy Day Fund –

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

Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 13-09 A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from Fire Dept. Supplies 200 to Services 300 in the amount of \$19,000.

Fire Chief Henderson requested approval of the transfer to pay for repairs on equipment. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 13-25 A Resolution Authorizing Continued Participation in the Interlocal Association for an Additional Five Year Period

– Mayor McGuinness stated that City Attorney Gray and Lance Ratliff from The Interlocal Association were both here to answer any questions the Council may have. This agreement is up for re-approval every five years. Mr. Ratliff stated that the city pays two hundred dollars (\$200.00) a year to be a member of this association. 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.

Introductions

Proposed 2014 Salary Ordinances - Common Council Budgetary Ordinance 13-13 - Civil City Salary Ordinance; Common Council Budgetary Ordinance 13-14 - Sewer Utility Salary Ordinance; Common Council Budgetary Ordinance 13-15 - Elected Officials Salary Ordinance - Mayor McGuinness read the titles of all salary ordinances.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No. 13-16 - Budget Appropriations and & Tax Rates for 2014 – Mayor McGuinness read the title. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated there were some corrections on the budget estimate forms given to the members. She read the corrections aloud. Council President Barnett asked Ms. Alexander if she would also e-mail these changes to the council members. Ms. Alexander agreed. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz asked what amount was advertised for 2014 budget. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander read the advertised budget figures aloud and stated the ad ran on September 13 and will be published again on September 20.

Other Business

Discussion on the form titled New Health Insurance Marketplace Coverage Options and Your Health Coverage - Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated this form will be given to all employees by October 1 in order to comply with requirements in the Affordable Healthcare Act.

Councilor Henderson commented on the Certified Net Assessment Valuation (NAV) statement issued by the Johnson County Auditor. He pointed out that the 2013 pay 2014 NAV of \$810,381,843 was an increase of fifty million dollars over last year. A discussion was held.

At the Mayor's request Clerk-Treasurer Alexander explained a graph provided relative to proposed increases to the employee share for health insurance.

Mayor McGuinness stated he is open to comments on proposed salaries.

Councilor Wertz stated he sent a memo to Mayor McGuinness recommending increases to department head salaries. He said that he thinks the Mayor's salary should be \$72,500; Clerk-Treasurer \$61,550; Police Chief \$66,887; Deputy Police Chief \$60,000; Fire Chief \$66,285; Deputy Fire Chief \$60,000; DPW Superintendent \$65,000; Parks Superintendent \$64,000; Street Commissioner \$59,000; and Community Development Director \$59,000. A discussion was held.

The Clerk Treasurer explained that the advertised public hearing on the proposed 2014 budget ordinance will be held during the meeting scheduled October 7. The adoption hearing will be held October 21. She also stated that the Mayor's financial advisor will be present at the October 7 meeting.

The Mayor invited Judge Van Valer to present her proposed 2014 budget for City Court. The Judge stated she is requesting a 5% salary increase for her employees. She explained that this is to bring those positions in line with other city courts such as Greenwood. She stated that there is a significant difference in salaries for the same type and hours of work. Judge VanValer also told the council that City Court had returned \$16,000 unexpended from their budget last year and that she anticipates returning an even higher amount this year.

Mayor McGuinness stated he has been working in conjunction with the Clerk-Treasurer on the budget, and if anyone has any questions or suggestions, they should contact him or Ms. Alexander before the next meeting.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Henderson stated there will be an RDC meeting this Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion and a second were made to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, October 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 9/25/2013

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer