

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
December 6, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:03 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Steve Barnett presiding. Council members Kenneth Austin, Melissa Jones, Anne McGuinness, Irene Nalley, Josh Prine and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Councilor Bob Heuchan was absent.

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

Mayor Barnett asked for a moment of silence for Police Dog Pepper who died last week.

Tom Moore offered an invocation, & led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements, Presentations & Public Comments**

**Information Relating to Memorandum of Understanding for Corporate Sponsorship of Pedestrian Bridge located at Youngs Creek Park** - Parks Superintendent Chip Orner gave the Council information relating to the Memorandum of Understanding for Corporate Sponsorship of the Pedestrian Bridge located at Youngs Creek Park that was approved earlier tonight at the Board of Works meeting. Mr. Orner stated the sponsorship that was approved tonight was for the Pedestrian Bridge at Youngs Creek which will be sponsored by W.E. Paris, LLC. This sponsorship is for \$100,000.00 which will be paid by the end of this year. Mr. Orner stated that he has been approached about other sponsorships that will be coming in the future for the Amphitheater area. City Attorney Gray stated that the fund that this money goes to was amended at the Board of Works, there will now be two funds one for sponsorships & the other for donations.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the November 15, 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.

## Public Hearing

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 21-25 Annexation to be known as Lasley Annexation - 0.49 ac. (Public Hearing) & Approval of Resolution No.: 21-37** – City Engineer Mark Richards gave an overview of this ordinance regarding a residential property on Graham Rd. The resident had a failed sewer system, & generally the City does not provide sewer service outside city limits. The property owner presented a petition for annexation of this property, & the Plan Commission heard this on October 19<sup>th</sup> & voted unanimously to forward a favorable recommendation to the Council. Mr. Richards stated tonight there will be a public hearing for this annexation & the final hearing will be on 12/20/21. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Mr. Richards stated he is also bringing forward Resolution 21-37 which is for the Fiscal Plan & it can be approved tonight. A discussion was held. Council President Austin made a motion to approve Resolution 21-37, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 21-26 Annexation to be known as Oakleaf Farms II Annexation - 42.43 ac. (Public Hearing) & Approval of Resolution No.: 21-38: Fiscal Plan** – City Engineer Mark Richards stated this ordinance is for annexation of 42.43 acres on the eastside of Co. Rd. 600 E. & S. of St. Rd. 44. The Plan Commission on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> forwarded a favorable recommendation to the Council by a vote of 10-1. Mr. Richards also stated Resolution 21-38 Fiscal Plan is ready for approval. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, the following people spoke: Andy Hensley; & Erin Slevin spoke against this annexation. Bob Swinehamer spoke in favor. Mac McNaught one of the owners of this property gave his rebuttal regarding this annexation. Mr. Richards stated this Ordinance will be brought back for approval on 12/20/21. Council President Austin made a motion to approve Resolution 21-38 Fiscal Plan, seconded by Councilor Jones. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 21-27 Rezoning to be known as Oakleaf Farms II Rezoning ( Public Hearing)** – City Engineer Mark Richards introduced this ordinance & gave an overview of the rezoning area. Mr. Richards stated the company gave 5 commitments of: lighting; east & south yards of real estate will be planted with native trees; there will be a berm of five feet with additional tree planting; & fence line trees along the boundaries of the real estate. Mr. Richards stated these commitments will run with the land through any subsequent owners. Mayor Barnett opened the floor for public hearing, the following people spoke; Andy Hensley; & Erin Slevin spoke against rezoning. Mac McNaught gave a rebuttal regarding rezoning. This will be brought back for approval on 12/20/21.

**Common Council Ordinance No.: 21-24 An Ordinance Declaring Dormant Funds & Transferring Balances to Active Funds** - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades gave an overview of this ordinance that was introduced at the previous meeting. 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.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 21-25 An Additional Appropriation Ordinance Donation-Police Unrestricted Supplies 217-002-200 in the amount of \$1,030.00** - Police Chief Kirby Cochran gave an overview of this budgetary ordinance that was introduced at the previous meeting. Councilor Jones made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Taylor. 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 Resolution No.: 21-39 Amending Resolution 21-20 Establishing Guidelines for Sponsorship Opportunities for Amphitheater Facilities & Sponsorship Funds Received to be Used for Operating Expenses Related to the Amphitheater** - City Attorney Lynn Gray gave an overview of the amendments to this resolution. Ms. Gray stated in the original resolution that was approved the money would go into a donation fund which was already established, since that time we have been contacted by people who would like to make donations with their own intents of what they would like to donate the money for. Sponsorships are also different types of donations. Ms. Gray stated after meetings with the Clerk Treasurer & the Parks Department it was decided that there should actually be two separate funds one that would be for sponsorships & one for donations, that is what this resolution is for. A discussion was held. Councilor McGuinness 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.: 21-26 An Additional Appropriation Grants-JAG Police AED's Supplies 230 013 200 in the amount of \$6,918.00** - Police Chief Kirby Cochran gave an overview of this budgetary ordinance & stated it is for introduction only this evening.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 21-27 Additional Appropriation MVH Services 300 in the amount of \$617.00** - Clerk Treasurer Jayne Rhoades gave an overview of this budgetary ordinance & stated it is for introduction only this evening.

### **Other Business**

Fleet Manager Brett Jones gave the Council information regarding the Fire Pumper Apparatus that will be purchased. Mr. Jones stated that he had received additional information for the City Attorney, who presented a Resolution to the Board of Works earlier tonight, & it was approved.

The truck is a demo which is priced at \$500,000.00. City Attorney Gray stated that the money was already appropriated for this purchase.

City Attorney Gray spoke about the Ray's Trash & Recycling contract & stated an ordinance would be necessary regarding passing part of the cost on to our residents. Ms. Gray stated that she had added to the contract regarding an abatement that residents could ask to be approved by the Board of Works if they were going to be away from their homes for an extended amount of time (90 days or longer) so they would not have to pay for this service if it was not being used. Ms. Gray stated this monthly cost of \$17.22 would be added to the sewer bill each month if this ordinance is approved. Ms. Gray stated if the Council so wishes she will prepare this ordinance, & it will be brought forward and introduced at one meeting, then it would come back at the next meeting for public hearing, it would need to be advertised before it could be finalized. Ms. Gray stated once this is all completed it will probably take effect in April. A discussion was held.

### **Council Comments**

City Attorney Gray gave information regarding redistricting for the City of Franklin if it takes place, & stated it would not happen until December 2022. Ms. Gray also spoke about the Covid requirements & how the courts have stopped the vaccination mandate as of this time.

Morgan Harvey of the Mayor's Youth Council stated they made \$400.00 at their bake sale at the Winter Market for future projects.

Mayor Barnett welcomed Councilors Irene Nalley & Josh Prine.

Councilor McGuinness stated the Holiday Lighting & downtown shopping made a great weekend.

Council President Austin welcomed new Council member Irene Nalley & Josh Prine. Mr. Austin also stated he would not be present for the 12/20/21 meeting.

Councilor Jones welcomed the new Council members.

Councilor Taylor welcomed the new Council members.

Councilor Nalley stated the town looks beautiful with the Christmas Lights.

Mayor Barnett stated that he is appointing Joe Abban to the Plan Commission as of January 2022. The Mayor stated that the Council would need to select someone to take Chris Ryerson's place in January. Councilor Nalley stated she would be happy to stay on the Plan Commission if the Council would like her to.

### **Adjournment**

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As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 12/9/2021

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer