

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
June 19, 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 and Josh Prine answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Council Members Jennifer Price and Shawn Taylor were absent.

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 & Public Comments**

**Oath of Office for New Hire Daniel Collins** – Mayor Barnett swore in new police officer Daniel Collins.

There were no public comments.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the June 5, 2023 Common Council Minutes

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

***Public Hearing***

**Approval of Ordinance 2023-05: Annexation to be known as Dunn & Snepp Annexation - 240 ac. (Public Hearing) & Approval of Resolution 2023-12: Fiscal Plan** - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated the Planning Commission heard all 3 requests at their May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. The fiscal plan is the only item up for official action. The annexation had a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. If there is not a rezoning request that goes

along with an annexation, the default zoning is agricultural. Larry Gesse was present at the meeting to represent the Dunn and Snapp families. Mr. Gesse gave a brief presentation about the two properties. Jill Beavins gave her thoughts against the annexation and the rezoning who is a resident on 300 North. She explained her concerns about safety due to semi-truck traffic. Ms. Beavins stated her fear is this rezoning would increase semi-truck traffic. William Dunn gave his thoughts in favor of the project and stated there is no developer for the property at this time. If the rezoning does not get approved, the property will be difficult to sell. Mr. Dunn stated he believes there will be semi-truck traffic either way. Councilor Prine asked what could possibly be put in the industrial rezoning in the future. Ms. Tennell explained it could be warehouses, manufacturing, distribution, etc. In the city of Franklin, trucking companies are a special exception and have to get approved. A discussion was held. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Approval of Ordinance 2023-06: Rezoning to be known as Dunn Rezoning - 80 ac. (Public Hearing)** - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated the industrial zoning had an unfavorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. There will be action on this item at the next meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Approval of Ordinance 2023-07: Rezoning to be known as Snapp Rezoning - 160 ac. (Public Hearing)** - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated the agriculture zoning had a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to table both Ordinance 23-06 and 23-07 until the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. 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 Prine. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Appropriate funds received from Franklin Union Needham Township to purchase AEDs** - Police Chief Kirby Cochran stated this is for introduction only. The Police Department received a \$15,000.00 donation for AEDs for police vehicles.

**Request approval to amend Common Council Ordinance 22-18 Budgetary Ordinance Fixing & Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers & Employees for Year 2023 (Civil City) to add a full-time Recreation/Events Coordinator for the Parks & Recreation Department** - Director of Parks & Recreation Chip Orner explained this has been in the works for a year due to the opening of the amphitheater. The Recreation/Event Coordinator would oversee the amphitheater and other parks events. This individual would also oversee the new Rec management software and the concession stand. He explained he would like to switch how the aquatics director is paid so they are paid out of the pool revenue funds. The new recreation/event coordinator when then be paid from tax-payer money which is where the

aquatics director is currently paid. The goal is to fill the new position in July. The pool has transitioned from only tax-payer money to being paid for by revenue funds.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business presented.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Josh Prine stated the FDC did a wonderful job on the house on Hurricane Street.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 6/21/2023

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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