

**City of Franklin Common Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 5, 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, 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**

Marty Williams of Discover Downtown Franklin thanked the City for another great event with the Hops & Vines. Mr. Williams stated that it was very well attended, and a great event for the City.

Lillian Lacy of the Mayor's Youth Council stated that through the summer she has been working at Main & Madison restaurant, and it was brought to her attention that there was no recycling option for businesses, and she was wondering if there was any way to start this. Mayor Barnett stated that the county has recycling that they do. City Attorney Gray stated that the Johnson County Solid Waste District only covers residential, and not businesses at this time, but they are trying to add recycling for businesses. Ms. Gray also stated that Community Development Director Krista Linke has been concerned about business recycling, and has been trying to get businesses to invest in dumpsters for recycling with a small fee to them. Ms. Gray stated that hopefully we will have two dumpsters in the downtown area paid for by businesses in the future.

Mayor Barnett stated that he was glad to see other Mayor's Youth Council members present this evening also.

Brian Ries Pastor at Community Baptist Church stated they had a great Prayer Event last night at the high school with several in attendance.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the July 15, 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**

There was no old business presented.

### **New Business**

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

**Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 19-07 Authorizing a Transfer from Record Perpetuation Services to Part-Time \$4,000.00** - Court Clerk Amy McLaughlin stated she is requesting to transfer money from Record Perpetuation Services to Part-time in order to have money to pay for an additional bailiff to run the metal detector at the new City Court. Mayor Barnett stated he is not in favor of this request, and also he could have said that this could not be brought forward on the agenda but he did not. The Mayor stated they have spent \$750,000.00 on the new court and \$250,000.00 for records rooms that was prompted by the building of City Court, and additional costs for several items that had to be bulletproof. The Mayor also stated that the City Court has been losing money every year, and that if they hire a bailiff to run the metal detector they will need an SOP to cover this position. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to deny this request, seconded by Councilor Richards. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried, and was denied.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-15 An Additional Appropriation to General Fund-Police Appointed Captain 101 007 113 in the amount of \$12,122.00** - Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Brett Jones is requesting to use money that was left from an insurance reimbursement. Captain Atwood retired and we need to fund the remainder of the year for Captain Carter in the amount of \$12,122.00. For informational purposes only tonight, and will be brought back at the August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 19-03 An Ordinance Providing for a Clothing & Equipment Allowance & Repealing & Replacing Ordinance No.: 11-09 Relative to Same** - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this ordinance is to repeal & replace ordinance 11-09 in order to add merit officers, public safety officers & paramedics to the Clothing Allowance ordinance. This will be brought back at next meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 19-04 An Ordinance of the City of Franklin Establishing & Adopting a Conflict of Interest Policy for Building Code Officials** - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated this ordinance is to establish & adopt a Conflict of Interest Policy for Building Code

Officials, this was brought forward due to legislative action. Ms. Gray stated the Legislature stated every entity should have a conflict of interest form for all building code officials. A discussion was held. Ms. Gray stated she had also prepared a Resolution to allow this to be approved on first reading if inclined to do so, but all members must vote in favor in order for it to be approved. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve the resolution to waive the second reading, seconded by Councilor Richards. A roll call vote was taken: Abban; Austin; Blankenship; Eggers; Heuchan; Richards; & Wertz all voting aye. The motion carried. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve Ordinance 19-04, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business presented.

### **Council Comments**

Mayor Barnett introduced Councilor Abban's granddaughter Ava who has been here for the summer, and will be going back home to Virginia for school.

Councilor Austin asked Mayor Barnett if the new City Courtroom would still be named in honor of former Judge Rob D. Schafstall, and if they would be rededicating the new facility in his honor. Mayor Barnett stated that he would contact the former Judge's son, and see if he would be able to be present for a re-dedication of the new facility.

Councilor Heuchan stated that the RDC meeting has been moved to August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilor Eggers congratulated DDF on the Hops & Vines event, and said he had heard many good comments from the public.

Councilor Blankenship gave kudos to city employees for making sure the Hops & Vines event was safe, and the cleanliness after the event.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 8/7/2019

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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