

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 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, 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.

Council member Bob Heuchan was absent.

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council members Noah Woods and Shawn Grider 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.

Announcement & Public Comments

There were no announcements or public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- o Approval of the August 21, 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.

Presentation on Fire Station 21 Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Report for renovation and addition to Fire Station, informational purposes only - Envoy Companies Justin Nicol gave a brief presentation on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Report for the Fire Station 21 Project. The project was unsuccessfully publicly bid so Envoy is completing the project under a Public Private Agreement. The expansion is about 1500 square feet with most of that space

being for bunking areas. The cost of the project is \$2.4 million. The project will be paid for out of the ARP funds and the CCD funds.

Public Hearing

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 23-12 Additional Appropriation for Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant in the amount of \$741,879.66 - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated the Budgetary Ordinance was introduced at the previous Council meeting. This money was received through the Community Crossings Match Grant. 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 23-12, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 23-07 Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees (Civil City) - Mayor Steve Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 23-08 Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees (Sewer Utility) - Mayor Steve Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 23-09 Annual Salaries and Compensation for All Elected Officials - Mayor Steve Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing.

Public Hearing for 2024 Budget - Form 1's & Summary - Mayor Steve Barnett stated the budget increase from 2023 to 2024 is 7.8%. Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. The 2024 budget will be approved at the September 18th Council meeting.

New Business

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

Request to consider membership in the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated the State put together a program to help cities and towns to attract new residents. The State is doing the program again this year but it is set up differently. This year, Franklin is in the central Indiana region. The program requires the city becomes a member of the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority. Jennifer Messer, the director of the authority, was present to answer questions. Chris Hamm, a consultant for the Central Indiana Regional, was also present. The city cannot apply for the Readi 2.0 grant unless the city joins the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority. Mr. Hamm explained

the Read 2.0 grant is a huge benefit to joining the CIRDA. Ms. Messer explained there are no fees to join CIRDA. There are additional opportunities through CIRDA such as other grants that give amounts up to \$1 million. Ordinance 23-11 will go for public hearing and approval at the September 18th Council meeting. Resolution 23-15 will go for approval at the September 18th Council meeting as well.

Presentation on replacing the Active Adult Center located at 160 E. Adams Street - Parks
Department Superintendent Chip Orner gave a brief presentation of the reconstruction of the Active Adult Center. The roof needs replaced, there are HVAC issues, termite issues, parking lot needs redone, etc. There are 602 active members of the Active Adult Center. The AAC also houses renters and the Old Town Players performing arts group. The old building will get torn down and the new building will go in the same spot. The new building will have 72 parking spaces. There will also be an outdoor performance area and multiple rooms available for rental inside of the building. The bid opening would not be until May 2024 and the building itself would not open until July 2025 at the earliest. The building will take 10-12 months to build. During that time, the Active Adult Center members and activities will be housed at the Recreation Center. The budget is about \$5 million. The plan does allow for expansion in the future. A budgetary ordinance will be prepared to discuss the funding for the project at the September 18th Council meeting. The building will be paid for from the general fund.

Request approval to transfer \$5,000 from Clerk-Treasurer services budget to Clerk-Treasurer supplies budget - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated this is a general request to transfer money from the services to supplies budget. The Clerk-Treasurer's Office is needing more money in the supplies fund to finish out the rest of 2023. Council President Austin made a motion to approve Budgetary Resolution 23-06, seconded by Councilor Nalley. 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. (Introduction) - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated the property is located at 2983 North Graham Road. The city is working on building a roundabout in the area which is the cause of the annexation. The Planning Commission forwarded a favorable recommendation to the Council. Ordinance 23-09 will go for public hearing at the September 18th Council meeting and official action on October 2nd.

Approval of Ordinance 2023-10: Rezoning to be known as Phelps Rezoning (Introduction)
- Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated it would need to be rezoned as industrial business development. This property is in the fire protection district. In this case, if it becomes adopted, it will not take effect until January 2025. Ordinance 23-10 will go for public hearing at the September 18th Council meeting.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

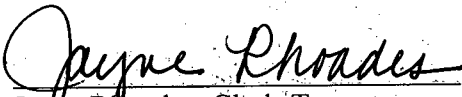
There were no council member comments.

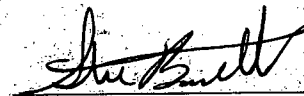
Mayor's Youth Leadership Council member Shawn Grider explained the youth council has been brainstorming on their major project for this school year. Ideas that have been discussed: electric charging station, solar panel installation and applying for a moon tree which is a program through NASA.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 9/8/2023


Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer