

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 15, 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 Madison Spock, Carter Breeden and Zach Newton 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

Scott Havekost gave his thoughts on the U.S. 31 Corridor Project.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the May 1, 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

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 2023-03: Rezoning to be known as Kingsbridge PUD 2023 (Public Hearing and Official Action) - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated this ordinance is for the Kingsbridge subdivision south of Knollwood. The rezoning was recommended by the Planning Commission with a unanimous vote. The ordinance deals with requirements for

porches. Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing. Becky Allen with Gateway Services had concerns about flooding. Ms. Gray explained they are required to maintain runoff and the flooding should not be a problem. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Councilor Nalley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-03, seconded by Councilor Prine. 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.

2023 Economic Development Fees Grant Award - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson explained these are voluntarily paid by any companies that have a tax abatement. The city received \$73,690.56 in economic development fees. The fees can be granted to any nonprofit organization that is working in a specific economic development activity area within the city. Discover Downtown Franklin and Festival County requested \$13,690.00 for the Kuji Alley project. Chamber Foundation requested \$30,000.00 to create a small business grant program. Franklin Heritage requested \$30,000.00 to help with storm damages at the Artcraft Theater. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve the grants, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

Public Art Advisory Commission 2022 Annual Report - Commission President Ken Kosky gave a brief overview of the annual report. Projects have included 200 stars for the bicentennial, painting of electric boxes, the Kuji Alley project and painting a piece at the entrance to the amphitheater. The next project is to create a brochure of all of the completed art pieces so citizens and visitors can easily go see the work that has been completed.

Council Comments

Councilor Prine stated Happy Race Month.

Councilor Heuchan gave a shoutout to Gateway Services and Becky Allen. He thanked them for their great work.

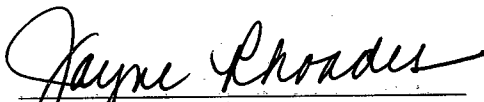
Mayor's Youth Leadership Council member Madison Spock stated the council inducted their new members and had a closing ceremony for this school year.


Common Council Minutes
May 15, 2023

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 5/17/23


Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer