

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Steve Barnett presiding. Council members Kenneth Austin, Todd Shuck, Anne McGuinness, Irene Nalley, Josh Prine, and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Councilor Jennifer Price was absent.

Mayor Barnett opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll.

Bryan Ries offered an invocation, & led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

Election of City Council President- Mayor Barnett opened the floor for nominations. Councilor Taylor made a motion to elect Kenny Austin as President, seconded by Councilor Shuck. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Election of City Council Vice President- Mayor Barnett opened the floor for nominations. Councilor Austin made a motion to elect Shawn Taylor as Vice President, seconded by Councilor Shuck. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the December 15, 2025 Common Council Minutes

Council President Austin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor McGuinness.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Approval of the 2026-2030 Park Impact Fee Plan & Fee Schedule- Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner explained what the Park Impact Fee is and how it impacts the park system. He then explained the process used to decide if the fee needs to be increased and if so, by how much. Currently, the fee is \$1,142 and will be increasing to \$2,490, with reduced rates available for apartment complexes and the like. This plan is required to be examined every 5

years. Mr. Orner then explained what those fees are used for within our park community. This is for introduction tonight and the public hearing will be at the next meeting on January 21st.

Introduction of Employee Handbook Revisions amending Ordinance 2024-11- Clerk Treasurer Jan Jones explained that this is a service offered annually through the contract we have with New Focus. They are able to update any changes we have noted that are necessary throughout the year, along with any changes to any Federal and State mandates. This was introduction only with the public hearing taking place at the next meeting on January 21st.

Other Business

Two 1-year Appointments for the Redevelopment Commission- Mayor Barnett informed everyone that the past appointments were Councilors McGuinness and Prine. Councilor Nalley made a motion to reappoint Councilors McGuinness and Prine to the Redevelopment Commission, seconded by Councilor Shuck. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Appoint a Representative to the Plan Commission- Mayor Barnett informed everyone that the past appointee was Councilor Nalley. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to reappoint Councilor Nalley to the Plan Commission, seconded by Councilor Shuck. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Appoint a Representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals- Mayor Barnett informed everyone that this is his mistake and should not be on the agenda. We currently have an appointed person for another year.

Completed 2025 Projects and Projected 2026 Projects- Mayor Barnett presented the document to the board and to the public. This is for information only.


Council Comments

Councilor Nalley thanked the Street Department for their hard work.


Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:



Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:



Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer