

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 17, 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 Steve Barnett presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Andrew Eggers, Keith Fox, Bob Heuchan and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Stephanie Shepherd, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Council Wertz 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

Mayor Barnett stated there would be a joint special meeting with City Council and the Franklin School Board in council chambers on April 24th, at 6:00 p.m.

Fire Chief McElyea introduced new firefighter Cole McKnight. Mayor Barnett swore in firefighter McKnight, and welcomed him to the City of Franklin Fire Department.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the April 3, 2017 Common Council Minutes

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

Johnson County Public Library Update - Director Lisa Lintner came forward and gave an update on the Johnson County Library. Ms. Lintner stated that 980,000 items had been checked out of the library, as well as 75,000 digital items. They are working on their marketing department, and building a read a book trail, and will be having an author at the library for a meet and greet. They are offering many new programs with over a 1000 books for preschoolers.

2016 RDC Annual Report - Community Development Director Krista Linke read the 2016 Annual RDC Report overview to the council.

Common Council Resolution No.: 17-03 A Resolutions Setting Forth Final Action in Determining an Economic Revitalization Area and Confirming Resolution 2017-02 from April 3, 2017 & Common Council Resolution No.: 17-04 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Innovative 3D Manufacturing - Community Development Director Krista Linke stated this is the second step in this process confirming Resolution 17-02 which was approved at the previous meeting. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing for Resolution 17-03, no one asked to speak. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve Resolution 17-03, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Ms. Linke stated that Resolution 17-04 was to grant a tax abatement to Innovative 3D Manufacturing. A discussion was held. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve Resolution 17-04, seconded by Council President Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request to Approve Yearly Tax Abatement Compliance Reports - Community Development Director Krista Linke read the list of companies, and stated that these were approved by the Economic Development Commission (EDC). Companies listed were: 84 Lumber & Pierce Hardy; B2S Life Sciences; Shipston Aluminum Technologies; Electrospec, Inc.; Electrospec, Inc. & Trueblood Oil Company; Fisher Contracting; JM Stevens Enterprises; Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Climate Control; NSK Corporation; Premium Composite Technology North America; & BP RX Healthcare Packaging. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Council President Fox brought up the Perfection Group's energy study, and stated he has spoken with two of the references from other municipalities. Both were very happy with the outcomes, and both groups did pull out the fleet side. Council President Fox stated he will request to see the RFP from Morgan County. Mayor Barnett stated that the Parks Department had the biggest savings improvements, and the Parks had recently had \$15,000.00 worth of damage to Beeson Hall from a HVAC leak, this is something that needs to be fixed, and would cost about \$500,000.00. City Attorney Gray stated that in the presentation given the process is that the city authorizes an RFP, and then can instruct the Board of Works to accept proposals and bring back the results to the Council. Ms. Gray stated that Perfection Group supplied an RFP, but we need a little more detail in order for other people to reply to the RFP. Ms. Gray is willing to prepare our own RFP, and legal ad if asked to, and we could then start the process and see if we want to move forward. A discussion was held. DPW Superintendent Rick Littleton stated the Parks Department needs a cooling tower, and the heating and cooling system needs repaired. A discussion was held. A motion was made for the City Attorney to begin the RFP process by Councilor Huechan, and seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Council Comments

Mayor Barnett was wished a Happy Birthday by the council members.

Councilor Wertz stated there would be a Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

Councilor Austin stated there would be an Economic Development Commission meeting next Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

Councilor Abban stated there would be a Plan Commission meeting tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. Councilor Abban also asked if it was possible to request closed containers for recycling bins, as the recycling blows out of the containers. DPW Superintendent Rick Littleton stated that he would look into this issue, and speak to Ray's Trash Service. A discussion was held.

Mayor Barnett told the council that the new city flag was adopted at the Board of Works meeting earlier this evening, and that the creator of the current flag Alice Flanigan was honored at that meeting.

Mayor Barnett also stated that Boy Scout Braiddinn Plymat was at the Board of Works meeting and this meeting and was trying to earn a merit badge.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 4/27/2017

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer