

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2024

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, Todd Shuck, Anne McGuinness, Irene Nalley, Jennifer Price, Josh Prine and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council members Taylor Trueblood and Addison Holman.

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

There were no announcements or public comments.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the January 17, 2024 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

There was no old business.

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.

Presentation of K9 Donor Awards and K9 Officer Retirement Awards - Police Chief Kirby Cochran gave a brief presentation thanking community partners who donated to the Franklin Police Department 2023 K9 Fund. Chief Cochran also presented two K9 Officer Retirement Awards.

Introduction of City Council Ordinance 2024-01 Establishing a Municipal Riverfront Development Project Area within the City of Franklin - City Attorney Lynn Gray & Community Development Director Krista Linke explained prior to the 2020 Census the number of citizens was less than 25,000. The significance from an alcohol and tobacco licensing perspective is you could take a two-way permit and convert it into a three-way permit. Now that the city population is over 25,000, the city has a limited amount of alcohol and tobacco permits which is the reason for creating the Riverfront District. This means restaurants in the Downtown Riverfront District and the US 31 Riverfront District could apply for permits through the ATC. The guidelines for this process will be governed by the Board of Works. This ordinance will go for public hearing at the February 21st Council meeting.

Introduction of Budgetary Ordinance 24-01 Authorizing an Additional Appropriation for Non-Tax Supported Funds - Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones explained these are donation and grant funds from 2023 that need appropriated in 2024. This Budgetary Ordinance 24-01 will go for public hearing at the February 21st Council meeting.

Approval of Budgetary Resolution 24-01 Transfer from General Fund to Rainy Day - Mayor Barnett explained these funds are left over from 2023 where departments did not spend their entire budgeted money. Mayor Barnett requested \$236,402.28 be transferred from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund. This will put the Rainy Day Fund at about \$5 million. Council President Austin made a motion to approve Budgetary Resolution 24-01, seconded by Council Vice President Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Introduction of Budgetary Ordinance 24-02 Transfer of 2023 Unused Appropriations to Board of Works Capital Fund - Mayor Barnett explained these unused funds come from uncompleted projects in 2023 and the money needs reappropriated for 2024. The \$1 million going into the Board of Works Capital Fund will pay for 2024 projects. This Budgetary Ordinance 24-02 will go for public hearing at the February 21st Council meeting.

Other Business

Aspire Johnson County Economic Development and Chamber Alliance Presentation -

Aspire Johnson County Amanda Rubadue explained how the economic development site selection process works. The goal of the Johnson County Economic Strategic Plan is to create more jobs in advanced industries and increase the average wage in the county. The School to Work Efforts of Workforce Development helps create relationships between businesses, students and teachers. In 2024, Aspire plans to continue business support, foster broker relationships and work on the READI 1 & 2.0 grants. Specific projects for 2024 are the National Talent Attraction Campaign with Life in Indy program and the Employer Resource Network. A discussion was held about funding.

Council Comments

Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council member Taylor Trueblood explained the electric vehicle project was approved by the Board of Works tonight. Mayor Barnett explained the Board of Works and the Mayor’s Youth Leadership Council will be splitting the cost of the project.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 02/08/2024

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer