

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 1, 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 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

Promotion of Cole McKnight to Merit Lieutenant - Fire Chief Joshua Snyder and Mayor Barnett swore in Cole McKnight as Merit Lieutenant.

Swearing in of 2 new Officers: Landon Carter and Timothy Hadley - Mayor Barnett and Police Chief Cochran swore in Landon Carter and Timothy Hadley.

To present the annual Preservation Month Award winners to the Common Council for recognition of the exterior and interior work these individuals and businesses have contributed to our community - Franklin Heritage Incorporated Rob Shilts stated the goal is to reward individuals for working to improve their homes and the city in general. The Best New Construction Award in an Existing Historic Neighborhood was given to the City of Franklin for the Drive Hubler Amphitheater. The Best Adaptive Reuse of an Existing Historic Structure Award was given to 10 Pins Bowling. The Best Renovation Project of an Existing Historic Structure Award was given to the Franklin Development Corporation for 548 W King Street. The Best New Addition to an Existing Historic Structure Award was given to Mike and Donna Wood for 200 North Home Ave. The Best Continued Use of an Existing Historic Structure Award was given to Julie Wells for 250 East Madison Street. The Little Charmer Award was given to Terry and Pat George for 398 Yandes Street. The Natural Beauty Award was given to Karen Lucky for 998 East Jefferson Street.

Presentation of Award - Mayor Steve Barnett awarded Jill Norris with the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2023. Jill Norris accepted the award and thanked all of those who she volunteers with. Ms. Norris thanked the Council for their service. She explained she loves living in Franklin and all of the people here. She will continue to volunteer for all types of city events and thanked everyone again for thinking of her for this award.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the April 17, 2023 Common Council Minutes

Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Council President Austin. 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

Laugle Properties and Dualtech ERA and Tax Abatement Request and Public Hearing - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated the process to approve the request began at the last meeting. Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing for the ERA. There were no questions. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Resolution 23-09, seconded by Councilor Prine. Councilor Price recused herself from the vote. A voice vote was taken with all other members stating aye. The motion carried. Ms. Monson explained the building will be 70,000 square feet. The building will house Dualtech and create 11 new jobs with a total of 50 employees. There are no economic development fees for this project. Mr. Dustin Huddleston gave a brief presentation explaining the tax abatement to the Council and the plans for the new building. Council Vice President Taylor stated he also supports both of the 10-year tax abatements. Mayor Barnett asked the public if there were any questions. Bill Harmening spoke on behalf of Mr. Laugle and stated he is a very generous man that has donated frequently to the city. Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Resolution 23-10 granting a real property 10-year tax abatement, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Resolution 23-11 granting a personal property 10-year tax abatement, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 23-04 Appropriating Grant Funds received from Drug Free Johnson County – Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades spoke in place of Police Chief Kirby Cochran. This money is received from Drug Free Johnson County every year. Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no questions. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Councilor Prine made a motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance 23-04, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 23-03 Appropriating EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) Tax - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated this was introduced at the last meeting. This funding comes in every month. Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no questions. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance 23-03, 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 Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Essex Furukawa Real Property and Personal Property Tax Abatement Request (tabled from previous meeting) - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson explained this property is off of Essex and Earlywood Drive. This new project will double their current building to total 120,000 square feet. The goal is to add new equipment and add 15 new employees. They will invest \$30 million in real property and \$30 million in personal property. The property is in an ERA area. Lindsey Hartman gave a brief presentation of Essex Furukawa. The company plans to invest \$60 million for the new facility. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Resolution 23-06 that grants a 10-year tax abatement with a 2% economic development fee for real property, seconded by Councilor Prine. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Resolution 23-07 that grants a 7-year tax abatement with a 5% economic development fee for personal property, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Ordinance 2023-03: Rezoning to be known as Kingsbridge PUD 2023 (Introduction) - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell introduced Ordinance 23-03. The property is about 150 acres on the westside of US 31 immediately south of Knollwood Farms. In 2021, they provided examples of the homes. The request is only for modifying the architecture of the single-family homes. These modifications will involve the garage and the porches. The ordinance will go for public hearing at the May 15th Council meeting.

Other Business

2022 Redevelopment Commission Annual Report – Community Development Director Krista Linke explained this is a report of all revenue and expenditures that is filed every year. There will be another fund related presentation for the Redevelopment Commission in June or July.

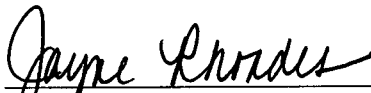
Council Comments

There were no council member comments.

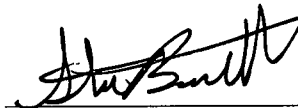
Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 5/1/2023



Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:



Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer