

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 4, 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 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. Council member Joseph Abban was absent.

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

Mayor Barnett welcomed the Franklin College students who were present.

Fire Chief McElyea informed the City Council that he will be stepping down as Chief as of January 1st, and will go back to Fire Merit Captain at that time. Chief McElyea gave an overview of several things that have been accomplished in the last four years that he has been Chief, and thanked all of the officers for their hard work in these accomplishments. Mayor Barnett thanked the Chief for his hard work as Chief.

Mayor Barnett stated that it was announced today that Franklin has been chosen from “Visit Indy” as the best Main Street in Indiana.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the October 21, 2019 Common Council Minutes

Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

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.

Request to Provide a Brief Update on the Johnson County Trails Master Trail Plan Adoption & Next Steps for the Organization - Carmen Parker gave an update on the Johnson County Trails Master Trail Plan Adoption & the next steps for the Organization. Ms. Parker stated that this group started in 2016, and they are now affiliated with JCCF, and are working to extend trails all over Johnson County. Ms. Parker stated this is an all-volunteer organization, and last year they were awarded a \$40,000.00 grant to help with this project. Ms. Parker stated they hired a Planner with the \$40,000.00, and are now hoping to start Phase II. A discussion was held.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 19-06 An Ordinance Approving Resolution 2019-15 of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property to MXR (Mixed Use: Regional Center) (To be known as Thompson Rezoning) - Senior Planner Joanna Myers explained this rezoning request to the Council, and stated they are requesting rezoning of 26 acres from agriculture to Mixed Use: Regional Center. Ms. Myers stated this item was being forwarded with a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission. A discussion was held. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve a public hearing at the next council meeting, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Amended Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-14 Fixing the Annual Salaries and Providing Compensation for all Elected Officials of the City of Franklin, Indiana for Year 2020 - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades explained this is to amend this salary ordinance for elected officials after it was learned at a SBOA meeting that it must have language that states that elected officials receive compensation for any benefits they receive. This will be brought back at the next meeting for public hearing and approval. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve for public hearing, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

2020 BOW & Council Meeting dates & Holiday Schedule for informational purposes only - Mayor Barnett stated these items were listed to show the meeting dates for 2020, and the Holiday Schedule for 2020. Mayor Barnett also stated that since there is only one meeting in January and February due to holidays we can always add another meeting if necessary.

Council Comments

Councilor Heuchan stated that we had received a letter from resident Linda Teter regarding traffic and lighting issues on Hospital Rd. Councilor Heuchan stated he agrees with Ms. Teter that this area does need to be looked at for changes in the future. A discussion was held.

Councilor Wertz stated that he thought the Johnson County Trail Master Plan was great, and thanked them for their hard work.

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: 11/13/19



Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:



Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer