

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 18, 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

Police Department Promotion Ceremony - Lieutenant Carter, Lieutenant Lucas, Sergeant Kight & Sergeant Dawe - Police Chief Kirby Cochran came forward and recognized these employees for their great work, and the promotions they have recently received. Mayor Barnett thanked them for all of their hard work.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the March 4, 2019 Common Council Minutes

Council President 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

Council President Austin 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.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-03 A Budgetary Ordinance Repealing & Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 18-09 Fixing & Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers & Employees of the City of Franklin for Year 2019 (Sewer Utility) - Mayor Barnett stated this was introduced at the previous meeting, this is for the salary for Interim DPW Superintendent Sally Brown. Mayor opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Council President Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

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 Ordinance No.: 19-01 Small Wireless Facilities Design Requirements & Permitting - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated in January there was a mandate for municipalities concerning small wireless facilities. Ms. Gray stated we have until April to come up with guidelines for these facilities. Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated the following guidelines are listed in this ordinance: Purpose & Compliance; Application Requirements; Aesthetic Requirements for Small Wireless Facilities; Location Requirements; Construction Requirements; Permitting Process; Enforcement & Definitions. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve on first reading, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Richards. A roll call vote was taken with Councilors Abban, Austin, Eggers, Heuchan, Richards, & Wertz stating aye, & Councilor Blankenship stating nay. The motion carried 6-1.

Request Approval of Yearly Tax Abatement Compliance Reports: Caterpillar Reman Powertrain; Heartland Machine & Engineering, LLC.; Nitrex, Inc.; & BPRex Healthcare Packaging, Inc. - Community Development Specialist - Rhoni Oliver came forward to present yearly tax abatement compliance reports for Caterpillar Reman Powertrain; Heartland Machine & Engineering, LLC.; Nitrex, Inc.; & BPRex Healthcare Packaging, Inc. A discussion was held. Council President Austin made a motion to approve Caterpillar Reman Powertrain, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all member stating aye. The motion carried. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve Heartland Machine & Engineering, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve BPRex Healthcare, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve Nitrex, Inc., seconded by Councilor Richards. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Community Development Specialist Oliver told the Council that the first meeting for the new District Art Council will be April 18th at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson County Museum.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor Wertz stated there would be an RDC meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m.

Councilor Heuchan stated the RDC meeting should be a short meeting discussing the purchase of the Franklin Auction Building.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 3/20/19

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer