

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 5, 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 Attorney Drew Eggers were also present.

City Attorney Lynn Gray was 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 Jesse Crebbe – Mayor Barnett swore in police officer Jesse Crebbe.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the June 19, 2023 Common Council Minutes

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

Public Hearing

Approval of Appropriation of funds received from Franklin Union Needham Township to purchase AEDs - Police Chief Kirby Cochran explained the Police Department received a \$15,000.00 donation to purchase AEDs for all police vehicles. Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Councilor

Nalley made a motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance 23-05, seconded by Councilor Heuchan. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Action Items

Approval of Ordinance 2023-05: Annexation to be known as Dunn & Snepp Annexation - 240 ac. (Official Action) - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated this request went for public hearing at the last council meeting and the fiscal plan was approved. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-05, 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. (Tabled from June 19, 2023 - Official Action) - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell explained this is ready for official action. Councilor Heuchan voiced his concerns about rezoning now but he would be open to rezoning in the future. John Merrill stated he is listing the property and there has been several developers interested. He stated that he believes that rezoning it as industrial would make the property easier to sell. A discussion was held about the benefits and disadvantages of rezoning. Councilor Price made a motion to deny the rezoning as it is, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with 6 members stating aye. Council President Austin opposed the motion. The motion to deny the rezoning carried. Mrs. Tennell stated the property will be zoned as agriculture because that is the default rezoning.

Approval of Ordinance 2023-07: Rezoning to be known as Snepp Rezoning - 160 ac. (Tabled from June 19, 2023 - Official Action) - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell explained this request is to zone the property agriculture. Councilor Nalley made a motion to approve the rezoning, seconded by Council President Austin. 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 Heuchan. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Support of PreservING Main Street Grant Application - Discover Downtown Franklin Jess Giles & Community Development Director Krista Linke explained that Resolution 2023-13 is in regards to a grant application. The resolution is for the commitment of funds to update their comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan gets updated every 10 years. The grant is for up to \$2 million with a matching component as well. The grant application is due July 13th. Councilor Heuchan made a motion to approve the grant application, seconded by Council President Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Adding Aquatic Director to the 2023 Salary Ordinance, therefore Budgetary Ordinance 22-18 will need to be Amended - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades introduced the amendment to Budgetary Ordinance 22-18. The new Budgetary Ordinance will go for public hearing on July 17th. Parks Department Superintendent Chip Orner explained the aquatics director will be paid completely out of pool revenue funds.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor Price stated the fireworks were wonderful.

Councilor Nalley agreed the festival was awesome.

Councilor Heuchan also said the event was great.


Council President Austin thanked all of the city employees for their hard work at the festival.

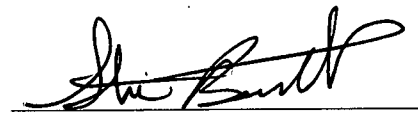
Chief of Staff Tara Payne stated the roundabout at the high school will be completed by August 1st.

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,


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 7/13/23


Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer