

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 20, 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, Bob Heuchan, Anne McGuinness, Irene Nalley, Jennifer Price, Josh Prine and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council members Ella McGuinness, Willa Thomas and Lizzi Worland 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

There were no announcements, presentations or public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the March 6, 2023 Common Council Minutes

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

Old Business

There was no old business presented.

New Business

Council President Austin made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Prine. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Presentation of new Sewer Use Ordinance (SUO) to replace ordinance from 1998 – City Attorney Gray explained the city gets a permit through IDEM to run the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Five businesses in the city are also permitted through IDEM to use the city's plant. Ms.

Gray explained that Commonwealth Engineers has already ran the ordinance by IDEM to ensure the ordinance is up to their standards and regulations. Commonwealth Engineers Brady Dryer explained the city has industrial customers with 5 having wastewater permits through IDEM that allows them to discharge to the city. Every five years, the ordinance must be reviewed to ensure it complies with state and federal requirements. Once a year, the discharge from facilities gets tested to ensure there are no hazard materials that could hurt the environment, facility or public health. Mr. Dryer stated this testing ensures that the wastewater treatment plant is in compliance with the requirements to be permitted by IDEM. A discussion was held. The ordinance will be advertised for public hearing at the next City Council meeting on April 3rd, 2023.

Yearly Tax Abatement Compliance Reports for Approval - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson explained the CF1 Compliance Forms are required for businesses that have obtained a tax abatement from the city. There are 28 businesses that turned in these CF1 forms and they were all found to be in compliance. The majority of the businesses were paying more with less employees. These businesses were low in numbers but had high quality workers that were getting a larger salary. Council Vice President Taylor agreed that all businesses were compliant. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve the 28 compliance reports, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Ordinance 2023-02: Rezoning to be known as Redwood Rezoning (Introduction) - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell explained this is an introduction for a request for rezoning. The property is located on 31.5 acres on Hurricane Road and Upper Shelbyville Road. The property went through annexation in 2017. The request is to rezone to multi-family to accommodate a one-story apartment complex. The Planning Commission recommended the ordinance unanimously. Ordinance 2023-02 will go for public hearing on April 3rd, 2023.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor Heuchan explained he is confident in Dana Monson and the EDC on the review of the compliance reports.

Councilor Price stated the Youth Council presented well at the Rotary Club.

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Willa Thomas stated they are still working to get sponsorships for the roundabout project and they are continuing to work with Arlon Bayliss on the design of the sculpture.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:3/24/2023

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer