

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2019**

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, Daniel Blankenship, Andrew Eggers, Bob Heuchan, Danny Richards 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

Councilor Wertz stated that Keith Fox had recently resigned from the Redevelopment Commission (RDC), and he would like to appoint Councilor Eggers to fill this position. This was seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the January 7, 2019 Common Council Minutes

Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Richards. 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 Austin 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.:19-02 A Resolution Waiving Non-Compliance with Tax Abatement Compliance Requirements by Mitsubishi Turbocharger and Engine America - Community Development Specialist Rhoni Oliver stated she was here on behalf of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) to present this resolution. Ms. Oliver stated that Mitsubishi is in compliance with city requirements but not in compliance with county requirements. Ms. Oliver stated that the EDC has forwarded a recommendation for Mitsubishi to pick up where

they left off with their tax abatement. A discussion was held. Council President Austin stated that he had not been present at the EDC meeting where this recommendation was made. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve the EDC recommendation, seconded by Councilor Heuchan. A voice vote was taken with 6 members stating aye, and Council President Austin stating nay. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 19-03 A Resolution Waiving Non-Compliance with Tax Abatement Compliance Requirements by Mitsubishi Turbocharger and Engine America - Community Development Specialist Rhoni Oliver this is basically very similar as the resolution above. Ms. Oliver stated that the EDC is recommending they pick up where they left off on the tax abatement. Community Development Director Krista Linke came forward to help explain the issues with these requirements. Mr. Bob Francis General Manager of Mitsubishi Climate Control came forward to explain why they had neglected to get this paperwork filed on time, they did not realize there were forms for both the city and county that needed to be filed for personal property, and real property tax abatements. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to table this item at this time, and asked legal counsel to prepare new resolutions to better state what the council is looking to do, seconded by Councilor Richards. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried, and was tabled. Councilor Eggers made a motion to rescind the approval of Resolution 19-02 and to table it also, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with 6 members stating aye, and Councilor Wertz stating nay. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 19-02 Authorizing a Transfer from General Fund 101 to Rainy Day Fund 246 - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades this is a housekeeping issue that is done every year in which money was put into the General Fund from all departments, \$557,864.26 , and we now would like to transfer this money into the Rainy Day Fund. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-01 Authorizing an Additional Appropriation for Non-Tax Supported Funds - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this is another annual housekeeping issue which is to authorize an additional appropriation so departments have the authority to spend these amounts. This will be brought back for public hearing at the special meeting on February 20th.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-02 Authorizing an Additional Appropriation from CCD Fund Capital in the amount of \$1,115,300, and Record Perpetuation Fund Capital in the amount of \$134,700 for Construction of City Court - Mayor Barnett stated he had given the council members a spreadsheet with a breakdown of the

costs for this project. The Mayor then proceeded to read aloud the breakdown, and explain it to the council. Judge Kim VanValer came forward to explain the Record Perpetuation Fund to the Council and explain where this money comes from. It was stated that this will be advertised, and brought back at the special meeting on February 20th for public hearing.

Request to Declare Stale Dated Checks Cancelled - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated these are a list of checks that have not been cashed within two years, and that we now have the right to cancel these checks. The total of the checks is \$1626.51. Ms. Rhoades stated that these check amounts will be given back to the departments they were issued from. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Encumbrances Carried over to 2019 - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this is encumbrances from 2018 that were carried over to 2019, for projects that were started in 2018, and will be finished in 2019. A discussion was held. Council President Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Heuchan. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Permission to Add two (2) Lieutenant Positions - Police Chief Kirby Cochran stated he would like to ask permission to move two current Sergeants to Lieutenant positions, and the amount of money for this action would be \$13,360.00. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Richards. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. There will be an amendment to the salary ordinance that will need to be brought back at the next meeting.

Request Permission to Apply for a Non-Matching Grant through Firehouse Subs for 16 AED Devices for Vehicles – Police Chief Cochran stated they would like to ask the council permission to apply for a non-matching grant through Firehouse Subs, and if they receive the grant the money would be used to purchase 16 AED Devices for their vehicles. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve the Police Department to apply for this grant, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

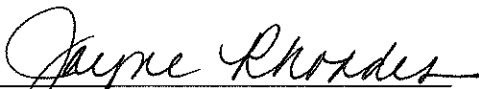
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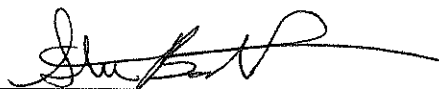
Councilor Wertz stated there would be a Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting on February 19th at 8:00 a.m. in council chambers.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 2/6/2019


Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer