

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2015

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Dr. William T. Murphy and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Stephen Hougland was absent.

Councilor Murphy offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

There were no announcements or presentations.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2015
2. Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 15-04 Authorizing a Transfer from Fire Department 200 Supplies to 300 Services
3. Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 15-05 Authorizing a Transfer from Clerk-Treasurer 300 Services to 200 Supplies
4. Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 15-06 Authorizing a Transfer from Fire Department 400 Capital to Fire Department 300 Services

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

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

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

Request to Apply for FEMA Grant for SCBA Equipment - Fire Chief Dan McElyea came forward and explained that he wants to apply for a grant which would pay for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus equipment (SCBA) that needs to be replaced in 2019 for the Fire Department. The Chief stated that the grant is for \$250,000 and that it requires a 10% match of the grant amount. A discussion was held. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Ault. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Update on Abandoned & Blighted Tax Delinquent Property and Request to Work with Johnson County Commissioners & Auditor to Acquire Six (6) Delinquent Properties at No Cost to the City of Franklin - Community Development Specialist Rhoni Oliver asked for the Council's consent to work with the county commissioners, the city attorney, and the Mayor to move forward on acquiring specific properties that have been identified as abandoned & blighted. A discussion was held and a request made asking the City Attorney Gray to prepare a resolution for the Council to authorize the acquisition of these properties.

Council Comments

There were no council comments.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 11/09/15

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer