

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 1, 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, and Josh Prine answered roll call. Council Member Shawn Taylor was absent. Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones and Attorney Drew Eggers were also present.

Mayor Barnett opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll.

Councilor Todd Shuck offered an invocation and Mayor Barnett led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

Promoting Dennis Kight to Lieutenant – Deputy Chief Scott Summers called Officer Dennis Kight forward to receive his promotion.

Swearing in of new firefighters, Cole Rigsby & Luke Vanderveen - Fire Chief Joshua Snyder called firefighters Cole Rigsby and Luke Vanderveen forward for their swearing in.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the June 17, 2024 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 present Old Business by title only, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 24-13 additional appropriation for JCCF - Fire Dept Grant in the amount of \$5,000 - Fire Chief Joshua Snyder reviewed intent to use funds for Project LifeSaver. They will be training with it during the upcoming Johnson County Fair. Council President Austin made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-13 as presented, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 24-14 Additional Appropriation for EDC Fees for PAAC in the amount of \$40,000.00 – Clerk Treasurer Jan Jones briefly reviewed the information presented by Community Development Specialist Dana Monson last meeting. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-14 as presented, seconded by Councilor Shuck. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 24-15 Permission to spend 2024 Community Crossings Grant Part 1 in the amount of \$888,753.47 - Mayor Barnett briefly reviewed information from last meeting. Council President Austin made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-15 as presented, 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 present New Business by title only, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval of Budgetary Resolution 24-08 transfer to combine Blankenship Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,154 - Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones explained this combines two funds utilized for the same purpose – July 4th Festival & Fireworks. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-08 as presented, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval of Budgetary Resolution 24-09 transfer of three dormant funds into the General Fund in the amount of \$7,507.63 - Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones explained these funds have not been used since 2006, 2010, and the third was for a project no longer funded. These funds could be transferred to the General Fund and used for broader purposes. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-09 as presented, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Introduction of Budgetary Ordinance 24-16 to correct ARP Grant appropriation in the amount of \$5,270 - Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones explained this was a clerical error found at the end of 2022/beginning of 2023. Payment should have been made to Wessler Engineering from our ARPA money but the check had already been processed and cashed. Although this adjustment was made in Fund and money was transferred accordingly, this has caused the Clerk Treasurer's office to be off \$5,270.00 each month. Ordinance 24-16 allows correction for that.

Introduction of Budgetary Ordinance 24-17 additional appropriation into BOW Employee Insurance in the amount of \$1.1 million - Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones explained, Jeff Peters, City Financial Advisor, projects a 7.75% increase annually from 2024-2027. Additionally, he recommends the budgets include additional transfer amounts in 2025, 2026, and 2027 to address the current operating deficit of the group insurance fund.

Other Business

There was no other business

Council Comments

Councilor Price wished everyone a safe and enjoyable 4th of July weekend.

Councilor Austin thanked Attorney Eggers sitting in on the meetings tonight.

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,

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 07/03/2024

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer