

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 6, 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 Stephen Barnett presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Andrew Eggers, and Keith Fox answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Richard Wertz was absent.

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

Announcements & Presentations

There were no announcements or presentations.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the January 9, 2017 Common Council Minutes

Councilor Eggers 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.

City Attorney Gray stated that she had looked at the statutes concerning replacing the Council President since the elected Council President was now the Mayor. Ms. Gray stated that her best legal opinion is that since a president and vice-president were elected that now the vice-president would move up to president, and there must be an election for vice-president. Councilor Eggers made a motion to table this until the next meeting, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Barnett introduced the new City Engineer, Mark Richards who will begin on February 27th, and Tara Payne who has started as the new Public Relations Director. Mayor Barnett also told the Council that Lisa Jones had been sworn in as the new Board of Works member earlier this evening.

Old Business

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

Public Hearing

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 – Mayor Barnett stated this ordinance was introduced at the last meeting and opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with Councilors Abban, Austin, Eggers & Fox voting aye, and Councilor Ault voting nay. The motion carried 4 to 1.

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) – Mayor Barnett explained that this ordinance was introduced at the previous meeting, and opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

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

Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 17-01 Authorizing a Transfer from General Fund to Rainy Day Fund - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades explained the next two items on the agenda are housekeeping issues. Ms. Rhoades stated this resolution is for money that was appropriated but not spent in 2016, and now we need to roll this money over to the Rainy Day Fund. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-03 An Additional Appropriation on Non-Tax Supported Funds - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades explained this ordinance, and stated this is for introduction only tonight, and will be brought back at the next meeting.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-04 An Additional Appropriation Rainy Day - Capital - 246 001 400 in the amount of \$125,000.00 - Mayor Barnett stated this is our part of the 80/20 match for the trail system. This is for introduction only tonight, and will be brought back at the next meeting.

Request to Void Two Year Old Checks Outstanding and Unpaid - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this is a housekeeping issue that is done each year to clear old outstanding and unpaid checks that are at least two years old. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Encumbrances Carried Over to 2017 - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this was also a housekeeping issue that is done each year. This is money that was encumbered in 2016, and needs to be carried over to 2017. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

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 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:2/13/2017

Stephen Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer