

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2017**

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

Councilor Wertz offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked Clerk-Treasurer Rhoades to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the December 19, 2016 Common Council Minutes

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

Mayor McGuinness opened the floor for Election of Common Council President & Vice-President. Councilor Abban made a motion to nominate Councilor Barnett Council President, this was seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Councilor Eggers made a motion to nominate Councilor Fox for Vice-President, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Mayor McGuinness turned the meeting over to Council President Barnett, and thanked everyone for his time in office. Mayor McGuinness stated this was the hardest decision he has ever had to make but he is ready to move forward as INDOT Commissioner for the state of Indiana, and would like to wish everyone the best.

City Attorney Lynn Gray swore in Council President Steve Barnett to serve as Interim Mayor until the next Mayor is selected.

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

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

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-01 An Additional Appropriation from the General Fund, the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund, the Parks & Recreation Fund, and the Ath. and Recreation Fund for Additional Salaries for 2017 per Amended Salary Ordinance No.: 16-17 – Interim Mayor Barnett read the title, and explained the ordinance. City Attorney Gray stated this was for introduction only tonight, and will be brought back at the first meeting in February.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-02 Repealing & Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-17 Fixing & Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers & Employees for Year 2017 (Civil City) – Interim Mayor Barnett read the title. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this was for appropriating money to cover salary increases that were approved in 2016. Ms. Rhoades stated this was for introduction only tonight, and will be brought back in February.

Other Business

City Council Appointment to Plan Commission - Senior Planner Joanna Myers came forward and stated that the Council has an appointment to make to the Plan Commission. Councilor Eggers made a motion to reappoint Councilor Joe Abban to the Plan Commission, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Appointments to Fire Merit, Police Merit, & Economic Development Commission – Councilor Eggers made a motion to reappoint Joe Kelly to the Fire Merit Commission, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Councilor Eggers made a motion to reappoint Dr. John Schafer to the Police Merit Commission, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Councilor Eggers made a motion to reappoint Jake Sappenfield to the Economic Development Commission (EDC), seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Council Signatures on Anti-Nepotism Forms & Conflict of Interest Forms – City Attorney Ms. Gray stated what these forms cover, Clerk-Treasurer Rhoades passed out the forms for Council signatures.

Council Comments

Councilor Fox stated it had been an emotional night, and there would be a lot going on in the future, but they are all committed to keeping the City moving forward.

Councilor Eggers stated that he is hoping for a seamless transition with the new mayor.

Councilor Wertz stated there would be a Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting on January 17th at 8:00 a.m.


Councilor Abban stated that he is committed to moving forward in the future.

Interim Mayor Barnett stated they will keep moving forward with plans for 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 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 1/30/2017


Stephen Barnett, Interim Mayor

Attest:


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer