

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 19, 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 Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Richard Wertz was absent.

Councilor Heuchan 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**

**Swearing in of Probationary Police Officer Morgan Nelson** - Police Chief Tim O'Sullivan introduced Probationary Police Officer Morgan Nelson & Mayor Barnett proceeded with the swearing in process. The Mayor welcomed Officer Nelson to the City of Franklin Police Department.

Discover Downtown Franklin Director Carisa Delph reminded everyone that on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> the "Great Race" event will be here in Franklin around the courthouse square starting at 4:30 p.m.

City Engineer Mark Richards stated there would be a public meeting at 7:00 p.m. this evening regarding Phases 3 & 4 of the Jefferson Street construction project.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the June 5, 2017 Common Council Minutes

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

**Receive Proposals for Self-Funding Energy Efficiency Improvements Projects** - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated the council had instructed her to send out an RFP for this project.

Ms. Gray stated that the RFP was sent out, and we received one response to this request from Perfection Group. DPW Superintendent Rick Littleton stated there were five (5) RFP packets requested by different companies, but only the one from Perfection Group was returned. Mayor Barnett stated he would like to have all of the department heads look over the proposal that was received, and then bring it back at a future meeting. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve department heads looking over this proposal and report back to the council within six weeks, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

## **Public Hearing**

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 17-02 Rezoning to be known as Homesteads at Hillview PUD Revised** - Attorney Steve Huddleston came forward to present this ordinance to the Council. Mr. Huddleston stated this is a 14 acre piece of property in the Homesteads at Hillview subdivision, and they are requesting rezoning this area in order to build a church. Mr. Huddleston stated this has already been approved by several other city boards, and they are now requesting approval from the Council. This rezoning would change this area from a PUD to RR. Mr. Huddleston stated that Emmanuel Church already has two other locations, and they are currently meeting at Franklin Middle School. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing for Ordinances 17-02 & 17-03, no one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated that favorable recommendations were received by both BZA & Planning. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve ordinance 17-02, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 17-03 Rezoning to be known as Emmanuel Church Rezoning** – Mayor Barnett read the title. This was opened for public hearing above. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-15 An Additional Appropriation for Donation Fund/Fire Truck Equipment** – Mayor Barnett stated this was introduced at the previous meeting, this is money that was given to the fire department from the Franklin Township Trustees office. Franklin Township Trustee Lydia Wales stated they had received money from LOIT, and they decided to donate \$40,000.00 to the Fire Department for fire equipment since the Fire Department covers Franklin Township. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for a public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. 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.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 17-05 A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana Approving an Installment Purchase Contract of the City of Franklin Redevelopment Commission** – Rob Schafstall Attorney for the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) came forward to explain this resolution. Mr. Schafstall stated this resolution is in regard to the shell building they are wanting to build. He stated that the RDC would like to borrow up to 2.5 million dollars from Horizon Bank for construction of this building, Mr. Schafstall stated that for the first three years the payments would be interest only. The stipulations are the amount is not to exceed 2.5 million dollars, and the interest is not to exceed 4%. Mr. Schafstall stated that the RDC has a deal with the Linville's for the property in which they will pay 1/3 of the money tomorrow, another 1/3 in one year, and then 1/3 the year after that. Mayor Barnett stated there has been a lot of interest already shown in this building. A discussion was held. 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.

### **Other Business**

Mayor Barnett reminded everyone that the meeting originally scheduled for July 3<sup>rd</sup> has been changed to July 10<sup>th</sup> due to the Firecracker Festival. Mayor Barnett also stated that Deputy Fire Chief Jim Reese had recently retired after 36 years with the Fire Department, they Mayor thanked Deputy Chief Reese for his many years of service to the community.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Abban stated that the "Smoke on the Square" event was great this past weekend, and thanked everyone for their hard work.

Councilor Austin stated that his sister-in-law had passed away last week in Germany, and thanked everyone for their prayers for his family.

Councilor Heuchan stated there would be an RDC meeting tomorrow with a full agenda. He stated there would be updates on many projects, one being old city hall and what's going on at I65.

Council President Fox gave an update on the Salary Review Committee, and stated they are working diligently on getting information on job descriptions, and other salary survey information.

Clerk Treasurer Rhoades stated that it was budget time again, and she has been working with Mayor Barnett on the timeframe for the budget. Ms. Rhoades stated the budget introduction date would be August 21<sup>st</sup>, the second meeting and public hearing will be September 18<sup>th</sup>, and the hopeful approval date for the budget will be October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 6/21/2017

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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