

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2023**

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, Anne McGuinness, Irene Nalley, Josh Prine and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Council Members Bob Heuchan and Jennifer Price were absent. There were no members of the Mayor's Youth Council 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

Bill Harmening updated the Council on the trash situation. He explained how he had to call Ray's Trash about the recycling bins in Franklin Lakes not being picked up. Mr. Harmening had a difficult time getting ahold of a representative at Ray's. Mayor Barnett let him know to contact Sherry Phillips if he comes across any other issues with the service at Ray's trash.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the January 3, 2023 Common Council Minutes

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

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

Council Vice President Taylor 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.

Tax Abatement Request for DHL - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson explained Resolution No.: 23-01. Ms. Monson explained that this project with DHL has been in the works since last February. The investment is \$68 million with DHL contributing \$2 million for Paul Hand Road. Resolution 23-01 will repeal and replace Resolution 22-06. A representative from DHL presented a short overview of the project with descriptions of what the buildings will look like. The buildings combined will total 3.8 million square feet. He explained how the timeframe is 5-6 years to complete all buildings on the property. They explained when the first building is complete, they should be able to employ 400 people immediately with starting pay around \$18.00. A discussion was held. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Resolution No.: 23-01 (with a change of verbiage) that grants DHL a 10-year tax abatement with a 2% economic fee, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Completed 2022 and Projected 2023 Projects - Mayor Steve Barnett described what the city completed in 2022 and the goals for 2023. Mayor Barnett also pointed out the 2023 Draft Paving List. He explained that City Engineer Mark Richards applied for a \$1 million grant to help fund the projects for 2023.

Council Comments

Chief of Staff Tara Payne gave an update on the sculpture at the roundabout at Commerce and Simon Road. She explained that the students in the Mayor's Youth Council are very involved in the process and they are brainstorming about ways to fundraise.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 1/20/23


Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer