

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 18, 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, Jennifer Price, Josh Prine and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Council Member Irene Nalley was absent.

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

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council members Kalli Cadwell, Rose Mahin, Willa Thomas, Sydney Woodward and Zach Newton were present.

Bryan Ries offered an invocation, & led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

There were no announcements or public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the December 4, 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 Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Resolution 2023-23: Amendment to Ordinance 2020-13 - Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated this was introduced at the last Council meeting. The amendment is to create a range for number of members rather than a set number. Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Mayor Barnett closed the

public hearing. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-23, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried,

Approval of Ordinance 2023-16: Annexation to be known as DPW 4.5 ac. Annexation (Public Hearing - Continue to January 2, 2024 due to Public Notice Requirements) – Council President Austin made a motion to table the request until the January 2nd meeting, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Ordinance 2023-17: Rezoning to be known as DPW Rezoning (Public Hearing - Continued to January 2, 2024 due to Public Notice Requirements) – Council President Austin made a motion to table the request until the January 2nd meeting, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor. 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 Council Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval of Budgetary Resolution 2023-12 Transfer from Law-Council & Law-Ordinance/Code Enforcement to Law-Mayor/BOW in the amount of \$7,000.00 - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated this a standard transfer to cover the last expenses for the year. Ms. Gray is not requesting additional funds but rather a transfer between line items that she already budgeted. Council Vice President Taylor made a motion to approve Budgetary Resolution 23-12, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Budgetary Resolution 23-13 Transfer of Fire Department Money - Fire Chief Joshua Snyder stated this will be a transfer from the services budget to the capital budget in the amount of \$3,500.00. This transfer is to cover equipment expenses for the new fire truck and station. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve Budgetary Resolution 23-13, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

All Council members thanked Jayne and Councilor Bob Heuchan for all of their hard work and wished them a happy retirement! They wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Member Kalli Cadwell stated the council has been attending AIM conferences to learn more about government and leadership. The council is still working on the electric vehicle charger project.

Chief of Staff Tara Payne thanked Councilor Bob Heuchan for everything and wished him a happy retirement!

City Attorney Lynn Gray thanked both Bob & Jayne for their service and dedication to the community. She thanked them for all of their support and friendship.

Mayor Barnett stated he will miss both Bob & Jayne and they both did a great job in their roles.

Councilor Bob Heuchan spoke on his history with the city and thanked all of the council members and the Mayor.

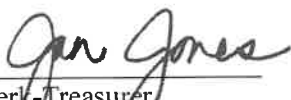
Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades thanked everyone for their support over the years. She will miss being a part of the City government but will continue to be involved and stay in touch!

City Engineer Mark Richards stated the traffic signal at Jim Black Road will be activated at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday December 21st.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 12/28/23 by former Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades


Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:


Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer