

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 18, 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 Stephanie Shepherd, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Mayor McGuinness asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mr. Henderson offered an invocation, followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of Minutes of Meeting held 03-04-13

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented under the consent agenda, Councilor Abban offered a second. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye, and no members stating nay. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 13-06 - An Additional Appropriation Ordinance from Park & Recreation Fund 204 to Park & Recreation Services 204 001 300 in the amount of \$12,899.99 to Replace Recreation Center Roof - Council President Barnett made a motion to move Ordinance 13-06 to new business after item C, Seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye, no members stating nay. The motion carried.

Announcements & Presentations

Mayor McGuinness asked if anyone present had any announcement or presentations. No one spoke up.

Old Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all items listed 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.: 13-04 An Additional Appropriation Ordinance from General Fund 101 to Planning Department Code Compliance Official 118 in the amount of \$13,500.00 - Mayor McGuinness explained that due to the volume of work it is necessary to hire a full time code enforcement official. The proposed ordinance will increase the current funding to allow the Planning Department to hire a full time Code Compliance Officer. The annual salary proposal is \$30,000. 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 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 explained that the salary ordinance must be amended to include a full time position for the Code Compliance Officer. 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.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all items 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 Resolution No.: 13-10 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Climate Control - Comm. Dev. Director Linke presented a slide presentation, and stated that this was discussed at the EDC meeting, and they recommended a 7 year tax abatement with 5% Economic Development fee, it is a personal property investment in the amount of \$1.851 million dollars. Mr. Bob Francis General Manager of Administration, and Susan Cunningham Attorney for Mitsubishi were present to answer any questions that anyone might have. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public comments, no one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Councilor Austin 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.: 13-11 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Heartland Machine/One Amigo Realty (EDC 2013-05) - Comm. Dev. Director Linke presented the request for the creation of an Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) and granting real property tax abatement for a 20,000 sq. ft. building valued at \$800,000 located at 2850 North Graham Road. Ms. Linke introduced Mr. Tom Goin the President of Heartland Machine who was present. Ms. Linke stated that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) recommended a 10 year real property tax abatement along with a 2% Development Fee. A discussion was held. The City Attorney and the Clerk Treasurer pointed out that the intention of the resolution is to create an Economic Revitalization Area and provide for real property tax abatement. The resolution as presented does not authorize the establishment of an ERA. Councilor Abban made a motion to amend Common Council Resolution 13-11 to incorporate the phrase "and creating an Economic Revitalization Area," into the title, the motion was seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye, no members stating nay. The motion carried.

Council President Barnett made a motion to adopt Council Resolution 13-11 as amended, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye, no members stating nay. The motion carried. This matter will be advertised and set for a public hearing at the next regular meeting April 1, 2013.

Common Council Resolution No.: 13-13 Resolution Setting Forth Final Action in Determining an Economic Revitalization Area and Confirming Resolution 13-11 of March 18, 2013 (EDC 2013-05: Heartland Machine/One Amigo Realty) -

Council President Barnett made a motion to table Resolution 13-13 until the April 1st meeting, 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.: 13-12 - A Resolution Authorizing Cash Change Accounts for the Park and Recreation Department (And Repealing and Replacing Resolution 11-04) - Parks Superintendent Chip Orner stated that this resolution is needed to increase the amounts retained in the park's department cash change accounts which is the amount kept in the cash drawers. Mr. Orner stated that the Park Board supports this decision. A discussion was held. 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.: 13-06 - An Additional Appropriation Ordinance from Park & Recreation Fund 204 to Park & Recreation Services 204 001 300 in the amount of \$12,899.99 to Replace Recreation Center Roof - Parks Superintendent Chip Orner pointed out that the ordinance presented should read \$12,889.99. He explained that the requested additional appropriation is from funds received through an insurance settlement related to the installation of defective shingles. This money has been held in the park general fund but was earmarked for the eventual roof replacement. The ordinance is presented for introduction only and will be set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Orner updated the members on the renovations taking place in the parks and in the recreation center.

- The recreation center roof is 95 % complete
- The aquatic project is ahead of schedule The fitness center expansion is ahead of schedule
- Bathhouse renovations are ahead of schedule.
- The new concession stand is up.
- The parking lot expansion should begin tomorrow. (The lot will be closed off and on for 45 days)
- The Palmer Park playground was replaced
- The smaller Province Park playground has also been replaced

He also said that the entrance road into Province Park from Monroe Street to the Home Avenue bridge will be reconstructed by Duke Energy because of damage they caused while repairing a home on Home Avenue adjacent to the park. Also a commercial developer will be installing 15 acres of wetlands at Blue Herron Park at no cost to the City. He also reported that the trail in Knollwood Farms is progressing but that they have not acquired all of the land needed to complete the trail. He ended his report by reminding everyone that the facilities expansion will be completed by May 15th.

Update on Downtown Parking Project & Upcoming Street Closures - City Engineer Travis Underhill updated the members on the downtown parking projects and planned street closures including East and West Court Streets. The business owners on Court Street have been told about the planned closures starting the week of March 25th. He stated that there will be intermittent closures on East Court Street, as well as one lane closures on Jefferson Street for the installation of utility extensions. This is necessary so that the work can begin on both East and West Court.

He said that East Court St. will be open to all businesses over the Easter Weekend but that it will be closed starting Monday, April 1st to all vehicles for a period of 2 to 3 months, depending on the weather. West Court Street will begin once East Court Street is completed. At the same time, work will continue on the following parking lots: Water Street, Jackson Street, North Main Street, and Monroe Street. Mr. Underhill stated that he has created an e-mail chain to update impacted business owners as to the progress. Signs on Jefferson Street will list the open businesses. Sidewalks along Court Street will remain open for pedestrian traffic.

Pavement Preservation Program Discussion & Request for Feedback - City Engineer Underhill described his plan to implement a comprehensive road preservation program. He explained that the program is based on programs adopted in other Indiana communities. It includes annual paving of designated streets, the use of crack seal to maintain other roads, the selection of alternate overlay products to extend the useful life of existing roads. Mr. Underhill explained that the Town of Avon has such a program in place and has statistical evidence showing that they get 15 years out of a road that formerly would have lasted only 10. Mr. Underhill plans to visit Avon and other communities and prepare a report for the Council. Mayor McGuinness reported that INDOT intends to reconstruct Jefferson Street at a cost of about \$15 million but that it is not scheduled until 2016 / 2017. Mr. Underhill is working to expedite the process. A discussion was held.

Other Business

Krista Linke stated that there will be a public input meeting held on Monday March 25th from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed 10 year comprehensive plan.

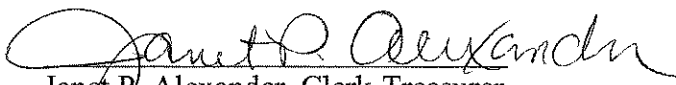
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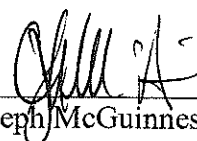
Councilor Henderson stated there will be an RDC meeting this Thursday, March 21st, to discuss the G.C. Murphy building, and to discuss a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Old City Hall. Councilor Hougland stated that construction had started on the Hazelett building, and that the next FDC meeting will be March 28th. Councilor Abban stated that there would be a Plan Commission meeting tomorrow night.

Adjournment

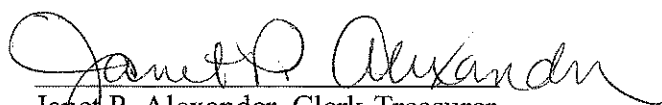
As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, A motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, April 1, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 03/28/2013


Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:


Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer