

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 3, 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, Kenneth Austin, Andrew Eggers, Keith Fox, Bob Heuchan and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Joseph Ault was absent.

Councilor 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 & Public Comments

Proposal of New Flag Design for City of Franklin - Mayor's Youth Council – Franklin High School student Sam VanderVeen came forward and stated he had started an internship under former Mayor McGuinness, and is now working with Mayor Barnett's office. Mr. VanderVeen stated that the former Mayor started a Mayor's Youth Council a few years ago, and members of this council had been working on a concept for a new city flag. There are currently fifteen (15) members of the council, not all were able to attend tonight's meeting. The following members came forward: Sam VanderVeen; Emma Beavins; Ellie VanderVeen; Jonathan Ott; Clay Black; Ally Parramore; Isabell Mahin; & Megan Tennell. The students gave a presentation concerning the design of the new City flag, and a background about their council. They spoke about their ideas for the new Franklin flag which goes along with changes to the city, and explained the six (6) stars on the flag represent the following: Tradition; Community; Opportunity; Education; Innovation; & Commerce. A discussion was held. City Attorney Gray stated that it would be up to the Board of Works to approve the design of a new flag, but the Council could send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Works if they wanted to move forward with the new flag design. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz made a motion to present a favorable recommendation to the Board of Works regarding the flag, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the March 20, 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

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

Public Hearing

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-08 An Additional Appropriation for the LOIT Special Distribution Fund – Mayor Barnett gave an overview of this ordinance, and stated this was introduced at the March 20th meeting. The Mayor opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Council President Fox made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-09 Authorizing an Additional Appropriation for the Drug Free Johnson County Grant – Mayor Barnett gave an overview of this ordinance, and stated it was introduced at the March 20th meeting. The Mayor opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Council President Fox made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Council President Fox 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 Resolution No.: 17-01 A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Economic Development Plan for the Franklin/I-65 Integrated Economic Development Area – Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Attorney Rob Schafstall came forward to present this item. Mr. Schafstall stated the RDC is assisting in the building of a new shell building on North Graham Rd., and this resolution is to recommend amending the Economic Development Plan to specifically describe the shell building. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 17-02 A Declaratory Resolution Designating an Economic Revitalization Area for Innovative 3D Manufacturing (EDC 2017-01) - Community Development Director Krista Linke came forward to explain this resolution. City Attorney Gray stated that Resolutions 17-03 the confirming resolution & Resolution 17-04 personal property tax abatement will be brought forward at the next meeting. Councilor Austin stated that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) voted unanimously in favor of this. Ms. Linke stated that declaring the Economic Revitalization Area (ERA) is the first step in the

process, and next will be confirming the ERA, and then approving the tax abatement. A discussion was held. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Yearly Tax Abatement Compliance Reports - Community Development Specialist Rhoni Oliver came forward and explained the compliance reports to the council. The companies listed on the reports are: Amcor PET Packaging; BCC Products, Inc.; Cat Reman Powertrain Indiana, LLC; Faulkenberg Printing; Heartland Machine; Laugle Properties, LLC; Laugle Properties, LLC; NSK Precision America; NSK Precision America; Overton Carbide Tool & Engineering; & Overton Ind. – Tube Forming Systems. A discussion was held. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve all compliance reports as read by staff with one motion, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Presentation of Self-Funding Energy Efficiency Improvements Feasibility Report - Rob Volrath Perfection Group Director, John Albrecht & Natalie Csinsi, from the Engineering Team of the Perfection Group discussed their findings with the Council. The three presented a slide presentation, and explained the energy savings they had found for the City of Franklin. A discussion was held. It was decided that Perfection Group would get the Council names of other municipalities they have worked with, then the Council could get additional information from them.

Council Comments


Councilor Wertz stated there would be a special Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting on Tuesday, April 11th at 9:00 a.m., then the regularly scheduled meeting would be the following Tuesday, April 18th at 9:00 a.m. Councilor Wertz stated the special meeting would concern the recently purchased eastside property, regarding erecting a hotel and retail in this location.

Councilor Heuchan stated at their previous RDC meeting the public made it clear that they did not want apartments in this area, and would prefer a hotel, retail or restaurant.

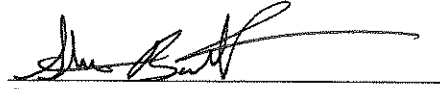
Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:



Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer