

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 21, 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

Deputy Fire Chief Andrew Tames came forward to tell the Council that earlier tonight the Board of Works had approved the Fire Department applying for the Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF) grant this fall. The grant is for \$8,200.00, and if received will be used for “Project Lifesaver” with is to purchase tracking devices to be used for children, and elderly people with Alzheimer’s who might wander away.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the August 7, 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 Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-21 Request to Transfer Appropriations from Board of Works Unemployment 127 to Cemetery Part-time 124 in the amount of \$18,000.00 - Mayor Barnett stated this was introduced at the previous meeting, and is ready for public hearing. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. A

discussion was held. Councilor Heuchan 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.: 17-22 An Additional Appropriation from Parks & Recreation Fund for HVAC Repairs, Flood Repairs, Tree Maintenance, & Lightning Strike Repairs in the amount of \$149,885.00 – Mayor Barnett stated this ordinance was introduced at the previous meeting, and is now ready for public hearing. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. 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.

Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-23 An Additional Appropriation to Appropriate Money from the General Fund for HVAC Improvements at the Parks & Recreation Center and Paving Projects in the amount of \$950,000.00 - Mayor Barnett stated this ordinance was introduced at the previous meeting, and is now ready for public hearing. Mayor Barnett 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 Heuchan. 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 Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

City Council's Appointment to Franklin Development Corporation - Community Development Director Krista Linke stated that the council's previous appointment to the FDC, Lisa Jones did not wish to continue for another term, so the Council will need to appoint someone to fill this position. A discussion was held. Council President Fox made a motion to appoint Amy Richardson to fill this vacancy, seconded by Councilor Heuchan. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 17-10 Tax Abatement for the City of Franklin Redevelopment Commission - Community Development Director Krista Linke came forward to present this resolution which is a tax abatement for the shell building. Ms. Linke stated this item went to the Economic Development Commission (EDC) on August 8th, and was forwarded with a favorable recommendation for a 10 year tax abatement. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Slide Presentation Regarding Salary Committee – Council President Fox thanked everyone that was on the Salary Committee, and explained what their goals were. Salary Committee member Jeff Mercer, Director of Finance of Franklin High School gave a slide presentation, and explained what the Salary Committee was trying to do. Mr. Mercer stated they were trying to do an analysis of wage & benefit structure & competitiveness for City employees, and comparing the City of Franklin with like size cities in Indiana. Council President Fox stated they had put a lot of work into this study, and salary committee, and that they will be bringing on an intern that will continue to collect data for the City, then this will be brought back in the future. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett stated that this information will not be used this year, but hopefully will come forward in the future.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-17 Repealing & Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-06 Fixing & Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers & Employees for Year 2018 (Civil City) - Mayor Barnett read the title, and stated this is for introduction only tonight.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-18 Fixing & Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers & Employees of the City of Franklin, Indiana for Year 2018 (Sewer Utility) - Mayor Barnett read the title, and stated this is for introduction only tonight.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-19 Fixing the Annual Salaries & Providing Compensation for all Elected Officials of the City of Franklin, Indiana for Year 2018 - Mayor Barnett read the title, and stated this is for introduction only tonight.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-20 City of Franklin, Indiana Budgetary Appropriation & Tax Rate Ordinance for the Year 2018 – Mayor Barnett read the title, and stated this is for introduction only tonight. The Mayor also stated that these items will all be online, and that he has spoken to all Council members, and department heads regarding the budgets and salaries for 2018. Council President Fox stated that he appreciated getting to find out about the budget ahead of time. Councilor Abban also stated that he was happy with how things are being presented.

Other Business

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

Sewer Utility Proposed Budget for 2018 - For Informational Purposes Only – Mayor Barnett stated this budget gets approved by the Board of Works, but he felt it was important for the

Council members to see it also.

Council Comments

Councilor Heuchan stated that he heard at the Board of Works meeting earlier tonight that TIF dollars will be used to put in a road on Linville Way. This project had an engineer's estimate of 1.7 million, but the lowest most responsive bid was \$1,315,600.00 from Milestone Contractors, Inc. A discussion was held.

City Attorney Gray stated that the Board of Works had authorized Mayor Barnett to sign settlement documents with Duke Energy. Ms. Gray stated that we will receive \$65,000.00 back from Duke Energy which will go into the general fund.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 8/23/2017

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer