

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 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**

Mayor Barnett stated that he received a letter from the Street Department employees thanking the council for recognizing all of their hard work.

**Appointment of Scott Summers to Deputy Police Chief** – Mayor Barnett swore in Officer Scott Summers as new Deputy Police Chief.

**Presentation of Commemorative Mayors Badge from Chief** - Police Chief Kirby Cochran presented the Mayor with a commemorative new redesigned badge that the department is now using. Chief Cochran stated that Evidence Tech Mark Riley has been working on this design for the new badges for several months, and they would now like to present this commemorative badge to the Mayor, and thank him for his help on approving this project.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the December 2, 2019 Common Council Minutes

Councilor Eggers stated that the previous minutes did not have both dates of minutes that were approved listed (11/4 & 11/18), and he feels this should be amended to include the 11/04 minutes. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

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

## **Public Hearing**

**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 was presented at the previous meeting, and gave an overview of this ordinance regarding why it was necessary. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. A discussion was held. City Attorney Gray stated that the Council should remember that this was forwarded to them with a favorable recommendation from the Plan Commission. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve in accordance with the Plan Commissions recommendation, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

## **New Business**

Councilor Eggers 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 Resolution No.: 19-10 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Rapid Prototype & Engineering, Inc.** - Community Development Director Krista Linke stated this is a request for a personal property tax abatement for Rapid Prototype & Engineering, Inc. which was approved by the EDC on 12/10/19, the board voted a favorable recommendation to the City Council for a 5-year personal property tax abatement with a 5% Economic Development Fee. Ms. Linke stated that an Economic Revitalization Area had already been declared through City Council Resolution 2012-04 & 2012-05, therefore, only one meeting is needed to approve this request. Ms. Linke stated that Will Harvey & Casey Myers of Rapid Prototype are present if anyone would like to ask them questions. Mr. Harvey gave an overview regarding their growth in the last year. Council President Austin stated that there was a unanimous approval from the EDC regarding this tax abatement. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve, 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**

**Recognition of Outgoing Council Members: Joseph Abban; Danny Richards & Richard Wertz** – Mayor Barnett recognized the years of service that Council Members Joseph Abban,

Danny Richards, & Richard Wertz have dedicated to the City, and thanked them for their service. The Mayor presented each of the outgoing members with a plaque.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled:

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer