

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 21, 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, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Clerk Treasurer Assistant Kristi Bruther, Payroll Clerk Stephanie Shepherd, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Steve Hougland was absent.

Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

No one requested to speak

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the October 7, 2013 Common Council Minutes

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

Old Business

Common Council Resolution No.: 13-26 A Resolution Adopting a Fiscal Plan of Services for the Annexation of Certain Territory (To be known as Creekside Annexation 1) Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin made a motion to read by title only. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Mayor McGuinness read Common Council Resolution 13-26 by title only. Senior Planner Myers appeared before the Council to answer questions. Councilor Austin, seconded by Councilor Abban, made a motion to approve and to authorize the Mayor to sign. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearings

Common Council Ordinance No.: 13-12 An Ordinance Approving a Resolution of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, and Annexing Certain Property Contiguous to the Franklin Corporate Limits (to be known as Creekside Annexation 1) Council President Barnett, seconded by Mr. Wertz, made a motion to read by title only. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Mayor McGuinness read Common Council Ordinance 13-12 by title only. Attorney Roger Young appeared before the Council on behalf of the Franklin Community School Corporation and offered to answer any questions. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public hearing. No one requested to speak. The public hearing was closed. The adoption hearing is scheduled for November 4, 2013.

2014 Budget Adoption – (Public Hearing Held October 7, 2013)

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

Budget Form 1s

Mayor McGuinness presented and reviewed the proposed 2014 Budget Form 1's to the Council members who received hardcopies. The Budget Form 1's included three percent raises and the original operating budget presented by the Mayor on October 7, 2013. Mayor McGuinness stated that the 200, 300 and 400 line items are sufficient and should not be changed. He addressed 100 line items (salaries) and stated that the 3% raises are fiscally responsible but he understands that some council members have another opinion and is willing to entertain a 4% raise with a 20% increase in insurance premiums.. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public comments. No one requested to speak. A discussion was held. Consensus was developed along the lines of 4% raises and 15% increase in insurance premiums. Mayor McGuinness presented an amended budget allowing for an additional one percent salary increase of salaries that were not in excess of 4%, and a 15% increase in insurance premiums. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Wertz, made a motion to approve the amended budget presented by the Mayor that raised presented salaries by one percent unless the proposed salary was already allowed in excess of 4%, or was a new position. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Wertz, made a motion to increase insurance premiums by 15%. A voice vote was taken with five members stating aye, and one member (Councilor Abban) stating nay. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 13-13 - Civil City Salary Ordinance

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to read by title only. The motion carried. Mayor McGuinness read Common Council Budgetary Ordinance 13-13 by title only. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public comments. No one requested to speak. The public hearing was closed. Councilor Wertz, seconded by Council President Barnett, made a motion to approve the amended Common Council Budgetary Ordinance 13-13 according to the salary

changes authorized on the Budget Form 1's. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 13-14 - Sewer Utility Salary Ordinance

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to read by title only. The motion carried. Mayor McGuinness read Common Council Budgetary Ordinance 13-14 by title only. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public comments. No one requested to speak. The public hearing was closed. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to approve the amended Common Council Budgetary Ordinance 13-14 according to the salary changes authorized on the Budget Form 1's. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 13-15 - Elected Officials Salary Ordinance

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Henderson, made a motion to read by title only. Mayor McGuinness read Common Council Budgetary Ordinance 13-15 by title only. Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Henderson, made a motion to approve the amended Common Council Budgetary Ordinance 13-15 according to the salary changes authorized on the Budget Form 1's. A voice vote was taken with five members stating aye, and one member (Councilor Ault) stating nay. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 13-16 - Budget Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2014

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Austin, made a motion to read by title only. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Mayor McGuinness read Common Council Budgetary Ordinance 13-16 by title only. Clerk-Treasurer Janet Alexander stated that the document included in the agenda has been amended and read the amendments for the record:

General Fund \$13,476,277

MVH \$1,740,701

Parks and Recreation \$1,475,128

Council President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Wertz, made a motion to adopt the 2014 budget as amended with cited numbers from Clerk Treasurer Alexander. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 13-10 Transferring Money from Rainy Day EIP to Rainy Day Capital Outlay for LPG Conversions in the amount of \$30,000.00

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President Barnett, seconded by Councilor Henderson made a motion to approve Common Council Budgetary Resolution 13-10. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Council Member Comments

Mr. Barnett requested that the Mayor inquire about a consultant in the preparation and review of salaries for the 2015 budget.

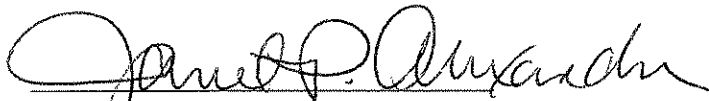
Other Business

John Wales announced and invited the City and General public to an event on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center of Franklin College to discuss the Save a Life Campaign.

Adjournment

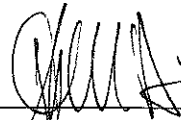
A motion and a second were made to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, November 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



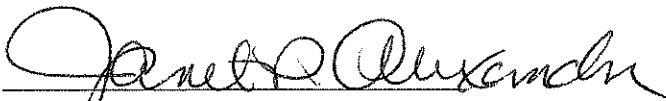
Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

Enrolled: 10/29/2013



Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:



Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer