

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2020**

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, Bob Heuchan, Melissa Jones, Anne McGuinness, Chris Rynerson and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Bryan Ries 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 Melissa Jones as the newest council member. Ms. Jones was caucused in to take over the term of Drew Eggers who resigned in February.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the March 2, 2020 Common Council Minutes

Council President Austin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Taylor. 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 Heuchan. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Johnson County Public Library Presentation - Year in Review** - Mayor Barnett stated that this presentation had been cancelled at this time, and will be brought back at a later date. Council President Austin made a motion to remove this item from the agenda, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The matter will be removed from the agenda.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 20-02 An Ordinance Approving Sewage Works Revenue Bonds, Series 2020 to Finance Improvements to the Sewage Works System** - Rick Hall, Barnes & Thornburg, LLP stated this ordinance is to approve sewage works revenue bonds, Series 2020 to finance much needed improvements to the Sewage Works System. Mr. Hall went on to explain some of the improvements that need to be done, and how the bonds would work. Mr. Hall also stated this is for introduction only tonight.

**PowerPoint Presentation Regarding Sewer Capacity Fees** – Jeff Peters of Peters Municipal presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding Sewer Capacity Fees, and gave an overview of how this works. Mr. Peters stated that the sewer capacity fees will cover new businesses and new homes that are coming to our area. A discussion was held. This will be brought back as an ordinance in the future.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 20-03 Amending Ordinance 20-01 (2020 Salary Ordinance) and any Amendments Thereto** - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated this ordinance is to make sure that salary regulations are in place due to the Coronavirus, and how it could potentially affect the City, and its employees as far as salaries are concerned. A discussion was held. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to suspend the rules to approve the ordinance in one meeting, seconded by Council President Austin. A roll call vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion passed. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Mayor Barnett gave an overview of what the different departments have been doing during this pandemic. The Mayor stated that the Parks Department has closed the Senior Center, and the Rec. Center, and is having all employees do deep cleaning to all of these areas. The Mayor also stated what other precautions the other departments & City Hall have taken.

Judge Mark Loyd came forward to explain what City Court is planning to do during this time. Judge Loyd stated he met today with other state judges to talk about protection of employees, and the public. Judge Loyd stated that the court will be working on a case by case basis from now through May 1<sup>st</sup>. Judge Loyd also stated that they will be partnering with county facilities by way of video conferencing since the county has those capabilities. Judge Loyd also stated that he's offered the empty courtroom for the county Magistrate Judge to use for Juvenile cases.

**Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 20-04 Authorizing a Transfer from Police 200 Supplies to Police 400 Capital in the amount of \$4,999.00** - Police Chief Kirby Cochran stated they would like to transfer money from Police 200 Supplies to Police 400 Capital in the amount of \$4,999.00 to be used for purchasing a new Konica Minolta copier. A discussion was held. Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Jones. A voice vote was

taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 20-05 Authorizing a Transfer from Record Perpetuation Services 300 to Record Perpetuation Supplies 200 in the amount of \$10,000.00**

- City Court Judge Mark Loyd stated he is asking permission to transfer \$10,000 from Record Perpetuation Services 300 to Record Perpetuation Supplies 200. A discussion was held.

Councilor Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Yearly Tax Abatement Compliance Reports** - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated the EDC found the following tax abatement compliance reports to be in substantial compliance & forwarded them to the City Council with favorable recommendations. Ms. Monson read the following tax abatement compliance reports for: C2020-03 Blue Chip (formerly GROK) (Res. 16-02); C2020-04 BP Rex (Res. 10-05); C2020-10 Faulkenberg Printing (Res. 14-13); C2020-12 Heartland Machine & Engineering (One Amigo Realty) (Res. 13-11); C2020-13 Innovative 3D (Res. 17-04); C2020-15 Superior Systems (M & C Cooper) Res. 17-11); C2020-21 MTEA (Res. 13-07/13-32); C2020-22 Nitrex (Res. 11-02/13/16) C2020-27 Overton Industries Tube Forming (My Three Sons) (Res. 16-21); C2020-28 Powder Metal Tech (Res. 17-08); C2020-29 PCTNA (Res. 09-02); C2020-31 Rapid Prototyping & Engineering (WK Investments) Res. 18-01); C2020-32 Rapid Prototyping & Engineering (WK Investments) Res. 19-10); C2020-34 Sunbeam Development Corp (Res. 17-15); C2020-36 Tippman Realty Partners (Res. 08-13); C2020-37 Tippman Realty Partners (Res. 11-08); C2020-38 TOCO (Formerly Trueblood Oil) (Res. 15-11); C2020-39 Urban Air (Franklin) (Res. 16-16). A discussion was held. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Other Business**

There was no other business presented.

**Council Comments**

Councilor McGuinness thanked all of the department heads for all of their work during this time.

Councilor Rynerson agreed with what Councilor McGuinness said.

Council President Austin thanked all employees & congratulated Ms. Jones on her appointment to the Council.

Councilor Heuchan stated we should all keep employees at retail establishments in our thoughts.

Councilor Jones thanked all department heads for all their cooperation & hard work at this time.

Councilor Blankenship reiterated what Councilor Jones stated.

Councilor Taylor agreed with the other Councilors concerning the department heads.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled:3/18/2020

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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