

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 1, 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. Accounts Coordinator Sharon Barnard, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, & Attorney Rob H. Schafstall were also present.

Councilor Wertz offered an invocation. Mayor Barnett opened the meeting and asked the Accounts Coordinator to call the roll. Mayor Barnett led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments**

**Retirement Ceremony for Police Captain Kerry Atwood** – Mayor Barnett introduced Captain Kerry Atwood, and stated he is retiring after 38 years on the Franklin Police Department. Mayor Barnett, Chief Cochran & Deputy Chief Tennell presented Captain Atwood with his badge and a wooden case for his retired service weapon, and thanked him for his many years of dedicated service to the City.

**Swearing in of Probationary Officer - Adam Destrampe** – Mayor Barnett swore in Probationary Officer Adam Destrampe and welcomed him to the City of Franklin Police Department.

**Promotion Ceremony - Captain Scott Carter & Lieutenant Jayson McNicholas** – Mayor Barnett, Police Chief Kirby Cochran & Deputy Chief Chris Tennell called up Lt. Scott Carter to promote him to Captain. Mayor Barnett promoted Sgt. Jason McNicholas to Lieutenant, both of these positions take effect today. Chief Cochran thanked all of the other officers present for being here to support their fellow officers.

Mayor Barnett stated there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony tomorrow morning at 10:00 to open the South Main St. parking area.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the June 17, 2019 Common Council Minutes

Council President Austin 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**

Councilor Eggers made a motion to read all old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Public Hearing**

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-10 An Additional Appropriation Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund Capital \$281,068.68** – Account Coordinator Sharon Barnard stated this was presented at the previous meeting, and gave an overview of this ordinance. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Heuchan. 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 Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Approve Waiver Conflict Letter Regarding Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Otterbein** – Community Development Director Krista Linke stated this is a request for a waiver on behalf of Dinsmore Law Firm representing Otterbein (formerly United Methodist Home). Ms. Linke stated this will go to the EDC next week for approval. Ms. Linke stated that the City had partnered with the United Methodist Home in 2015 regarding these Economic Development Revenue Bonds, and the waiver conflict letter is the first step in refinancing this debt from 2015. Attorney Rob H. Schafstall stated this is a preliminary matter, and that Otterbein has hired the Dinsmore Law Firm to help them through this process. Mr. Schafstall stated that if we waive this conflict of interest then the bond counsel will come forward next month to discuss the bond. If this is approved this will be paid from their revenue, no money will be paid by the City. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, and allowing the Mayor to sign, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-11 An Additional Appropriation for Additional Parks Projects in the amount of \$100,000.00** - Parks Superintendent, Chip Orner stated he is requesting an additional appropriation for parks projects in the amount of \$100,000.00. Mr. Orner stated that the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) offered to sell the Parks Department the Franklin Auction Barn 180 S. Jackson Street which will be used for a maintenance and storage facility for \$50,000.00. Renovation work will be needed in the amount of \$43,600.00. Mr. Orner also stated that the Wonder Five Center air conditioning also needs

replaced so that is why he is asking to appropriate this money. This is for introduction only this evening. A discussion was held.

**Other Business**

There was no other business presented.

**Council Comments**

Councilor Abban wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Council President Austin thanked Captain Atwood for his 38 years of service with the Police Department.


Councilor Heuchan spoke about the mural that was painted on the Brick Oven Pizza building, and stated everyone should go by and see it.


Councilor Wertz wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 7/11/19

  
Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

  
Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer