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, Bob Heuchan, Anne McGuinness, Irene Nalley, Jennifer Price, Josh Prine and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

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, Presentations & Public Comments

Election of City Council President & Vice-President for 2023 - Mayor Steve Barnett stated he was taking nominations for Council President. Mr. Ken Austin was the only nomination. Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve the appointment of Ken Austin as Council President, seconded by Councilor McGuiness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Mayor Barnett opened up nominations for Council Vice President. Mr. Shawn Taylor was the only nomination. Council President Austin made a motion to approve the appointment of Shawn Taylor as Council Vice President, seconded by Councilor Heuchan. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Swearing in of new Fire Chief, Joshua Snyder and new Deputy Fire Chief, Preston Stark – Mayor Barnett swore in Joshua Snyder as the City of Franklin Fire Chief. Mayor Barnett swore in Preston Stark as the City of Franklin Deputy Fire Chief.

Swearing in of 3 Lateral Transfer Merit Officers: Officer Dustin Scott, Officer Joshua Medsker, and Officer Andrew Brewer – Mayor Barnett swore in police officers Dustin Scott, Joshua Medsker, and Andrew Brewer.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

  o Approval of the December 19, 2022 Common Council Minutes

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

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

There was no new business presented.

Other Business

Council President Austin made a motion to read all other business by title only, seconded by Councilor Nalley.

City Council to appoint a representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell explained this is a 4-year appointment with Bill Carson being the previous appointment. Council President Austin made a motion to approve the reappointment of Bill Carson, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

City Council to appoint a member to the Plan Commission - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell explained this is a 1-year appointment with Irene Nalley being the previous appointment. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve the reappointment of Irene Nalley, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

City Council to make Two - 1 Year Appointments to the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) - Mayor Steve Barnett explained that the current members of the RDC are Anne McGuiness and Josh Prine. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve the reappointment of Anne McGuiness and Josh Prine, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Council Comments

Council President Ken Austin congratulated the new leadership in the Fire Department and the new Police officers for being sworn in tonight.

Bob Heuchan will not be present at the January 19th, 2023 meeting.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 01/04/23

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer