

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 7, 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, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Stephanie Shepherd, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

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

Mr. Steve Garbacz a reporter with the Daily Journal made an announcement and invited the members, their family and friends to a special event hosted by the Daily Journal this coming Friday July 11. The “Journal” is holding a Street Party to celebrate their move to downtown Franklin. The Street Party will begin at 6:00pm with a live band, Flatbed Twitch playing 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm on East Court Street. They will also have several food trucks, a bounce house, face painting and a beer and wine garden. He stated that everyone in the community is invited to attend

Mr. Marty Williams the President of Discover Downtown Franklin thanked the City for their participation in the annual Smoke on the Square BBQ competition.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the June 16, 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. No members stating Nay. The motion carried.

Old Business

Council President Steve Barnett made a motion to read all matters listed under old business 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 Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-07 An Additional Appropriation from Drug Free Johnson Grant Fund to Supplies 230-003-200 in the amount of \$320.36, and to Services 230-003-300 in the amount of \$1,079.64 Mayor McGuinness stated that this ordinance has previously been approved by the Council but because the public hearing was not advertised 10 days prior to the public hearing the matter was re-advertised and set for public hearing tonight. Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud and opened the floor for 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.: 14-08 An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Budgetary Ordinance 13-13 Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of The City of Franklin, Indiana for Year 2014 (Civil City) Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud and opened the floor for 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

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

Introductions

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 14-09 A Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing an Additional Appropriation of \$486,964 for the 2014 (Street) Maintenance Improvement Project Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Engineer Travis Underhill presented the members with a

spreadsheet prepared in 2013 that outlined his five year street maintenance program plan including estimated costs for paving, crack sealing, and asphalt treatment. He explained that the MVH & LRS appropriations are nearly sufficient to pay for this year's citywide paving project but would not be for the planned crack sealing and rejuvenate program. He thought it would be simpler to appropriate the specific amount needed for the paving project and use the existing appropriations for the other road maintenance expenses. A discussion was held. A discussion was held. Introduced. Set for public hearing July 21, 2014.

Approval of Ordinance 2014-10: Amending Parking Standards & Permanent Signs Standards of the Zoning Ordinance

Senior Planner Joanna Myers explained that the Plan Commission voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the existing ordinance. One amendment allows electronic message boards to use full color animation per frame. Further, it modernizes parking standards by increasing the maximum height and width. She explained that the changes were requested by the members of the Plan Commission. She also explained that because the Plan Commission had held a public hearing on the matter and because it was unanimously endorsed the law allows the Common Council to adopt this type of ordinance on the same day it is introduced. A discussion was held. Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud and opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. The public hearing was closed. 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

No other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor Abban said that he encouraged the Park Superintendent to get with the property owner and with Johnson County officials on the plan to expand the trail to the Knollwood Farms Subdivision.

Councilor Austin congratulated Marty Williams of DDF saying that he attended "Smoke on the Square", and believes that it was a very successful event. Mr. Williams agreed. Mr. Austin also stated that the

next regular Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting would be held July 8, 2014 at 8:00 am

Councilor Wertz stated that a special meeting of the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting will be Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 8:00 am and the next regular meeting will be held July 22 at 8:00 am

Council President Barnett reported that during the Board of Public Works meeting the Street Commission and the City Engineer discussed their plan to begin evaluating the condition of city alleyways to begin planning for their repair and future maintenance.

Councilor Henderson asked about the expansion of Blue Herron Park's wetland area. The Mayor explained that a Greenwood developer under conditions established by IDEM was required to replace wetlands lost or impacted due to a development project within the watershed. This is taking place at no cost to the city.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 7/18/14

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer