

**City of Franklin Common Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**November 6, 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 Anna Brumley, Addison Holman, Madelyn McCullough, Sydney Woodward and Lizzi Worland were 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 & Public Comments**

**Oath of Office for 2 Lateral Transfers: Jason Beck and Richard Harrington** - Mayor Barnett swore in new police officers Jason Beck and Richard Harrington.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the October 16, 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**

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 Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Approval of Ordinance 2023-14: Street & Utility Right-of-Way Ordinance (Introduction)** - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated this is a draft of the ordinance to appeal and replace the 2021 ordinance. Natasha Mershon with the Masters Group and City Engineer Mark Richards also worked on the updates to the ordinance. Ms. Tennell explained the changes to the ordinance. This ordinance will be enforced by City Court. Mayor Barnett explained the goal is to set standards for all cable companies to follow. Ms. Mershon and her company have already started work on clearing up cable pollution in the city. Ordinance 2023-14 will go for public hearing at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Approval of Council Budgetary Resolution 23-10 a transfer from Cemetery Supplies to Cemetery Services \$1,452.75** - Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner stated this is moving existing money from one account to another. Council President Austin made a motion to approve Budgetary Resolution 23-10, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Introduction of Budgetary Ordinance 23-16 to appropriate the Community Crossings Grant money in the amount of \$741,879.66 for the city's portion** - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades explained this money is already in the correct fund. This budgetary ordinance gives the Clerk-Treasurer's office permission to spend the money that was transferred into the fund. Budgetary Ordinance 23-16 will go for public hearing at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Introduction of Ordinance 23-12 Authorizing Advance Payment of Certain Expenses** - City Attorney Lynn Gray explained contractors have had issues getting supplies for projects. Legislature changed the law that used to prevent government entities from pre-paying companies for projects. This ordinance allows the Clerk-Treasurer to make advanced payments under certain circumstances. Ordinance 23-12 will go for public hearing at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Introduction of Ordinance 23-13 An Ordinance of the City of Franklin Providing for Clothing and Equipment Allowance and Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No. 19-03 and Ordinance No. 11-09 Relative to the Same** - City Attorney Lynn Gray explained the budget for 2024 increased the clothing allowance amount from \$800 to \$1,000. The only item getting changed in the ordinance is the amount paid. This is the first time it has been increased in several years. Ordinance 23-13 will go for public hearing at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**Other Business**

**Request Approval of 2024 Meeting Dates** - Mayor Barnett introduced the 2024 meeting dates. The Board of Works approved the meeting schedule at tonight's meeting.

**Council Comments**

Councilor McGuinness said the Downtown shopping last weekend was wonderful.

Councilor Price stated the Yandes Street ribbon cutting had a great turnout.

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council member Anna Brumley stated the Moon Tree application is still pending. The council is working with Duke Energy to get an electric car charging station at the amphitheater. The council is also working on banners for the 2024 eclipse. They will also be having a booth at the Winter Market to raise funding for the Christmas Angels.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 11/7/23

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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