

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 1, 2021

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.

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

Swearing in of Fire Fighter Cassandra Whitaker – Fire Chief Matt Culp introduced firefighter Cassandra Whitaker & stated she would be the second woman firefighter in the history of the Franklin Fire Department. Mayor Barnett swore in Ms. Whitaker & welcomed her to the Franklin Fire Department.

Street Superintendent Brett Jones introduced three Street Department employees who will be retiring at the end of this month: Gene Sears with 19 years of service; Andy Duckworth with 32 years of service & Roger Spaw with 41 years of service. They will be having a retirement party this Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mayor Barnett thanked these men for their dedication to the City of Franklin & wished them well in the future.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the January 20, 2021 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

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.

Public Hearing

Common Council Ordinance No.: 21-01 Annexation to be known as Mascher Annexation - 11.789 ac. & Approval of Resolution 21-01 Fiscal Plan - Senior Planner Joanna Myers gave an overview of this ordinance & stated it would be brought back at the next meeting to be approved. Ms. Myers also gave an overview of Resolution 21-01 Fiscal Plan & stated this could be approved tonight. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing for Ordinance 21-01, no one asked to speak. Ms. Myers introduced Resolution 21-01 Fiscal Plan. Council President Austin made a motion to approve Resolution 21-01 Fiscal Plan, seconded by Councilor Heuchan. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance No.: 21-02 Rezoning to be known as Mascher Rezoning - Senior Planner Joanna Myers gave an overview of this ordinance & stated it is for introduction only this evening. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Council President Austin made a motion to table this item until the February 17th meeting, seconded by Councilor Heuchan. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 21-02 Authorizing an Additional Appropriation for Non-Tax Supported Funds- City Attorney Gray stated this item & the next four budgetary ordinances are being brought back as there was not enough time to have them advertised in order to be approved at this meeting. Ms. Gray would like to ask that all five of these ordinance be tabled until the February 17th meeting. Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve tabling Budgetary Ordinances 21.-02; 21-03; 21-04; 21-05 & 21-06, seconded by Councilor Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 21-03 An Additional Appropriation CCI Fund - Supplies 200 \$20,000.00; Services 300 \$35,000.00; Capital 400 \$20,000.00 for a total of \$75,000.00 - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades – Tabled.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 21-04 Additional Appropriation CCD Fund Capital 400 - \$300,000.00 - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades - Tabled

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 21-05 Additional Appropriation General Fund 101 - Services 300 \$90,000.00; Capital 400 \$1,024,000.00 for a total of \$1,114,000.00 - Mayor Barnett - Tabled

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 21-06 Additional Appropriation MVH
Restricted Fund 203 Capital 400 \$291,944.00 - Mayor Barnett – Tabled.**

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.

ERA & Tax Abatement Request - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson gave an overview of this request & the resolutions associated with it. Ms. Monson introduced Resolution 21-04 Confirmatory of ERA Designation. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing on the ERA Designation, no one asked to speak. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve Resolution 21-04, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Ms. Monson introduced Resolution 21-02 which is a tax abatement for real property with a 10-year abatement, & Resolution 21-05 which is for personal property abatement for a length of 7 years. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve Resolutions 21-02 & 21-05, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request to Apply for the FEMA Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant. Plans to Apply for a new Quint Ladder Truck in the amount of \$850,000.00 with a 10% matching Requirement - Fire Chief Matt Culp gave an over of this request & stated it was approved earlier tonight by the Board of Works. Chief Culp stated if this grant is received the money would be used toward purchasing a Quint Ladder Truck. A discussion was held. Council President Austin 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.: 21-07 Additional Appropriation Grants 230 Supplies 200 in the amount of \$656.80 – Street Commissioner Brett Jones stated this is money received through an IPEP Grant & they would like to appropriate this money so it can be used to purchase equipment for the street department. This is for introduction only this evening.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 21-08 An Additional Appropriation Grants 230 Supplies 200 in the amount of \$1,600.00 – Parks Superintendent Chip Orner stated this money was from an IPEOP Grant & they would like to appropriate this for employees to be able to purchased work boots up to \$150.00 for this year only. This is for introduction only this evening.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Council President Austin thanked all the City Departments for their hard work. He also thanked the Street Department employees for their years of service.

Councilor Heuchan stated he would not be present at the next meeting.

Councilor Jones thanked Andy Duckworth for his years of service to the City.

Councilor McGuinness congratulated Andy Duckworth, & thanked the Street Department employees for their work in keeping the streets cleared from the recent snow.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 2/3/21

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer