

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 6, 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. Mr. Wertz offered an invocation followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

None

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the April 15, 2013 Common Council Minutes
- Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 13-02 A Common Council Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of \$15,000.00 from Fire Capital Outlay 101 006 400 to Supplies 101 006 200 - Fire Chief Henderson

Mayor McGuinness explained Budgetary Resolution 13-02 to the Council. Council President Barnett stated that there was an amendment made to the minutes regarding Budgetary Ordinance 13-07, and read the amended minutes. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the minutes and Budgetary Resolution 13-02, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing(s)

Common Council Ordinance No.:13-04 - An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinance 05-24 Amending the Sale & Use of Fireworks - City Attorney Gray stated that the new ordinance was prepared to mirror the state statutes. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for a public hearing. No one asked to speak. 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. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.:13-08 - Reduction of Appropriations of Non-Tax

Supported Funds – Mayor McGuinness presented the proposed ordinance. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for a public hearing. No one asked to speak. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Tax Abatement Compliance Report for - C 2013-25: Trussway, Ltd. (Resolution 2005-13) –

Community Development Director Krista Linke came forward and explained this abatement. Ms. Linke stated that this abatement was for real property only, no jobs. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A poll vote was taken with Council President Barnett, Councilor Abban, & Councilor Ault, voting nay. Councilor Austin, Councilor Henderson, Councilor Hougland, & Councilor Wertz voting aye. The motion carried four (4) to three (3).

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all new business items by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Introductions

Common Council Ordinance No.: 13-06 An Ordinance Approving Vacating Right-of-Way Within the City of Franklin, Indiana Between Lots 93, 94, & 99 of Hamilton & Oyler's Addition - Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated that this petition for an alley vacation was heard at the April 15th Board of Works meeting, and was forwarded with a favorable recommendation to Council. This ordinance is presented for introduction only tonight.

Other Business

Request to Create Civilian Position for Training Coordinator - Police Chief Tim O'Sullivan came forward and explained that he would like to add a civilian position in his department to serve as a full time training coordinator. Chief O'Sullivan stated that he would like to fill this position with a retiring police officer. He summarized the variety of duties this position would be responsible for including training coordinator, running the field training officer program, school resource officer, training simulator, and would also work in the records division. Chief O'Sullivan stated that a civilian training officer is more cost effective at an annual salary of \$30,000.00 vs. \$50,000 per year for a merit police officer. A discussion was held. No action was taken.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Wertz stated that there would be an RDC meeting on the 16th at 8:00 a.m. He also stated that he did not realize until the last meeting that the Tree Board members are not compensated. He said that he would like to bring this back for discussion at the next meeting. Councilor Wertz also stated that he has concerns about the US 31 corridor from Jefferson St. to Commerce. He explained that there is no safe way for pedestrians to cross this road.

Council President Barnett stated that he would like overhead utilities (cable, electric, phone) moved underground. He stated that he would like City Attorney Gray to learn how other cities have accomplished this. Mayor McGuinness stated that the contractors are burying utilities in the downtown corridor and that all new construction requires utilities placed underground. He said that he met with Duke Energy to discuss burying the lines and learned that it could cost a million dollars a mile to have this done with the existing utilities. A discussion was held.

Councilor Henderson stated that at the next RDC meeting they will be opening requests for proposals received for 55 W. Madison Street "Old City Hall".

Councilor Hougland stated that the FDC has not met since he last reported.

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 7:25 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 05/15/2013

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer