

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 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 Council President Keith Fox 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. Mayor Steve Barnett was absent.

Councilor Heuchan offered an invocation. Council President Fox opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Council President Fox led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments**

Public Relations Director Tara Payne spoke on behalf of Mayor Barnett, and thanked everyone for their hard work during the flooding issues last week.

**Consent Agenda**

Council President Fox presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the July 10, 2017 Common Council Minutes

Councilor Austin 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**

Councilor Eggers 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.

**Public Hearing**

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 17-05 An Ordinance Creating a TIF Loan Proceeds Fund** - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades explained this ordinance to the Council, and stated this was introduced at the previous meeting, and was to create a new fund for TIF loan proceeds for the shell building. Council President Fox opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by

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

### **New Business**

Councilor Austin 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.

**ICJI 2017 Operation Pullover Grant** - Police Sgt. Scott Carter stated this was a grant that we apply for every year, and he would like approval to apply for this grant again this year. A discussion was held. Councilor Abban 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.: 17-08 A Resolution Granting a Tax Abatement for Powder Metal Technicians** - Community Development Director Krista Linke stated this resolution is to grant a tax abatement to Powder Metal Technicians. Ms. Linke stated that this was approved by the Economic Development Commission (EDC), and is asking for Council approval. This is a seven year tax abatement on real property for a new building on Graham Road. Mr. Doug Heffley of Powder Metal Technicians came forward and explained what their business entails. 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.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 17-09 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Direct Conveyors, LLC** - Community Development Director Krista Linke stated this resolution is to grant a tax abatement to Direct Conveyors, LLC. Ms. Linke stated that this was approved by the Economic Development Commission (EDC), and is asking for Council approval. Ms. Linke stated the company is relocating from Forsythe Street to a new location on Graham Road, and is asking for a seven year real property and five year personal property tax abatement. A discussion was held. Councilor Austin 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.: 17-16 An Additional Appropriation for Energy Savings Improvements at the Cultural Arts & Recreation Center** – City Attorney Gray stated this is an additional appropriation to pay for energy savings improvements at the Cultural Arts & Recreation Center in the amount of \$1,900,000.00. Ms. Gray stated that Mayor Barnett wanted her to reiterate that he still has some questions and concerns about this project. Council President Fox and Councilor Heuchan stated they have been working with the Perfection Group Company concerning the issues that need to be taken care of at the Cultural Arts & Recreation Center. Council President Fox stated they have met with Jeff Peters of Peters Municipal Consultants. A discussion was held. This is for introduction only tonight.

### **Other Business**

Council President Fox stated that the Johnson County Development Corporation (JCDC) has been courting a company out of Edinburgh, and information will be coming forward in the next month.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Abban thanked Mayor Barnett, and all of the city departments for their work during all of the flooding last week.

Parks Superintendent Chip Orner read a list of items that were damaged or lost in last week's flood: 87 picnic tables were lost; dog park fence damaged (fixed by parks employees), and all dog park electronics were wiped out; two playgrounds damaged (fixed by parks employees); landscaping was destroyed, asphalt damage; gravel was washed away; there was minor damage to one bridge. Mr. Orner stated they had a crane coming in tomorrow to dislodge debris at the bridges at Province Park & Blue Heron Park; there were several trashcans lost; and several headstones were knocked off their foundations in the cemetery. Mr. Orner is estimating the damage at \$31,500.00, which does not include the asphalt repair. He is working with City Engineer Mark Richards regarding the asphalt.

Councilor Wertz stated there would be a Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.

Councilor Ault thanked all of the city employees also for their hard work during last week's flooding.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 7/25/17

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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