

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 2, 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 Zach Newton, Carter Breeden and Noah Woods.

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

There were no announcements or public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the September 18, 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

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

Approval of Ordinance 2023-09: Annexation to be known as Phelps Annexation - 0.5 ac. (Official Action) - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated Ordinance 2023-09 went for public hearing at the previous council meeting. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-09 Phelps Annexation, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Ordinance 2023-10: Rezoning to be known as Phelps Rezoning (Official Action) - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated Ordinance 2023-10 went for public hearing at the previous council meeting. Council President Austin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-10 Phelps Rezoning, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 23-14 to appropriate \$5 million for the Active Adult Center Project - Mayor Steve Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance 23-14, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 23-13 Additional Appropriation for Police Pension Payroll and Police Pension Dependent Fund - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this was introduced at the previous council meeting. Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance 23-13, seconded by Councilor Nalley. 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 to the City Council to provide an overview and field questions regarding the PMR Healthcare and JMH offering to clinic access for eligible City Employees and their family members – PMR Healthcare CEO Craig Marcroft gave a 1-hour presentation about the benefits of PMR Healthcare and JMH. The intention of the program is to help companies control costs for healthcare for employees and their families. PMR Healthcare gives users free and available access where patients do not have to pay copays. Mr. Marcroft stated the city could save \$500,000.00 a year based on their cost analysis. Patients would still have the option to see their routine doctor but would have to pay the copays associated with their doctor outside of PMR Healthcare. The main benefit of PMR Healthcare is there are no copays. The city would pay a flat-rate to PMR Healthcare for their service. A discussion was held. Council members had the opportunity to ask questions. Mayor Barnett suggested the Council think of any questions they may have and rediscuss this topic in a couple weeks.

Request approval of Budgetary Resolution to transfer from MVH 400 to MVH 300 in the amount of \$20,000.00 - Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Brett Jones stated this is a standard transfer to cover end of the year costs. Council President Austin made a motion to approve Budgetary Resolution 23-08, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Introduction of Budgetary Ordinance 23-15 to appropriate \$80,000 into the Park Impact Fee Capital Fund - Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner introduced Budgetary Ordinance 23-15. The appropriation is for 2 projects: shade at the Youngs Creek Park pickleball courts and the irrigation system at the amphitheater to cover the warranty costs. The money is already in the fund but needs appropriated. Budgetary Ordinance 23-15 will go for public hearing at the October 16th Council meeting.

Other Business

Request Approval of Holiday Schedules for 2024 - Mayor Barnett gave the list of city employee holidays for 2024. The holiday schedule was approved by the Board of Works.

Council Comments

Councilor McGuinness said the Fall Festival was awesome. She thanked all departments for their help.

Council President Austin agreed that the city employees did an amazing job.

Council Vice President Taylor said the festival was great time.

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Vice President Noah Woods stated TriKappa donated \$2,500 for the roundabout sculpture and other future projects. The moon tree application was submitted to NASA. The electric car charger project is still in the works.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:10/4/23

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer