

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 3, 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, Bob Heuchan, Anne McGuinness, Irene Nalley, Josh Prine and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Council Member Jennifer Price was absent.

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council member Morgan Harvey was 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

There were no announcements, presentations or public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the March 20, 2023 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

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

Public Hearing

Approval of Ordinance 2023-02: Rezoning to be known as Redwood Rezoning (Official Action) - City Engineer Mark Richards stated the summary of this Ordinance was given at the March 20th meeting. The Planning Commission gave a 9-0 vote to approve Ordinance 2023-02.

City Attorney Gray explained the Planning Commission felt this was a good, transitional type of development in this area. Redwood Representative Gregory Thurman explained it takes a while to get approved at the city, state and federal levels. Mr. Thurman stated in 6 months they should have all of the required approvals with the first residents possibly moving in in 12 months. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett opened Ordinance 2023-02 for public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Council President Austin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-02 subject to the commitments discussed, seconded by Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of New Sewer Use Ordinance (SUO) to replace ordinance from 1998 – City Attorney Lynn Gray stated they had not received any comments or concerns from the council or from residents being affected by the new ordinance. The ordinance was published in the paper and again, there were no questions or concerns. Mayor Barnett opened the Sewer Use Ordinance for public hearing. There were no comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Council President Austin made a motion to approve the new Sewer Use Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Nalley. 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 McGuiness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request to appropriate donation funds - Police Chief Kirby Cochran stated the police department is grateful for all of the donations through community partners. This donation is specifically for vehicle AEDs. The appropriation will be advertised and open for public hearing at the April 17th meeting.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Council President Austin thanked all of the city staff for their hard work after the storm.

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council member Morgan Harvey stated the Council is still working on the Wifi project and the contractor will begin putting routers on roofs in the near future. The Council continues to raise funds for the Sculpture for the Roundabout Project.

Chief of Staff Tara Payne stated there will be a joint City Council and School Board meeting on April 24th at 6:00 p.m. at the middle school auditorium. This is an additional meeting. The normal City Council and Board of Works meetings will still take place.

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,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 4/6/23

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer