

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 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 Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

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**

**Swearing in of New Firefighter Ian Lauer** - Fire Chief McElyea introduced new Firefighter Ian Lauer. Mayor Barnett proceeded to swear in Firefighter Lauer, and welcomed him to the City of Franklin Fire Department.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the June 19, 2017 Common Council Minutes

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

**Request Approval of Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 17-02 Authorizing a Transfer from Mayor Services 300 to 200 Supplies in the amount of \$5,000.00** - Mayor Barnett explained this is a transfer from services to supplies for the Mayor's office. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with

all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 17-07 Waiving Non-Compliance with Tax Abatement Compliance Requirements by TOCO, Inc. (formerly Trueblood Oil Co., Inc.)** - Community Development Director Krista Linke came forward to present this request for waiver of non-compliance with tax abatement by TOCO, Inc. Ms. Linke stated that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) is in favor of this request. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 17-05 An Ordinance Creating a TIF Loan Proceeds Fund** - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this is to create a TIF Loan Proceeds fund for the shell building loan monies. A discussion was held. This is for introduction only tonight, and will be brought back at the next meeting for approval.

**Request Public Hearing for Community Development Block Grant Funding & Flood Buyout Project** - Senior Planner Joanna Myers came forward and stated she is working with Indiana Housing Authority to close out the Block Grant and Flood Buyout Project, and in order to close these out there must be a public hearing in order to see if the public has any questions or concerns. Councilor Eggers made a motion to open the floor for public hearing, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. No one from the public asked to speak, Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing.

**2017 Economic Development Fees** - Community Development Director Krista Linke came forward and spoke about the Economic Development Fees that were received, and stated these fees are usually divided between several local non-profit organizations. Ms. Linke stated that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) met and is requesting that the funds received this year in the amount of \$23,504.34 be given to the new Co-Working, LLC program, which will be under the direction of the Franklin Development Corporation (FDC). Ms. Linke stated that they have started recruiting members for this group, and have scheduled their first meeting for August 3, 2017. A discussion was held. Councilor Heuchan 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**

There was no other business presented.

**Council Comments**

Councilor Wertz stated that maybe we should cancel the meeting scheduled for next Monday, July 17, 2017. A discussion was held. It was decided to keep the regularly scheduled meeting.

Councilor Austin stated there would be an Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. Councilor Austin also thanked everyone that put together the fireworks presentation, and stated it was the best turn out he could remember.

Mayor Barnett also thanked everyone for the great fireworks presentation.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 7/12/2017

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer