

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 15, 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. Payroll Coordinator Stephanie Shepherd, 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. Henderson offered an invocation, which was followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the July 1, 2013 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

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

Public Hearing

Common Council Ordinance No.: 13-09 An Ordinance Approving Resolution No.: 13-07 of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property to IBD (Industrial: Business Development) (To be known as the RSW Development Rezoning Commitment Modification 2013) - Senior Planner Joanna Myers came forward and stated that this matter was advertised and is ready for public hearing. Mayor McGuinness opened the public hearing. He asked if anyone present wished to speak for or against the ordinance. However no one asked to speak. The Mayor closed the public hearing. A discussion was held. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

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

Introductions

Common Council Resolution No.: 13-16 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Nitrex, Inc. (Amending Resolution No.: 11-02) - Community Development Director Linke & Michael Rodman Nitrex Business Manager – Ms. Linke explained that this request for an amendment to their previous personal property tax abatement was reviewed and approved by the EDC by a vote of 4-1. Nitrex, Inc. is requesting an increase in the amount of machinery purchased to 6.3 million dollars, with a completion date of December 31, 2014. They plan to retain 25 employees and add 12 additional new employees. 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. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 13-18 A Resolution Establishing an Economic Revitalization Area and Granting Tax Abatement for NSK Precision America, Inc. (EDC 2013-07) - Community Development Director Linke – Ms. Linke stated that this request for an ERA and a tax abatement was reviewed and approved by the EDC by a vote of 4-1. NSK Precision America has requested a 10 year tax abatement on personal property and they have agreed to include the voluntary 5% Economic Development Fee. They plan to make a 10.2 million dollar investment and to hire 28 new employees. A discussion was held. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 13-20 A Resolution Establishing an Economic Revitalization Area and Granting Tax Abatement for NSK Corporation (EDC 2013-08) - Community Development Director Linke – Ms. Linke stated that this request for an ERA and a tax abatement was reviewed and approved by the EDC by a vote of 4-1. They have requested a 10 year tax abatement on personal property including a 5% Economic Development Fee. In addition they will hire 18 current contract employees as regular fulltime employees. 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 Resolution No.: 13-23 A Resolution Waiving Non-Compliance with Respect to Rexam Consumer Plastics Inc.'s Tax Abatement Compliance Requirements - Community Development Director Linke – Ms. Linke stated that she had received a letter from Bald Eagle C.I. the company that files the taxes for Rexam Consumer Plastics. Due to a lack of communication between Rexam and Bald Eagle C.I. they filed the personal property taxes without attaching the abatements for the years ending March 2011 and March 2012. They are requesting that the City of Franklin waive the non-compliance so they can amend these two tax returns. 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.: 13-10 An Additional Appropriation from Blake Dickus Memorial Tipline Fund 450 to Tipline Services 450 001 300 - Mayor McGuinness stated that ordinance is being presented for introduction and that it will be brought back for consideration and approval during the August 5th meeting.

IHCDA Housing Repair Grant Administration and Program Delivery Program - Community Development Specialist Oliver – Ms. Oliver stated that this matter was advertised and the specifications were sent to several prospective companies for quotes but only one response was

received. City Attorney Gray opened, and read the proposal for IHCDA Housing Repair Grant Administration and Program Delivery Program from Kenna Consulting Management Group:

Administration	\$19,000
Program Delivery	\$46,000
Environmental Review	\$ 5,000
Lead Base Paint Labs	<u>\$ 4,600</u>
Total	\$74,600

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.

Other Business

Mayor McGuinness stated that he and the Council need to begin the budget planning process. The Mayor stated that he will meet with department heads individually in the coming week and asked for suggestions from Council on how they would like to move forward. Mayor McGuinness stated he thought they should plan to hold a budget workshop in August. A discussion was held.

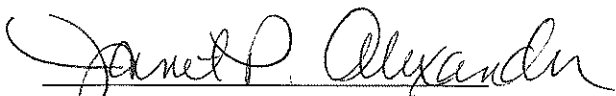
Council Member Comments

There were no comments.

Adjournment

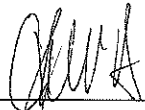
A motion and a second were made to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, August 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



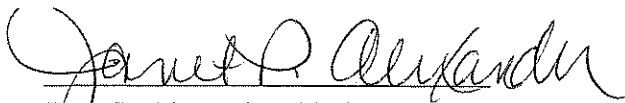
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 7/24/2013



Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:



Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer