

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 19, 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, and 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 August 5, 2013 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. The motion carried.

Old Business

Public Hearings

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.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 13-10 An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 01-30 (The City's Taxicab Ordinance) and Establishing New Regulations for Same – Mayor McGuinness read the title and opened the floor for Public Hearing. No one asked to speak. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated that the owner of Super Yellow Cab had contacted her with a request that she ask the Council to consider mirroring our ordinance's insurance requirement to other surrounding cities. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to amend the taxi ordinance to require \$100,000 of coverage, and signage to be posted in each vehicle, his motion was seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Council President Barnett made a motion to pass the amended ordinance, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 13-12 An Additional Appropriation for \$2,925.00 Grants/Police Fund 230-001-200 – Mayor McGuinness read the title and opened the floor for a public hearing on the request to spend the donation from Drug Free Johnson County. 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. The motion carried.

New Business

Interlocal Agreement between Johnson County & City of Franklin - PSAP Consolidation - Mayor McGuinness presented the Interlocal Agreement approved by the Johnson County Commissioners on August 12, 2013. The Mayor reminded the members that the legislature mandated that all Indiana Counties consolidate dispatch services by January 1, 2014. He told them that the Board of Public Works and Safety approved the agreement at their meeting earlier today. The Mayor also explained that the agreement acknowledges that the City of Franklin's property tax levy will be reduced because of the consolidation. He stated that the agreement requires the approval of the Council and must be signed by both the Mayor and the Council President. A discussion was held. 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.

Common Council Resolution No.: 13-24 Granting a Tax Abatement to CTCO4, LLC - Community Development Director Linke explained that a real estate company that owns the property on NW Commerce Parkway and Arvin Drive which is approximately 6 acres. They have proposed an 11,900 sq. ft. warehouse type facility where Hillcroft Services will locate. They are currently operating out of at 400 N. Forsythe Street. They have sixty-five employees with a payroll just over a million dollars. They plan to create one additional position with a \$30,000 salary. The EDC recommended a five (5) year tax abatement on real property with a 5% Economic Development Fee. A discussion was held. 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.

City Council Appointment to the Franklin Development Corporation Board - Community Development Director Linke speaking on behalf of the FDC Board told the Council that they have one appointment to the FDC Board. Council President Barnett stated that Councilor Hougland has resigned. Council President Barnett asked Councilor Hougland if he would care to serve as the Council representative. Councilor Hougland declined. Council President Barnett asked if any other members would like to serve on the FDC Board. No one answered. Council President Barnett nominated Ms. Lisa Jones, Vice-President & Loan Officer of Mutual Bank. There were no other nominations. Councilor Abban seconded her nomination. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request for a City Ordinance Allowing Backyard Chickens – Resident Kathy Thomas of 667 Graham Street came forward and gave a presentation regarding the benefit of backyard chickens. Ms. Thomas asked the Council to consider adopting rules allowing residents to have backyard chickens. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett asked Ms. Thomas to get a petition with signatures of people that would be for backyard chickens and return with it to the council.

Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 13-05 Transfer \$5,391.00 from Rainy Day EIP 246 001 149 to Rainy Day Services 246 001 300 - Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated that the Police Department had expended funds from their budget to cover their deductible for hail damage. She requested that the Council authorize paying the deductibles from the Rainy Day Fund. 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 Resolution No.: 13-06 A Request to Transfer Funds from Cemetery Trust Fund 200 to 300 for Window Replacement in Mausoleum - Parks Superintendent Orner explained that \$4,200 will be used to replace windows in the mausoleum that have been broken by vandals. 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

There was no other business presented.

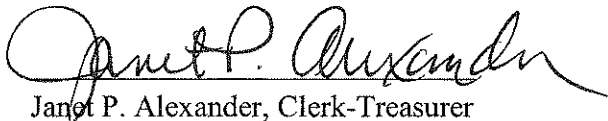
Council Member Comments

Council President Barnett reminded the Council that there would be a special Budget workshop meeting on Monday, August 26th at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Adjournment

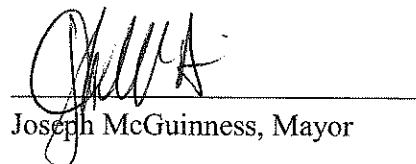
A motion and a second were made to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, September 16, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 9/12/2013


Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:



Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer