

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 15, 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 New Police Officer Levi Butler - Police Chief Kirby Cochran introduced new Police Officer Levi Butler. Mayor Barnett swore in Officer Butler, & welcomed him to the Franklin Police Department.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the March 1, 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 Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance 21-03 (As Amended at the Public Hearing); Rezoning to be Known as Flagstone Properties Rezoning - Senior Planner Joanna Myers stated this was presented at the previous meeting & was amended at the public hearing. Ms. Myers stated the revised version is now ready for approval. A discussion was held. Council President Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 21-10 Amending Budgetary Ordinance No.: 20-10 - Amending & Changing the Title of the Public Relations/Marketing Admin. Assistant to Chief of Staff for the Year 2021 (Civil City) - Mayor Barnett stated this was

presented at the previous meeting & is now ready for approval. 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.

Presentation from HomeServe regarding Sewer Line Protection - City Attorney Lynn Gray, Mike Chambers & Allie Terrell gave a presentation regarding HomeServe which is a type of insurance that residents can purchase to cover their sewer lines if they have issues with them. This protection would save homeowners money if they have expenses that are not the City's responsibility. Ms. Gray explained this is being brought forward tonight to let residents know that they have options for coverage if they need it. This is for informational purposes only.

Common Council Resolution No.: 21-15 A Declaratory Resolution Designating an Economic Revitalization area for Essex Fukuwara (EDC 2021-05) - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated this resolution is a declaratory resolution designating an Economic Revitalization Area for Essex Fukuwara. Ms. Monson stated this was sent to the council with a favorable recommendation from the Economic Development Commission. Ms. Monson also stated this is for a 7-year personal property tax abatement with a 5% economic development fee. A discussion was held. Councilor Taylor made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Heuchan. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Yearly Tax Abatement Compliance Reports - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson gave a presentation regarding the following tax abatement compliance reports: BS2 Life Sciences; BP Rex Healthcare Packaging, Inc. 10-05.; BP Rex Healthcare Packaging, Inc. 19-04; City of Franklin; GDI Holdings; Blue Chip Enterprises; Heartland Machine; Innovative 3D; Nitrex; Powder Metal Tech; Rapid Prototyping & Engineering (WK Investments) (Res. 18-01); Rapid Prototyping & Engineering (WK Investments) (Res. 19-10); Shelby Gravel; Superior Systems; Sunbeam 17-15; Sunbeam 19-07; Sunbeam 20-10; MTEA; MHICC 13-06.13-31; MHICC 13-29; Electro-Spec. A discussion was held. 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.: 21-11 A Budgetary Ordinance Amending Budgetary Ordinance No. 20-10 Amending & Changing the Title of the Motor Vehicle Highway Street Crew Leader to Street Foreman & Motor Vehicle Highway Street Assistant Crew Leader to Street Crew Leader for Year 2021 (Civil City) - Street

Commissioner Brett Jones stated this ordinance is to change the title of two different positions in the Street Department. Mr. Jones explained the changes to each position & why the titles were being changed, he also stated that the change in job descriptions was approved earlier this evening at the Board of Works meeting. Mr. Jones stated this is for introduction only this evening.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor McGuinness stated the Chamber of Commerce & Mayor Barnett did a nice job on the annual State of the City address.

Councilor Rynerson thanked the Mayor & Rosie Chambers of the Chamber of Commerce for putting together the State of the City address.

Councilor Heuchan congratulated Tara Payne on her new title of Chief of Staff.

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,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:3/31/2021

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer