

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 7, 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 Ault 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

There were no announcements, presentations or public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the July 17, 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 Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-16 An Additional Appropriation for Energy Savings Improvements at the Cultural Arts & Recreation Center – Mayor Barnett stated that after several meetings with the committee looking into this project, they have decided this is not the best way to handles these issues, and he would like to request that this item be removed from the agenda. A discussion was held. Council President Fox made a motion to remove this ordinance from the agenda, 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 Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 17-06 A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana Approving the Sale of 55 West Madison Street – Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Attorney Rob Schafstall came forward to present this resolution. Mr. Schafstall stated the building at 55 W. Madison Street has been empty since 2009, and the RDC has been trying to find someone to purchase this building. Mr. Schafstall stated that John & Lisa Talley would like to purchase the building and put in a restaurant, serving locally harvested food with responsibly affordable prices. Mr. Schafstall stated that the RDC is requesting to sell the building to the Talley's for one dollar (\$1.00), and then the Talley's will invest \$300,000 into the building and the RDC will invest \$300,000 into the building. A discussion was held. Mr. Heuchan disclosed that there would be an escrow account for both of these monies at Mutual Savings Bank where he works. A discussion was held. 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.: 17-21 Request to Transfer Appropriations from Board of Works Unemployment 127 to Cemetery Part-time 124 in the amount of \$18,000.00 - Parks Superintendent Chip Orner came forward and stated this additional money is needed for part-time employees at the Cemetery. Mr. Orner would like to transfer money from his unemployment account to his part time cemetery account. This item is for introduction only tonight.

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 - Parks Superintendent Chip Orner stated this money is for several different projects, and repairs that need to be done at the Parks Department due to flooding and lightning strikes. Mr. Orner stated this money will come from the Parks & Recreation Fund, and is for introduction only tonight.

Common 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 explained this ordinance to the Council, stating it is for introduction only tonight. Mayor Barnett stated this ordinance will take the place of the ordinance that was removed earlier in tonight's meeting, and will be about half the price of the original ordinance. A discussion was held. City Attorney Gray stated that due diligence has been done by Mayor Barnett and the Council

members.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor Wertz stated there would be a Redevelopment Commission meeting August 15th at 8:00 a.m.

Councilor Austin stated there would be an Economic Development Commission meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m.

Councilor Abban stated there would be a Plan Commission meeting on Tuesday, August 15th.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 8/14/2017


Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer