

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:10 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Steve Barnett presiding. Council members 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 President Austin and Councilor Bob Heuchan were absent.

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Members Camryn Quiggins, Noah Woods, Marnie Moore, Lauren Klem and Maya Alvey.

Mayor Barnett opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll.

Todd Shuck offered an invocation, & led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

Swearing in of new firefighter Kyle Gilbert - Fire Chief Joshua Snyder and Mayor Barnett swore in Kyle Gilbert.

Promoting Kory Thomas to Sergeant – Deputy Chief Scott Summers promoted Kyle Gilbert to Lieutenant.

There were no other announcements or public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the September 5, 2023 Common Council Minutes

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

Old Business

Council Vice President Taylor 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.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 23-07 Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees (Civil City) - Mayor Steve Barnett stated Budgetary Ordinance 23-07 is ready for final action. Councilor Nalley made a motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance 23-07, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 23-08 Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees (Sewer Utility) - Mayor Steve Barnett stated Budgetary Ordinance 23-08 is ready for final action. Councilor Nalley made a motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance 23-08, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 23-09 Annual Salaries and Compensation for All Elected Officials - Mayor Steve Barnett stated Budgetary Ordinance 23-09 is ready for final action. Councilor Prine made a motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance 23-09, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of 2024 Budget - Form 1's & Summary - Mayor Steve Barnett stated the 2024 budget is ready for final action which includes Budgetary Ordinance 23-10. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve the 2024 budget, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Approval of Ordinance 2023-09: Annexation to be known as Phelps Annexation - 0.5 ac. (Public Hearing) & Approval of Resolution 2023-14: Fiscal Plan - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell & Crossroad Engineers Trent Newport stated this is annexation at the southeast corner of Earlywood Drive and Graham Road. Mr. Newport explained the property owners at this location requested to be annexed into the city. The rezoning is due to the buffer zone being eliminated so the property needs to be rezoned back to industrial. Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. The annexation will go for official action at the October 2nd meeting. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-14 Fiscal Plan, seconded by Councilor Prine. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Ordinance 2023-10: Rezoning to be known as Phelps Rezoning (Public Hearing) - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated Ordinance 2023-10 will go for official action at the October 2nd Council meeting. The rezoning would not take effect until January 1, 2025. Mayor Barnett opening the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to table the rezoning request until the October 2nd Council meeting, seconded by Councilor Prine. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing to request applying for membership in the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority and adopting the preliminary strategic plan - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated this is to approve the City of Franklin to become a member for the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority. The city must be a member to apply for the Readi Grant. Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Barnett closed the public hearing. Council Vice President made a motion to approve Ordinance 23-11, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve Resolution 23-15, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

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

Introduction of Budgetary Ordinance 23-14 to appropriated \$5 million for the Active Adult Center Project - Mayor Barnett & Jeff Peters explained the city does not have to bond the project due to their being enough funding in the General Fund. There was a discussion about future projects and how those will most likely be funded. Budgetary Ordinance 23-14 will go for public hearing at the October 2nd Council meeting.

Request waiver of Non-Compliance for Form 322 Tax Abatement (Pure Development) - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated the Form 322 triggers the tax abatement to begin. There was an oversight within the Pure Development company and the Form 322 was never submitted to the County. If the Council decides to waive the non-compliance, the abatement will stay on schedule. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Resolution 23-16 waiving the non-compliance, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request waiver of Non-Compliance for Form 322 Tax Abatement (Legacy Investing) - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated the County did a partial assessment on this property. This building is located on Forest Drive and is currently a Target return center. There was a mix-up and no one from Legacy Investing submitted the Form 322. Legacy

Investing is requesting a waiver of non-compliance for the last 20% of the abatement. Councilor Nalley made a motion to approve Resolution 23-17 waiving the no-compliance, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Tax Abatement Request (NSK Corporation) - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated NSK has been a long-term partner of the city. NSK Corporation is requesting a 10-year tax abatement with a 5% economic development fee. The EDC reviewed the request and recommended a 7-year abatement due to the lack of increase in jobs. A representative from NSK Corporation gave a brief description of the growth that NSK plans to make including the addition and improvement of new equipment. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Resolution 23-18 the tax abatement request for NSK Corporation with a 7-year abatement and a 5% economic development fee, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Tax Abatement Request (Rapid Prototyping and Engineering) - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson explained they currently have 2 buildings but the company plans to add on to the buildings for storage space. Two representatives from Rapid Prototyping and Engineers gave a brief overview of their expansion plans such as an indoor athletic training facility. The company requested a 7-year tax abatement. The EDC recommended a 5-year tax abatement due to there being no addition of jobs. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Resolution 23-19 the 5-year tax abatement with a 2% economic development fee, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval of Budgetary Resolution 23-07 Transfer to Law Police Merit Fund in the amount of \$6,000 - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated the Police and Fire Merit Boards have had additional meetings this year that they typically do not have therefore more money has been spent this year than there was budgeted. Councilor Nalley made a motion to approve Budgetary Resolution 23-07, seconded by Councilor Prine. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Introduction of Budgetary Ordinance 23-13 Additional Appropriation to Police Pension Payroll and Police Pension Dependent Fund - Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades stated there have been changes to fees that were not budgeted for in 2023. The Police Pension Fund is \$33,000.00 short to complete 2023 so an additional appropriation is required. There is a similar issue for the Police Pension Dependent Fund. The dependent fund needs an additional \$1,300.00 to complete the year. Budgetary Ordinance 23-13 will go for public hearing and approval at the October 2nd Council meeting.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments


There were no council member comments.


Mayor's Youth Leadership Council member Cami Quiggens stated they are working on the moon tree approval from Dr. Clendening. The Wi-Fi project is still in the works.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 9/22/23


Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:


Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer