

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Councilor Henderson offered an invocation, which was followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

Swearing in of a Probationary Police Officer – Police Chief O'Sullivan introduced Anjela Gipson as a new probationary police officer. Chief O'Sullivan proceeded with the swearing in of Ms. Gipson.

Mayor McGuinness asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include the nomination of the Economic Development Commission appointments. Council President Barnett made a motion to amend the agenda to include the EDC appointments, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the December 17, 2012 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read the two items of new business listed on the agenda by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Ordinance No.: 13-01 An Ordinance Authorizing the Clerk-Treasurer to Deposit, Invest, and Reinvest Funds in Local Financial Institutions Designated as Depositories – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated this is an administrative ordinance that should be submitted and adopted annually. By doing so the City ensures compliance with Indiana's Public

Depository Insurance Fund (PDIF) rules. A discussion was held. This ordinance will be presented for public hearing at the next regular meeting February 4, 2013

Budgetary Ordinance No.: 13-01 Repealing and Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 12-07 A Budgetary Ordinance Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Franklin for Year 2013 (Civil City)(As Amended before Adoption) – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander explained that paramedic pay was not authorized in the original salary ordinance for the Chief, Deputy Chief, Head Investigative Officer and Captains. This amendment corrects that omission. Mayor McGuinness stated that this was for introduction only tonight, and will be presented for public hearing at the February 4th meeting.

Mayor McGuinness stated that he had neglected to ask for Public Comments at the beginning of the meeting, and asked for public comments at this time. Resident Fran Leeper came forward and stated that the Lochry Schoolhouse intersection is in terrible condition, and asked when the repair would be completed. Mayor McGuinness explained that asphalt companies are closed in the winter but that the area will be repaired as soon as possible. Ms. Leeper asked if the city could put something over the holes in the area to help people who must travel there.

Other Business

Nominations for Council President & Vice President – Councilor Abban made a motion to nominate Steve Barnett for a second term as Council President. The motion was seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried. Councilor Abban made a motion to nominate Councilor Austin for Vice-President, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Commission and Board Appointments

i. **Nominations for the Redevelopment Commission - 2 Seats** - Council President Barnett made a motion to nominate Councilor Wertz, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried. Council President Barnett made a motion to nominate Councilor Henderson, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

ii. **Nominations for the Plan Commission - A City Council Member Appointed by the City Council** – Council President Barnett made a motion to nominate Councilor Abban, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

iii. **Nominations for the Telecommunications Council - 1 Seat** – Council President Barnett made a motion to nominate Matt Sprout, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

iv. **Nominations for the Fire Merit Commission - 1 Seat** – Council President Barnett made a motion to nominate Larry Tames, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members

stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

v. Nominations for the Police Merit Commission - 1 Seat – Council President Barnett made a motion to nominate Dr. John Shafer, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Nomination for Economic Development Commission – Councilor Austin made a motion to nominate Jake Sappenfield, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated that all newly appointed board and commission members need to contact her office to complete payroll paper work. She also stated that Oaths of Office need to be completed and turned in for the record as soon as possible.

2013 Budget Books - Bound Copies and Public Access through the Gateway - Clerk Treasurer Alexander provide printed copies of the 2013 budget to each Council member and reviewed the contents. She explained that all of the contents are available online on the State of Indiana Gateway site.

Snow Emergency Employee Pay Plan - Mayor McGuinness told the Council that he had made the decision to close all city offices on December 26th due to bad weather conditions. Since this decision was made by him, the Council needs to decide if the employees that were told to stay home will get paid for that day. A discussion was held. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve paying employees for the snow emergency day, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with 6 members stating Aye, and 1 member (Councilor Wertz) stating Nay. The motion carried. City Attorney Gray stated that the second issue is for employees that had taken this day off to burn up unused vacation or personal days; should they get another day off in compensation? A discussion was held. This matter will be brought back for discussion at the next regular meeting.

Council Comments

Councilor Henderson stated that the RDC will meet on the third Thursday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in 2013. He also stated that a “Notice to Proceed” had been sent to Runnebohm Construction for the construction of the shell building. Councilor Austin stated that there will be an EDC meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. Councilor Hougland stated that the December FDC meeting was cancelled.

Council President Barnett reminded the members that a meeting to discuss the City medical plan and employee benefits needs to be scheduled. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated that she had spoken to our broker Mr. John Auld about scheduling a joint BOW and Council meeting on a Saturday morning in March.

Councilor Henderson asked Parks Superintendent Chip Orner for an update on activity at the recreation center. Mr. Orner stated that the workout room expansion has started and that the wading pool underground infrastructure is almost completed. Mr. Orner stated that City Engineer Underhill has been invaluable with these projects. Mr. Orner also stated that they will start expanding the parking lot at the recreation center around April 1st. May 1st is the target for finish date for all projects except the pool

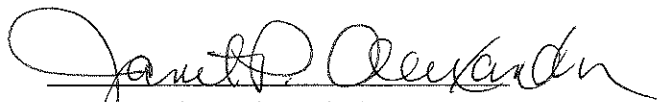
which is scheduled to be finished by May 15th. Mr. Orner stated that work in select park locations is also going on including the planned walking trail in Knollwood.

Councilor Austin stated that he appreciated the hard work of the Street Department employees during the snow emergency. Mayor McGuinness also thanked the Street Department, Police Department & Fire Department for their hard work during the snow emergency.

Adjournment

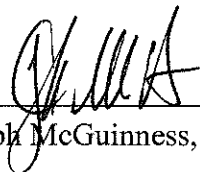
A motion and a second were made to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, February 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



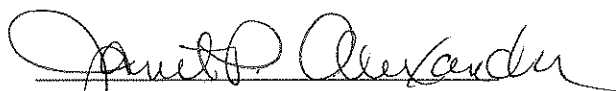
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 1/15/2013



Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:



Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer