

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 7, 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 Barnett opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll.

Bryan Ries offered an invocation. The Mayor invited a Scout member from Troop 228 to lead 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 September 16, 2024 Common Council Minutes

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

**Old Business**

Council President Austin made a motion to present Old Business by title only, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Approval of Ordinance Number 24-05 An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinance Number 83-7 Defining, Regulating, Licensing and Governing Massage Parlors in the City of Franklin** - City Attorney Lynn Gray reiterated information from the Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, stating that this new ordinance is codifying our health and safety requirements, as well as, our licensing requirements. It also moves permitting to our Police Department because they have access to background checks and other relevant information. On page 5, 17A, the word 'message' needs to be changed to 'massage,' and that will be corrected. Mayor Barnett opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-05, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Ms. Gray stated this will need to be published.

**Approval of Ordinance 24-07 An Ordinance Amending Name and Duties of Telecommunications Council** - City Attorney Lynn Gray repeated information from the Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting about reasons behind the amendment to the Telecommunications Council's name. Mayor Barnett opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments. Councilor Prine

made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-07, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Approval of Ordinance 2024-06: Amending Ordinance 2006-15: Illicit Discharge and Connection Stormwater Ordinance and Ordinance 2006-16: Construction Site & Post Construction Site Stormwater Control Ordinance (Public Hearing & Official Action) -**

Senior Planner Joanna Tennell briefly recapped information from the Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Barnett opened the public hearing. There were no public comments. Councilor Nalley made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-06, seconded by Councilor Schuck. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Ms. Gray stated this will need to be published.

**Public Hearing for 2025 Budget - Form 1s & Summary -** Mayor Barnett stated this meeting is for Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget that was introduced at the Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Barnett highlighted information regarding budget increases for various positions and departments and explained the differences between the 200, 300, and 400 Series. Councilor Austin noted that the salary increase applies to 195 City of Franklin employees. Mayor Barnett opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments. This will be presented for adoption at the Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 24-20 (Amended): 2025 Salaries for All City Employees**

– Clerk Treasurer Jan Jones explained there were a few issues with the information presented at the Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting that needed to be adjusted from a bookkeeping standpoint: updated the new Franklin Technology Advisory Council name, updated a few titles and hours worked, and edited for spelling and grammar. There will also be a change on pg.18 for the daily meal allowance. It is currently \$35/day which will increase in the new handbook, but for now it has to be listed at the current rate. Mayor Barnett stated that on pg. 5 for the Street Office Manager the amount of \$3,424.00 for Record Keeping needs to be removed from that salary. Mayor Barnett opened the Public Hearing. There were no public comments. Ms. Gray thanked Jan for the thoroughness of the ordinance. (Discussion was reopened following New Business.)

It was brought to the Mayor's attention that Budgetary Ordinance 24-20(Amended) could be brought before the Council for vote with the occurrence of the Public Hearing. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance 24-20 (Amended): 2025 Salaries for All City Employees, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**New Business**

Council President Austin made a motion to present New Business by title only, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request approval of Budgetary Resolution 24-10 transfer from Law Ordinance & Code Enforcement to Law Fire Merit in the amount of \$5,000 -** City Attorney Lynn Gray stated the Fire Merit Board has exhausted their allocation for the year. This resolution will allow a line item transfer from Law Ordinance & Code Enforcement to Law Fire Merit without the need for an appropriation. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve Budgetary Resolution 24-10



transfer from Law Ordinance & Code Enforcement to Law Fire Merit in the amount of \$5,000, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Request approval of Budgetary Resolution 24-12 to transfer from MVH 100 to MVH 200 in the amount of \$25,000** - Street Commissioner/Fleet Manager Brett Jones requested this transfer. Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Other Business**

**Request approval of holiday schedules for 2025** - Mayor Barnett presented the approved 2025 Holiday schedule for Council information only as this is approved by the Board of Works

**Request approval of meeting dates for 2025** - Mayor Barnett presented the proposed 2025 City Council meeting dates. Councilor Price made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Council Comments**

Council President Ken Austin wished Councilor Price a happy birthday this weekend.


Councilor Josh Prine welcomed Boys Scout Troop 228 to tonight's meeting.

Mayor Barnett thanked the Council and all City employees for the wonderful job they do for the City of Franklin.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 10/11/24

  
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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer