

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 5, 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 Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer's assistant Stephanie Shepherd, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council members Joseph Ault and Joseph Abban were absent.

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

Announcements & Presentations

Mayor McGuinness introduced Franklin resident and Park Board member Debbie Gill. He explained that Ms. Gill recently approached him regarding reports of food shortages at the local food bank. Ms. Gill presented the outline of her plan to involve local businesses in collecting donations for the food banks. Several individuals have already volunteered to collect filled totes from the businesses from May to September. Ms. Gill explained that she wanted to present this as a City wide project and asked the City Council for an endorsement. A discussion was held. A motion was made by Councilor Hougland to endorse this project, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the April 21, 2014 Common Council Minutes

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

Old Business

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

Mayor McGuinness read the title of the proposed ordinance **Common Council Ordinance No.: 14-05 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 Custer Baker Annexation)** Attorney Roger Young was present representing the Franklin School Corporation. He explained that the school corporation wants this property to be annexed into the City limits. The proposed ordinance is offered for introduction tonight. The mayor asked for public comments. No one

asked to speak. The mayor stated that this ordinance will be on the Common Council May 19, 2014 agenda for final action.

At the conclusion of this discussion Mayor McGuinness made a motion to move item #3 on the agenda concerning the proposed fiscal plan for the annexation up to item #2; this motion was seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Attorney Roger Young came forward representing Franklin School Corporation, and stated that **Common Council Resolution No.: 14-06 A Resolution Adopting a Fiscal Plan of Services for the Annexation of Certain Territory (To be known as Custer Baker Annexation)** was introduced during the April 21st meeting. Mayor McGuinness stated that this is a public hearing and asked if anyone wished to comment. No one asked to speak. A council discussion was held. 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.

Mayor McGuinness stated that **Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-05 An Additional Appropriation of Money from Fire Medic Fund 425 to Supplies 425-001-200 in the amount of \$68,534.15** was introduced at the April 21 meeting, and 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.

New Business

Tax Abatement Compliance Reports - Community Development Director Linke stated this was the third and final group of tax abatement compliance reports. Ms. Linke stated all had been reviewed by the Economic Development Commission (EDC). The EDC found all of the tax abatement compliance reports to be in substantial compliance and forwarded them to the City Council with favorable recommendations.

- C 2014-02 Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. (Resolution Number 2008-17)
- C 2014-26 Precision Cutoff of Indiana, LLC (Resolution Number 2008-09)
- C 2014-27 Franklin Tech Park Associates (Resolution Number 2004-05)
- C 2014-28 Nitrex, Inc. (Resolution Numbers 2011-02 & 2013-16)
- C 2014-34 GROK Enterprises (Resolution Number 2011-02)
- C 2014-29 Electro-Spec (Resolution Numbers 2008-04 & 2010-13)
- C 2014-31 Electro-Spec (Resolution Number 2012-07)
- C 2014-32 Indiana Hydraulic Equipment (Resolution Number 2006-08)
- C 2014-33 Holbrook Manufacturing (Resolution 2007-12)
- C 2014-35 Superior Essex (Resolution Number 2005-20)
- C 2014-36 NSK Corporation (Resolution Number 2005-18)
- C 2014-37 NSK Corporation (Resolution Number 2013-20)
- C 2014-38 NSK Corporation (Resolution Numbers 2010-19 & 2013-02)
- C 2014-39 NSK Precision America (Resolution Number 2005-10)

- C 2014-40 NSK Precision America (Resolution Number 13-18)

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.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor Austin asked about plans to repave parts of Jefferson Street (formerly State Road 44). Mayor McGuinness stated that the 2013 paving project is not complete and that a change order authorized by the Board of Works includes repairs to one section of Jefferson Street between Walnut St. and U.S. Highway 31. He also stated that the 2014 paving program including sections of Jefferson Street will be put out for bids as of the first of June.

Councilor Wertz stated that the RDC will meet May 20 at 8:00 a.m.

City Attorney Gray stated the United States Supreme Court has ruled that it is constitutional to have prayer at public meetings with two provisions; it must make a good faith effort at inclusion and does not denigrate non Christian religions nor advocate a particular religion.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, May 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 05-16-14

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

