

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 2, 2024**

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, Jennifer Price, Josh Prine and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Records Clerk Lyv Sundheimer, Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones 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.

**Appointment of City Council President & Vice-President for 2024**

Council Member Shawn Taylor nominated Ken Austin for Council President, seconded by Councilor Nalley. Mayor Barnett asked for other nominations. There were no other nominations. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to elect Ken Austin as Council President, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Council President Austin made a motion to elect Shawn Taylor as Vice President, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. Mayor Barnett asked for other nominations. There were no other nominations. A voice vote was taken with all members voting for Shawn Taylor for Vice President. The motion carried.

**Announcements & Public Comments**

Rosie Chambers stated the State of the City Address is February 8, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at the Garment Factory. She would love to see everyone there!

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the December 18, 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 Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Approval of Ordinance 2023-16: Annexation to be known as DPW 4.5 ac. Annexation (Public Hearing) & Approval of Resolution 2023-22: Fiscal Plan** - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated this property is owned by the City of Franklin located at 800 South State Street. The city has owned the property since 1990. The annexation was introduced at the December 4, 2023 Council meeting. Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Ms. Tennell requested Resolution 2023-22 Fiscal Plan be approved by the Council. Mayor Barnett opened the fiscal plan up for public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approved Resolution 2023-22 Fiscal Plan, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. The Annexation will go for approval at the January 16<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Approval of Ordinance 2023-17: Rezoning to be known as DPW Rezoning (Public Hearing)** - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated this was introduced at the December 4, 2023 Council meeting. This is a companion piece to Ordinance 2023-16 DPW Annexation and will take effect during the same time frame as the annexation. Council President Austin made a motion to table Ordinance 2023-17 DPW Rezoning, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **New Business**

There was no new business presented.

### **Other Business**

**City Council to appoint a member to the Plan Commission** - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated this is an annual appointment. The appointment for 2023 was Irene Nalley. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to appoint Councilor Nalley to the Plan Commission, 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 stated the 2023 appointments were Anne McGuinness and Josh Prine. Council President Austin made a motion to appoint Councilor McGuinness and Councilor Prine, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**City Council to appoint a member to the Economic Development Commission (EDC) -** Mayor Steve Barnett stated the 2023 appointment was Shawn Taylor. Councilor Nalley made a motion to appoint Council Vice President Shawn Taylor, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Completed 2023 and Projected 2024 Projects -** Mayor Steve Barnett explained not all of the 2023 projects were completed but will be continued in 2024. The list of projects is created by cooperation with the City Council and the public. The cost estimates are not set in stone but the final cost will be listed when the project is complete. Some projects will fall under or over their cost estimate. Mayor Barnett gave a brief overview of the project lists.

**Council Comments**

All Council Members welcomed Todd Shuck and wished everyone a happy new year!

Councilor Todd Shuck stated he’s excited to take on this role and thanked everyone for their support.

City Attorney Lynn Gray thanked all of the council members for their hard work on other Boards.

**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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Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 1/3/2024

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer