

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2016**

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. Council members, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Andrew Eggers, Keith Fox and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council members Stephen Barnett and Joseph Abban were absent.

Councilor Wertz offered an invocation. 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

Awarding of the Police Shield Medal to Sergeant Justin Stall - Police Chief Tim O'Sullivan stated that he had promoted Justin Stall to Sergeant as of January 5, 2016. Chief O'Sullivan read a letter of commendation to Sergeant Stall.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the January 4, 2016 Common Council Minutes

Councilor Austin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with amendments, seconded by Councilor Eggers. 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 Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Common Council Ordinance No.: 15-15 A Replacement Ordinance Establishing and Replacing an Equitable Impact Fee for the Purpose of Planning and Financing Park and Recreational Infrastructure to Serve New Development in the City of Franklin, Indiana - Parks Superintendent Chip Orner stated that this was introduced at the previous meeting, and is ready to be approved. City Attorney Gray stated that this will be adopted in six (6) months which will coincide with when the existing fee expires. Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for

public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Wertz made motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

There was no new business presented.

Other Business

Encumbrances Carried Over Into 2016 – Mayor McGuinness stated that this was a housekeeping issue for items that did not get paid in 2015 that are carried over for payment in 2016. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Mayor McGuinness gave an overview of funds at the end of 2015.

Council Comments

Councilor Wertz stated that the next Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting would be January 19th at 8:00 am here in Council Chambers.

Council Austin stated that there would be an Economic Development Committee (EDC) meeting tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.

Councilor Eggers congratulated Mayor McGuinness, and Communications Director Angie Longtin for their time and effort in representing the city to our sister city of Kuji when they were in town.

Clerk-Treasurer Rhoades stated that she had received a memo from Stephanie Sighting of Johnson County Emergency Management asking for updated contact information for council members. Ms. Rhoades also thanked everyone for the nice welcome since she had taken office.

Councilor Wertz thanked the city employees for doing a good job on snow removal.

Mayor McGuinness stated that this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson County Extension Office there would be a special meeting with the County Commissioners talking about their wish to build a new correctional facility. This facility is being planned behind a neighborhood along Hospital Rd. and Drake Rd., and would need to come before the city. The Mayor would like to encourage the public to attend this meeting.

Mr. Ault asked about a new fire truck, and where that stood, and how the current apparatus is now? City Attorney Gray stated that they had been working on this project, as she had received several pages of specs from Fire Chief McElyea. Mayor McGuinness stated that he is looking at potential funding ideas, and going to the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) in the future to try

to avoid bonding. Fire Chief McElyea came forward, and stated that they had formed a committee looking at rebuilding the current apparatus, and decided to work on specs for purchasing a new truck. The Chief stated that it is their idea to replace the frontline truck, as the current one is about 16 years old.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 01/14/16

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer