

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:09 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, and 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

There were no announcements, presentations or public comments

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the August 5, 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

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.: 19-15 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 explained the reason for this additional appropriation was to move money received from a totaled police cruiser to the 100 Line Item in order for it to be used to pay Captain Carters salary. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked. to speak. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Heuchan. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

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 was to add different wording to include any officers that are not merit officers to receive the yearly clothing allowance. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Austin. 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 Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-12 Fixing & Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers & Employees for Year 2020 (Civil City) - Mayor Barnett stated this is for introduction only tonight, and will be brought back for public hearing at the September meeting.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-13 Fixing & Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers & Employees for Year 2020 (Sewer Utility) - Mayor Barnett stated this is for introduction only, and will be brought back at the September meeting.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-14 Fixing the Annual Salaries & Providing Compensation for all Elected Officials for Year 2020 (Elected Officials) - Mayor Barnett stated this is for introduction only, and will be brought back at the September meeting.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-16 City of Franklin, Indiana Budgetary Appropriation & Tax Rate Ordinance for the Year 2020 - Mayor Barnett stated this is for introduction only, and will be brought back at the September meeting. IT Director Rick Littleton came forward to explain the budget that he has come up with for the new IT Department. Mr. Littleton stated that currently the city does not have a hardware replacement program, and this can be implemented in the existing budget. Mr. Littleton has been working with Matt Sprout, and Doug Kirby from Franklin High School, and they have been going over the hardware replacement matrix program that the high school currently uses. Mr. Sprout stated that it should cost around \$24,000 per year. A discussion was held. City Attorney Gray stated this budget was looked over by the Telecommunications Commission also.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-17 An Additional Appropriation Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund Capital 2019 in the amount of \$941,074.25 - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this is for introduction only this evening, and will be brought back at the September meeting. This is to appropriate money in the Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund Capital 2019.

Other Business

Proposed 2020 Sewer Utility Budgets (For Informational Purposes Only) - Mayor Barnett stated this budget is actually passed by the Board of Works, but he wanted the Council to see the budget for informational purposes only.

Council Comments

Councilor Abban thanked Mayor Barnett for going over all of the budgets with the council members individually in advance.

Council President Austin thanked Judge VanValer for being present, and asked her if she would like to speak. Judge VanValer came forward and stated that there were no raises for her employees in the Mayor's budget, and so she would like to take care of that through their Record Perpetuation Fund. Judge VanValer thanked the Council for the new City Court, and stated that they were glad to be able to contribute \$134,900 plus for this project from the Records Perpetuation Fund. Judge VanValer stated she sent her Court Clerk to the previous meeting to present a simple line item to be established, and that she regretted that she sent her instead of coming herself due to the fact that she was questioned on items that should have been addressed by the Judge instead of the Court Clerk. Mayor Barnett stated that he does not support giving somebody a bigger raise than somebody else, and that he is presenting giving each City Court employee a \$500.00 raise. The Judge stated that the City cannot spend the Records Perpetuation fund only the Judge can spend that. Judge VanValer stated that she wants to present her purposed budget to the council, as she thinks this is what her employees deserve for the work that they do.

Councilor Wertz stated that the next RDC meeting would be September 17th at 8:00 a.m.

Councilor Abban stated there would be a Plan Commission meeting that was scheduled for tomorrow evening has been cancelled.

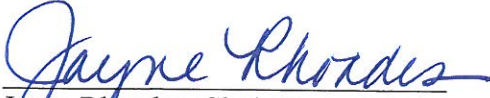
Clerk Treasurer Rhoades stated that we had received our Bond rating from Standard & Poor's, and it was an AA+ rating. A discussion was held.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 8/21/19



Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:



Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer