

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 4, 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. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Sue Midkiff, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

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

Announcements , Public Comments & Presentations

Ms. Debbie Swinehamer came forward to speak on behalf of the Tree Board. Ms. Swinehamer requested additional funds to purchase street trees. A discussion was held. The Mayor stated that this should be placed on the April 1st meeting agenda.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the February 4, 2013 Common Council Minutes

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

Councilor Wertz asked about the joint meeting with the School Board. Mayor McGuinness stated that a date had not yet been set for this.

Old Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all items under Old Business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye, no members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.:13-02 An Additional Appropriation of Donations to the Active Adult Center - Unrestricted Supplies \$5,360.00 - Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud, and then explained that this money would be used to purchase supplies. The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. No one asked to speak. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye, no members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.:13-03 An Additional Appropriation Fire Capital 400 Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud and opened the floor for public comment. No one asked to speak. Mayor McGuinness stated that this additional appropriation authorizes the expense of the funds received from the sale of a truck to Bargersville Fire Department to be used to purchase water rescue equipment. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye, no members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 13-03 Fair Housing Ordinance – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud and opened the public hearing. No one asked to speak. City Attorney Gray stated that the proposed ordinance was introduced at the last meeting. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye, no members stating Nay. The motion carried.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all items under New Business by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye, no members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Introductions:

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 13-04 An Additional Appropriation Ordinance from General Fund 101 for Planning Department Code Compliance Official 118 in the amount of \$13,500.00 - Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. The Mayor explained that he wants to hire a full time Code Compliance Official. Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud and stated that this ordinance is presented for introduction only. This matter will be set for public hearing on March 18th.

Council President Barnett commented that he would like the future Compliance Official to review existing ordinances to make sure that they are being applied. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness stated that currently we only have a part time position. He agreed that there are ordinances in place but that many need to be updated.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 13-05 Repealing and Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 13-01 A Budgetary Ordinance Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Franklin, Indiana for Year 2013 - Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud and stated that this ordinance is presented for introduction only. This matter will be set for public hearing on March 18th.

Common Council Resolution No.: 13-04 A Resolution Setting Forth Final Action in Determining an Economic Revitalization Area and Confirming Resolution 13-03 of February 4, 2013 (EDC 2013-01: JM Stevens Enterprises, LLC) – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud and asked for public comments. No one asked to speak. Community Development Director Linke stated that this is the confirming resolution for J.M. Stevens Enterprises, LLC. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 13-06 Granting a Tax Abatement for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Climate Control, Inc. – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud, and asked for public comments. No one asked to speak. Community Development Director Linke came forward and stated that the EDC voted in favor of the request for a 10 year tax abatement at their February meeting. Mr. Bob Francis General Manager Administration of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries came forward and introduced Tetsuzo Ukai, President of Mitsubishi Climate Control America, Koji Matsumoto, General Manager of Mitsubishi Turbocharger Department, and Susan Cunningham, Mitsubishi Attorney. Mr. Matsumoto gave a presentation explaining the history of Mitsubishi and what they hope to accomplish in the future with this tax abatement. Mr. Francis give an overview of the plant as it is now, and how they hope it will be when the expansion takes place. Mr. Francis stated that they will purchase over 7 million dollars of equipment, and will hire eighty two people over the next two years. They are currently running three shifts at the Climate Control facility. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public comment. No one asked to speak. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye, no members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 13-07 Granting a Tax Abatement for Mitsubishi Engine North America, Inc. – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye, no members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Proposed Data Network Infrastructure Improvements - Frank Schumacher speaking on behalf of the City's Telecommunications Council came forward to explain the need for specific data network infrastructure improvements. Mr. Schumacher explained that our current system directs data traffic through the servers at City Hall which causes issues when many people try to download information connected to the internet. Mr. Schumacher explained that they are asking for permission to upgrade the

infrastructure to make it more efficient. DPW Superintendent Littleton stated that the commission wants to know whether the Council will support upgrading this system explaining that there is no capital outlay required but that there will be higher monthly costs upon completion. They estimate that the additional annual cost will be \$30,000.00 more per year. Council President Barnett made a motion to offer favorable approval, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye, no members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 13-09 A Resolution Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Franklin, Indiana and Johnson County, Indiana Relative to a Project Commonly Known as the "South Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project" – also known as Bridge "501". City Attorney Gray presented the resolution. A discussion was held. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye, no members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Other Business

Proposed Equipment Purchases - Local Road & Street Budget (LRS) – Mayor McGuinness presented the plan to purchase several pieces of equipment totaling \$135,477.25 for the Street Department from the LRS Fund. He stated that the funds are already appropriated in the budget. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating Aye, no members stating Nay. The motion carried.

2013 City of Franklin Budget Order – Mayor McGuinness explained that the DLGF issued the final budget order earlier this month and that it is provided to them for informational purposes only.

Council Comments

Councilor Abban reported that it would not be necessary to build a retention pond at the Parks department. City Attorney Gray stated that they were told by three engineers that it would be counterproductive due to the location to Young's Creek.

Councilor Henderson stated that the meeting to discuss employee medical benefits is set for Saturday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, and that the meeting is open to the public.

Council President Barnett stated that because no paving was completed last year we have additional money in the fund to pave a lot of streets this summer. He stated that they could request as much as one million dollars for paving projects.

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Mayor McGuinness stated that the RDC priority list is one they have been working on for the last year. Several of these projects are already underway, and others on the list are future projects that may or may not happen.

Councilor Henderson stated that the RDC appreciates the input received from the Council and BOW. He stated that their next meeting will be held March 21st at 8:00 a.m. and he thanked everyone that participated in the Shell Building open house hosted by the JCDC.

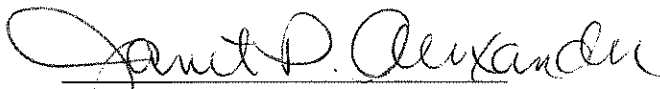
Councilor Houglund stated that the FDC audit report is completed. Councilor Houglund also stated that the FDC is moving ahead with the plan to trade the property they own on Main Street for property on Madison Street to donate to Franklin Heritage. He stated that there were no new loans or grants in January.

Councilor Wertz stated that he has heard several complaints from the public concerning the potholes in streets. Councilor Wertz also stated that he had visited the College Arts Cafe coffee shop, which was very nice.

Adjournment

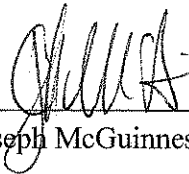
As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



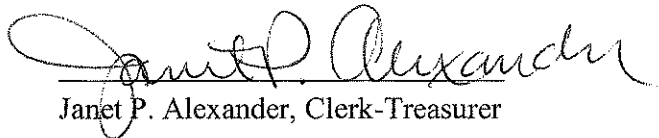
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 3/14/2013



Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:



Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer