

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 19, 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, Stephen Barnett, 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 member Joseph Abban was absent.

Councilor Austin 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.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the December 5, 2016 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Eggers. 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.

Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 16-11 A Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from Fund 260 Disaster Relief to Fund 246 Rainy Day in the amount of \$384,571.97 - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades explained that this was to transfer money from the Disaster Relief Fund which was used to purchase buyout property. Clerk-Treasurer Rhoades stated that since this project is complete we would like to transfer this money to the Rainy Day Fund. A 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.

Common Council Resolution 16-21 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Tube Forming Systems dba Overton Industries – Community Development Director Krista Linke stated that this request was approved by the Economic Development Commission for a period of 10 years for real property and 7 years for personal property. A discussion was held. 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.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Mayor McGuinness stated that the Council has the following board & commission appointments that need to be taken care of: Board of Zoning & Appeals (BZA) Phil Barrow expires 12/31/16; Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Keith Fox & Richard Wertz expires 12/31/16; Plan Commission Joe Abban expires 12/31/16; Fire Merit Commission Joe Kelly expires 1/31/17; Police Merit Commission Dr. John Schafer expires 1/31/17; Economic Development Commission (EDC) Jake Sappenfield expires 2/1/17. Council President Barnett made a motion to reappoint Phil Barrow to the BZA, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Council President Barnett made a motion to reappoint Keith Fox & Richard Wertz to the RDC, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Councilor Wertz stated the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) has a meeting at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow, one item on the agenda is 55 W. Madison St., and discussing a request for approving money for a building façade at 89 E. Jefferson Street, Frechette Eye Center.

City Attorney Gray reported on the Duke Energy lawsuit, and stated that the court of appeals affirmed the trial court decision which was in our favor. Ms. Gray stated they have thirty days if they want to appeal this decision.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 12/29/16

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer