

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2023

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, 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.

Council member Bob Heuchan 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, Presentations & Public Comments

Emily Broshears, the leader of Girl Scout Troop 4828 introduced the troop. She explained they were working on obtaining their Government Badge. The girls enjoy being involved in the community and they were interested in watching a meeting.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the February 6, 2023 Common Council Minutes

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

Old Business

Council President Austin made a motion to read all old business by title only, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Approval of Council Ordinance No.: 23-01 Clarifying Ordinance No.: 2015-04 - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades & City Attorney Lynn Gray stated this ordinance was introduced at the February 6th Council meeting and there have been no changes. Ordinance 23-01 clarifies the process of distributing longevity for merit police officers and merit firefighters that have completed 20 years of employment with the City of Franklin. There were no questions from the public. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance No.: 23-01 Authorizing an Additional Appropriation for Non-Tax Supported Funds - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this Budgetary Ordinance was introduced at the February 6th Council meeting. These funds come from donations or grants. There were no questions from the public. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Prine. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

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

ERA Declaratory Request - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated Sunbeam Development is requesting a 10-year tax abatement on \$78,000,000.00 in real property investment for the construction of a 1,000,000 square foot warehouse facility. The warehouse park will be located on the east side of Jim Black Road and the north side of State Road 44. The declaratory request gives the approval to advertise. The confirmatory request will be at the next meeting on March 6, 2023. Justin Furr from Sunbeam Development explained there are structures that are within the property that they plan on buying and then demolishing. Sunbeam has also spoke with the fire department on doing training within those structures before being demolished. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Council Resolution 23-03, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Yearly Tax Abatement Compliance Reports for Approval - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson explained that every year that a company has a tax abatement they are required to complete the CF-1 forms that explains the work that was done, employees, and employee wages. The EDC then confirms whether these companies are in compliance. Vice President Shawn Taylor stated that both Heartland Machine and Shelby Gravel were both in

compliance. The compliance reports for approval were C 2023-14: Heartland Machine CF-1 Compliance Report, 2023-40: Shelby Gravel CF-1 RE Compliance Report, and C 2023-41: Shelby Gravel CF-1 PP Compliance Report. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve the tax abatement compliance reports, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Council Resolution No.: 23-02 A Resolution Authorizing a Five-Year Continuation of Interlocal Association - City Attorney Lynn Gray and Mayor Barnett explained that the Interlocal Association is a group of mayors from neighboring cities such as Shelbyville, Beech Grove, and Greenwood that work together and collaborate on ideas. The Interlocal Association oversees Workforce One that supports businesses with training programs. Councilor Price made a motion to approve Council Resolution 23-02, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 23-02 Transfer of 2022 Unused Appropriations to BOW Fund - Mayor Steve Barnett requested \$1,130,185.21 be transferred from the General Fund to the Board of Works Fund. The total unused funds from 2022 was an amount of \$2,130,185.21. One million dollars of the unused funds was transferred to the Rainy-Day fund while the remaining money is being transferred to the Board of Works Fund. A discussion was held Council President Austin made a motion to approve Council Budgetary Resolution 23-02, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Council Vice President Shawn Taylor thanked the Girl Scout Troop 4828 for attending the meeting.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 2/23/2023

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer