

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2014**

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, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Assistant Stephanie Shepherd, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council Member Joseph Ault was absent.

Mayor McGuinness led everyone in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

Swearing In New Police Officers - Police Chief O'Sullivan introduced three Probationary Officers: Joseph Parsley, Jeffrey Merritt, and Jeffrey Dawe. Following the introduction Mayor McGuinness administered the oath to each officer.

Awarding Police Commendation Medal to Sgt. John Borges; Awarding Meritorious Conduct Medal to Sgt. Richard Whittaker – Police Chief O'Sullivan read two award letters addressed to Sergeant John Borges and to Sergeant Richard Whittaker dated January 8, 2014 aloud.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the January 6, 2014 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

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. The motion carried.

Public Hearing(s)

Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-01 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 2) - School Board Attorney Roger Young presented the proposed annexation. Mayor McGuinness opened the public hearing. No one asked to speak. A discussion was held. This item will be placed on the next agenda for adoption.

Common Council Resolution No.: 14-02 A Resolution Adopting a Fiscal Plan of Services for the Annexation of Certain Territory (To be known as Creekside Annexation 2) - Senior Planner Myers came forward and presented the proposed resolution requesting that it be approved tonight. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness opened the public hearing. 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.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-02 A Budgetary Ordinance for an Additional Appropriation to CDBG Flood Buy-Out Fund 243 in the amount of \$62,500.00 – Senior Planner Myers presented the proposed appropriation ordinance. Mayor McGuinness opened the 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.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-03 An Additional Appropriation Disaster Relief FEMA Buy-Out Fund 260- Services 260-060-300 in the amount of \$187,500.00 – Senior Planner Myers presented the proposed appropriation ordinance. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Henderson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-04 An Additional Appropriation for Donation-Kuji Relief-Fund 217-Supplies-217-012-200 in the amount of \$3,286.00 – Mayor McGuinness explained this ordinance, and opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

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

Common Council Resolution No.: 14-03 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Rexam Consumer Plastics, Inc. (Amending Resolution Numbers: 2010-05, 2010-06, & 2012-08) -

Community Development Director Linke introduced Tom Sislow representing Rexam Consumer Plastics, Inc. Ms. Linke & Mr. Sislow gave an overview of the requested amendments to the proposed tax abatement. A discussion was held. Councilor Austin stated that this had been forwarded with a favorable recommendation by the EDC. 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.

FDC Funding – FDC President John Ditmars came forward and reviewed information shared with the Council at their last meeting about the request for \$50,000.00 for operating expenses and the planned uses of the funds. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to fund the FDC in the amount of \$50,000, with funding from the Rainy Day Fund from the Professional Services line item, subject to the Board of Works entering into a written agreement with the FDC for administering the funding and paying the claims upon a properly submitted invoice to the Board of Works. This motion was seconded by Councilor Hougland. A voice vote was taken with Councilors Barnett; Abban, Austin, Henderson, and Hougland stating aye, and Councilor Wertz stating nay. The motion carried by a vote of 5 to 1.

Other Business

Request to Void Two Year Old Checks Outstanding & Unpaid – Mayor McGuinness presented the list of two year old outstanding checks that need to be voided. 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.

2013 Encumbrances – Mayor McGuinness read the memo that was given to Council by Clerk-Treasurer Alexander concerning 2013 budget encumbrances. 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.

Council Comments

Council President Barnett summarized Board of Works discussion items from the meeting held earlier in the evening.

Councilor Abban asked if the street sign project was completed because he had received questions concerning deaf child signs that had not been replaced in Knollwood. Mayor McGuinness stated that this project had been extended due to bad weather.

Councilor Wertz would like to thank the Street Department for an outstanding job. He stated that he has spoken with many residents who have been very happy with the job the Street Department has done on keeping the streets clear despite the heavy snow falls.

Councilor Henderson told the Council that the Redevelopment Commission had received a request from the Franklin School Corporation for a grant of \$500,000.00 to purchase tablets for school children and asked the members for their opinion. A discussion was held. Councilor Henderson stated that he would share the Council's thoughts with the Redevelopment Commission at their next meeting.

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 held Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 2-24-14

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer