

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 7, 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, 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 & Public Comments

Swear in for Justin Stall for the Captain Position – Mayor Barnett swore in Justin Stall as Captain (Appointed) of the Franklin Police Department.

Swearing in of new firefighter, Dawson Alexander Smith – Mayor Barnett swore in Dawson Smith as a new member of the Franklin Fire Department.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the July 17, 2023 Common Council Minutes

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

Approval of Stormwater Rate Study and Ordinance 23-08 to amend the method for determining non-residential stormwater fees – Mayor Barnett explained this will go for public hearing at the August 21st Council meeting. The Board of Works did send a favorable recommendation to the Council. There were no questions or comments. Ordinance 23-08 will be voted on at the August 21st Council meeting.

New Business

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

Introduction of Budgetary Ordinance 23-11 additional appropriation of \$130,000 for Cemetery Projects - Parks Superintendent Chip Orner stated he presented these projects at the previous Council meeting. Budgetary Ordinance 23-11 will go for public hearing and vote at the August 21st Council meeting.

Approval of Budgetary Resolution 23-03 Authorizing a transfer from General Law Ordinance and Code Enforcement to General Law Mayor/Board of Works in the amount of \$20,000 and the approval of Budgetary Resolution 23-04 Authorizing a transfer from General Law Municipal Dept. to Law-Fire Merit in the amount of \$15,000 - City Attorney Lynn Gray explained these transfers only involve money that is already in the law department budget. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve the movement of funds within the Law Department, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor Price stated the city did a great job on the Commerce Roundabout by the High School.

Councilor Prine agreed that the roundabout is wonderful and is helping with traffic flow.

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,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 8/9/23

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer