

**City of Franklin Joint Common Council
& Franklin School Board Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2019**

The special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana and the Franklin School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Franklin Community High School. Those present from the City Council were President Kenneth Austin, Daniel Blankenship, Andrew Eggers, Bob Heuchan, Danny Richards and Richard Wertz. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades was also present. Council member Joseph Abban was absent.

Franklin City Council Discussions

2019 Overview - New Building Construction - Mayor Barnett came forward and thanked the City Council & School Board for working together. Mayor Barnett gave an overview of several items that are or will be happening this year. The Mayor thanked Police Chief Kirby Cochran for working on getting to dedicated school resource officers in place. The Mayor also gave an overview of the following items to take place in 2019: Jefferson Street Phase 8 & 9, there will be a new roundabout at Arvin & Hurricane; Mill & Overlay work from last year will get completed; they will be working on a trail project by the hospital. Mayor Barnett stated that next year they will begin work on a roundabout at Jefferson Street & Westview Drive. The Mayor also stated the City has received a million dollar matching grant from the Community Crossings Matching Grant Fund; Young's Creek Phase 1 which is a parking lot on South Main Street with 95 parking spaces; the city has purchased Grahams Generations Auto, the Franklin Sale Barn, & Bastin Logan to make room for the amphitheater that is planned in this area. Mayor Barnett spoke about the City Court which will be moving to US31 at the Police Department, and stated this is a one-million-dollar project with other changes to this building. The Mayor stated the City is working on the façade at the old Frechette Eye Center building to help it look like the rest of the downtown buildings. The Mayor also stated that the City is working to create a new Arts District, and the new Fairfield Inn hopefully will be open in June, and the new Hampton Inn is supposed to open in December. Mayor Barnett also stated they will be having a grand opening for the new Compass Park Skilled Nursing Center in May, and the Compass Park Luxury Apartments in January. The Mayor stated that the Wooden Bear Brewing Company has opened out by Interstate 65, and the RFD Restaurant in old post office should be opening soon. The Mayor also stated the new Mint Brewery was now open, and that Hobby Lobby is being put in at the old Kroger store. The Mayor also stated that there will be a Taco Bell & Starbucks opening out by Interstate 65, and that there are still five lots left to be occupied, but the city has a say in what goes there. Mayor Barnett stated that the TIF district is working to add trails on both sides of US31, and working on traffic flow & will have J turns along this stretch of US 31 working with the state, this will be a forty-five-million-dollar project for the state. Mayor Barnett also stated they have been working with the developer that will be putting in houses behind Windstar, and they will be bigger lots for new houses at around \$200,000.00 to 350,000.00 dollars. They Mayor also stated that a McAllisters Deli will open in front of the Meijer store, and that Franklin is now a Tree City USA. The City is also working with Amphenol regarding paying for the

clean-up effort in the Forsthye St. area which will begin in July or August. A discussion was held.

TIF Allocation Zone – Council member & RDC President Bob Heuchan came forward to discuss US 31 TIF Allocation Zones. Mr. Heuchan stated that RDC members Drew Eggers & Richard Wertz were also present. Mr. Heuchan explained what a TIF area is, and how it affects the taxes for businesses in these districts. Mr. Heuchan stated that tax dollars in TIF areas can be used for infrastructure work throughout town, which will help with assessed values, and will bring up taxes that are collected. A discussion was held.

Superintendent Dr. Clendening spoke about the upcoming referendum that people will be able to vote on for improving pay for teachers & support staff.

Franklin Community School Board Discussions

IT Support Between FCS & City of Franklin – Matt Sprout gave an overview about working with the city IT Department, and that they are working on an IT Budget. Mr. Sprout stated they are looking at hardware & software they may be purchasing, and they are working on updating several different items to help solve issues with the IT services. Mr. Sprout stated they have also been working on the IT system for the new City Court. Mr. Sprout stated there is currently a three-year commitment between the City & School IT Departments. A discussion was held.

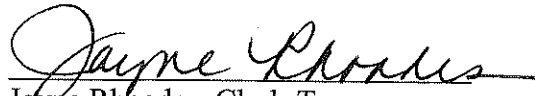
Mayor's Youth Leadership Council – Jonathan Ott gave a report on the Council's Water Bottle Project they have been working on. Mr. Ott stated they have been raising money to put in three water bottle systems in the high school. These systems will refill water bottles which will help with the amount of plastic water bottles that would need to be recycled. Several other members of the Youth Council spoke about how good this is for the environment. Mr. Ott stated that the total for this project was \$1,890.00 they have raised all of the money. Mr. Ott stated that any leftover funds will be used for Little Library at Unity Park. A discussion was held.

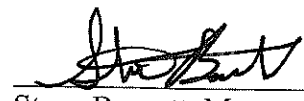
Resolution to Use Rainy Day Funds – Tina Jobe-Gross came forward and stated that due to the fact that environmental testing needed to be done at both Webb & Needham Elementary Schools, and that remediation will still need to be done she is requesting \$750,000.00 be approved for an additional appropriation for all of this work to be completed. Ms. Jobe-Gross stated this will leave 5.3 million in the Rainy Day Fund. This request was approved.

Adjournment

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 4/29/19


Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer