

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 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 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. Council member Joseph Abban 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**

There were no announcements, presentations or public comments.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the August 21, 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.

**Public Hearing**

**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 opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. This will be brought back at the next meeting for adoption.

**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 opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. This will be brought back at the next meeting for adoption.

**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 opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. This will be brought back at the next meeting for adoption.

**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 opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. This will be brought back at the next meeting for adoption.

### **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 Budgetary Resolution No.: 17-03 Authorizing a Transfer from Fire Services to Fire Supplies in the amount of \$22,000.00** - Fire Chief Dan McElyea came forward and explained they needed additional money in their supply line item, to replace kitchen chairs, couches, loveseats, carpet and engine repairs. 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.

**Common Council Resolution No.: 17-11 Granting a Tax Abatement for Superior Systems & Supply, Inc.** - Community Development Director Krista Linke came forward to ask for approval of a tax abatement for Superior Systems & Supply, Inc. Ms. Linke stated that this was approved at the Economic Development Commission (EDC) meeting, with a recommendation of a 5 year real property tax abatement. 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 Budgetary Ordinance No.: 17-24 An Additional Appropriation Law Mayor/BOW in the amount of \$40,000.00** - Mayor Barnett stated the reason this line item came up short was due to police department litigation, so now they are in need of this special appropriation to cover the law budget for the remainder of the year. City Attorney Gray stated she has talked to the city's insurance company about coverage concerning this issue, and they agreed to pay these expenses minus our deductible, and to hire Mr. Barrett at the same rate they usually pay their own attorneys. Ms. Gray also stated that we will be receiving \$65,000.00 from Duke Energy that can go back into the general fund. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett stated this is for introduction only tonight.

### **Other Business**

Mayor Barnett introduced Jacob Freeland of the Mayor's Youth Council who came forward, and stated they are currently working on designing and raising funds for a handicap accessible park. Mayor Barnett stated they have been working with Parks Superintendent Orner on this project.

Mayor Barnett told the Council that the Board of Works approved the Trick or Treat hours for October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Councilor Wertz stated that he had been looking at the calendar for January 2018, the first and third Mondays, which are when the normal council meetings are held are both holidays. Councilor Wertz suggested that we change the meetings in January 2018 to the second and fourth Mondays. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz made a motion to change the January 2018 meetings to the second and fourth Mondays, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Council Comments**


Councilor Heuchan stated there was a Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Heuchan also stated the Garment Factory project looks great, and that new windows have been installed.

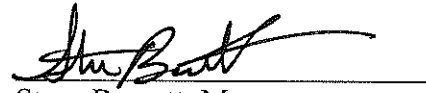
Councilor Ault asked about the status of Arvin Road. City Engineer Mark Richards came forward, and stated that Milestone Contractors out of Columbus started the initial step which is to pulverize the asphalt and then inject with liquid asphalt; then allow that to stabilize for a few days, and then add the final asphalt surface. Mr. Richards stated that last week they hit a valve box from the water company and damaged their equipment, they will be back tomorrow on Hurricane Rd., and then move to Essex Drive. At that time they will then start the injection process and then begin paving by the end of next week or first of following week. Mr. Richards stated that the mill & overlay project with Dave O'Mara Contractors is reaching the final stages, and that Jefferson Street Phase 3 was opened last Friday, and Phase 4 closed this morning, and will re-open by the end of November. Mr. Richards stated that Wayne Street surface was completed.

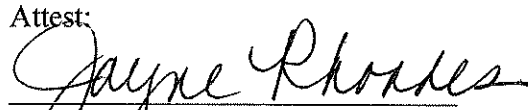
**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 9/21/2017

  
Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:  
  
Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer