

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 21, 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 answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Shawn Taylor was absent.

Mayor Barnett opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll.

Bryan Ries offered an invocation & led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments

Cole McKnight President of Career Firefighters Local 3433 wanted to extend their gratitude to the Council for all they've done this year, & presented the members with engraved tumblers.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the September 8, 2020 & September 10, 2020 Common Council Minutes

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

Approval of Common Council Ordinance No.: 20-09 Annexation to be known as GDI Holdings - Annexation - 10.71 ac. (Adoption) - Senior Planner Joanna Myers gave an overview of this ordinance, & stated it has been introduced & a public hearing was held, & it is now ready for adoption. Ms. Myers stated this will be effective in about 35 days once it has been recorded. Councilor Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Blankenship. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Common Council Ordinance No.: 20-10 Rezoning to be known as GDI

Holdings Rezoning - Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated this was introduced at the previous meeting & is now ready for approval. A discussion was held. Council President Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Blankenship. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 20-10 Budgetary Ordinance Repealing & Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-12 Fixing & Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers & Employees for Year 2021 (Civil City)

- Mayor Barnett stated this ordinance is to set the salaries of appointed officers & employees for the year 2021 (Civil City). It has been previously introduced & a public hearing has been held, so it is now ready for adoption. 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.

2021 Form 1's & Summary – Mayor Barnett gave an overview of the form 1's & Summary for 2021.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 20-15 For Appropriations & Tax Rates 2021

Mayor Barnett stated this ordinance is to set the appropriations & tax rates for 2021, & is ready for adoption. Councilor Heuchan 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 Ordinance No.: 20-11 Budgetary Ordinance Repealing & Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 19-13 Fixing & Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers & Employees of the City of Franklin for Year 2021 (Sewer Utility)

- Mayor Barnett stated this ordinance is to set the salaries of appointed officers & employees for the year 2021 (Sewer Utility). It has been previously introduced & a public hearing has been held, so it is now ready for adoption. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Rynerson. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 20-12 Budgetary Ordinance Fixing the Annual Salaries & Providing Compensation for all Elected Officials of the City of Franklin for Year 2021

- Mayor Barnett Mayor Barnett stated this ordinance is to set the salaries of Elected Officials for the year 2021. It has been previously introduced & a public hearing has been held, so it is now ready for adoption. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion Gcarried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 20-14 An Additional Appropriation General

Fund Fire Capital \$51,227.00 - Mayor Barnett gave an overview of this budgetary ordinance, & stated it was introduced, & a public hearing was held at the previous meeting, & is now ready for adoption. Fire Chief Matt Culp stated this should be reimbursed by the Cares Act. A discussion

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

Common Council Ordinance No.: 20-13 An Ordinance Establishing a Public Art Advisory Commission for the City - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated this ordinance is to establish a Public Art Advisory Commission for the City of Franklin. Ms. Monson stated this Art Advisory Commission would be responsible to report to the Mayor of the City of Franklin & would be facilitated through the Community Development Department with respect to duties, responsibilities, & authority delineated herein. Ms. Monson stated that the membership of the commission would consist of an eleven-person board appointed by the Mayor & members would serve without compensation. Members would be appointed from the following organizations: One who is a local Artist; One representing The Creative Council of Franklin; One member representing Discover Downtown Franklin; One member representing Festival Country (tourism); One member representing Franklin College; One member representing Franklin Community School Corporation; One member representing The Franklin Department of Public Art; One member representing Franklin Heritage; One member representing The Franklin Parks & Recreation Department; One member representing The Johnson County Community Foundation & One at large member who must be a resident of the City of Franklin. Ms. Monson gave an overview of the powers & responsibilities that this commission would have. Ms. Monson stated this is for introduction only this evening.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 20-16 An Additional Appropriation General Fund Fire Capital 400 in the amount of \$145,602.00 - Fire Chief Matt Culp stated he is asking for approval of this budgetary ordinance which is for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$145,602.00 which will be used for a Zoll medical package which would consist of: Upgrading Monitors which will be reimbursed by the Cares Act. This is for introduction only this evening.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 20-18 An Additional Appropriation Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund Capital 2020 - \$421,348.50 - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades gave an overview of this ordinance, & stated this for introduction only this evening.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 20-19 An Additional Appropriation Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund - Capital - 2019 - Refund to INDOT of \$103,799.44 for close-out of 2019 Community Crossings Grant - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades gave an overview of this ordinance & stated it is a refund that we will send back to INDOT from the

2019 Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund. This is for introduction only this evening.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Council President Austin stated he would be having surgery tomorrow. He also thanked the different departments of the city for their hard work keeping the city looking great.

Councilor Heuchan stated the trail by the hospital has been fixed, & thanked the Mayor for his quick effort in getting this done.

Councilor Jones stated she had been asked about the trail by the hospital also & is thankful it has been fixed.

Councilor Rynerson congratulated the Parks Department for their work on the on the ground breaking ceremony for the amphitheater.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 9/22/20

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer