

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 1, 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, and Bob Heuchan answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Assistant Stephanie Shepherd, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Richard Wertz was absent.

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

Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments

Swearing in of Probationary Police Officers: Adam Senteney, Christopher Kirloff & Kory Thomas - Police Chief O'Sullivan introduced each officer, and Mayor Barnett proceeded with the swearing in process. The Mayor welcomed each officer to the City of Franklin Police Department.

Swearing in of Firefighter Tim Bryant - Fire Chief McElyea introduced Firefighter Tim Bryant. Mayor Barnett swore in Firefighter Bryant and welcomed him to the City of Franklin Fire Department.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the April 17, 2017 Common Council Minutes & Joint Council & School Board Minutes for April 24, 2017

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 Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-06 Repealing & Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-17 Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for Year 2017 (Civil City) - Mayor Barnett stated this amending salary ordinance is for introduction only, and is addressing an increase in salary for the new City Engineer to bring him up to what he was making at his previous position, the Community Development Director as she has been given added duties and responsibilities, and the Director of Public Relations since this position has changed from the previous position. This will be brought back at the next meeting for approval.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-11 An Additional Appropriation from Rainy Day 400 in the amount of \$314,000.00 for Purchase of Fire Truck & Fire Equipment - Mayor Barnett explained this ordinance, and stated this is for introduction only tonight, and will be brought back at the next meeting for approval. A discussion was held.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-12 An Additional Appropriation from Police & Fire Grants 230 in the amount of \$1,215.07 for Use by Franklin Fire Department Fire Chief McElyea stated this was a grant that was applied for last year, and the money would be used for safety glasses and extrication gloves, and fire gloves. A discussion was held. This will be brought back at the next meeting for approval.

Request Approval of Yearly Tax Abatement Compliance Reports - Community Development Specialist Rhoni Oliver came forward and gave an overview of the companies on the tax abatement compliance list, and stated these were all approved by the Economic Development Commission (EDC). Councilor Austin stated this is just a continuation of compliance reports which were all approved unanimously by the EDC. A discussion was held. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve the compliance reports as presented in the agenda, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Draft of Energy Cost Savings Request for Proposal - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated pursuant to the direction of the council she has prepared a Request for Proposal for the Energy Cost Saving program. Mayor Barnett asked Parks Superintendent Chip Orner to come forward and give an update on the HVAC system at the recreation center, which would be part of this energy cost savings program. Mr. Orner stated there had been two major leaks in the coolant system

covering a major portion of the building with 2500 gallons of antifreeze, most of the worst damage was in Beeson Hall where it ruined the hardwood floor which had to be replaced at a cost of \$13,000.00. Mr. Orner also stated that the carpet was ruined also, but hopefully some of the damage will be covered by insurance. The second leak filled the office area with antifreeze, and they called a restoration company to dry out the carpet after they were able to remove the antifreeze. Mr. Orner stated that he has met with two engineers so far, and has found out the majority of the pipes in the building are for residential homes, and not rated for commercial buildings. They have since drained the system of antifreeze and it is running on water at this time. Ms. Gray stated that her RFP did not include a timeframe, and we could send out the RFP and ask the companies to provide a timeline. A discussion was held. Council President Fox made a motion to move forward with the RFP, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Mayor Barnett stated that the Board of Works and the Common Council have a regularly scheduled meeting on July 3rd which is the night of the Firecracker Festival, and then July 4th is a scheduled city holiday, so it was proposed by Councilor Wertz that we move these meetings to a different night. A discussion was held. Council President Fox made a motion to move these meetings to July 10th, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Council Comments

Councilor Abban stated that he had seen the Fire Department members picking up trash along US 31 and thanked them for their effort.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:55p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 5/4/2017

Steve Barnett, Mayor

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Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer