

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 2, 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, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, 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 stated that the DDF Winter Market & Holiday Lighting will be this Saturday.

Mayor Barnett stated that the following personnel changes will be made: Deputy Police Chief will be Scott Summers starting December 7th; Sally Brown will be DPW Superintendent as of December 24<sup>th</sup>; Matt Culp will be Fire Chief as of January 1<sup>st</sup>; & Justin Lollar will be Deputy Fire Chief as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. The new Community Development Specialist will begin as of January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the November 18, 2019 & November 4<sup>th</sup> Common Council Minutes

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

**Common Council Resolution No.: 19-09 Authorizing the Purchase of Cemetery Plots from Indiana Masonic Home** - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated that the Indiana Masonic Home currently owns approximately 1000 plots in Greenlawn Cemetery that they are willing to sell to

the City at a cost of \$150,000.00. Ms. Gray stated that the agreement would be that the City would pay \$50,000.00 in 2019, and \$25,000.00 on or around January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for the next four years. Mayor Barnett stated that the \$50,000 for this year has already been appropriated in the City Council budget. No appraisal is needed since we already own the land. Ms. Gray has contacted someone to tell us the value of what we will be purchasing. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 19-14 Authorizing a Transfer from Police Services 300 to Police Capital 400 in the amount of \$17,422.00** - Police Chief Kirby Cochran stated he is requesting permission to transfer money from Police Services 300 to Police Capital 400 in the amount of \$17,422.00 for replacing or repairing two Furnace & AC units. 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.

**Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 19-15 Authorizing a Transfer from Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund to Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$8,275.92** - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades explained this resolution is to authorize a transfer of money to close out the 2018 Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund to the Rainy Day Fund in the amount of \$8,275.92. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 19-07 Approving Resolution No. 19-21 of the City of Franklin Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property to RS-1 (Residential: Suburban One) (To be known as West of Windstar Rezoning)** - Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated this is to request rezoning of property to RS-1 (Residential: Suburban One) (To be known as West of Windstar Rezoning) – for introduction only this evening. Ms. Myers gave an overview of this request. A discussion was held. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to bring this item back for public hearing at the next meeting, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business presented.

**Council Comments**

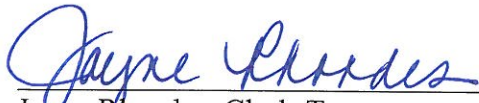
Councilor Abban stated he is looking forward to the Holiday Lighting this Saturday.

Councilor Heuchan reminded everyone of the Good Cheer Fund Hog Roast this Thursday at Scott Hall.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 12/4/2019

  
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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:  
  
Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer