

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 2, 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 Todd Shuck, Anne McGuinness, Irene Nalley (arrived 6:30 PM), Jennifer Price, Josh Prine, and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. FMYLC members Noah Woods, Madelyn McCullough, Lizzie Worland, Abe Botkin, Carsten Bland, Cooper Schmidt, Willa Thomas, Brooks Huddleston and Taylor McHenry were also in attendance. Ken Austin was absent.

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 November 18, 2024 Common Council Minutes

Councilor Taylor 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

Councilor Taylor 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.

Tax Abatement Requests for Modern Metal Roofing – Mayor Barnett stated this was introduced on Oct. 21st, the ERA was approved on Nov. 4th, the abatement was tabled, and now we're ready to move forward. Community Development Specialist Dana Monson stated the EDC heard this abatement request from Cornett Roofing (DBA Modern Metal Roofing) on Oct. 8th and reviewed information previously presented at the Oct. 21st and Nov. 4th meetings. Mayor Barnett opened the Public Hearing; there were no comments, and the Public Hearing was closed. Councilor Shuck motioned to approve the Tax Abatement Request for Modern Metal Roofing as proposed, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Councilor Shuck motioned to present New Business by title only, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Introduction of Ordinance 2024-12: Amending General Provisions, Building Sewers & Connections, and Rates & Charges Related to the Sewer Service System - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated that with updated rates going into effect, there have been many questions from homeowners on wells. The main issue is that there is no way to monitor how much water they use. Ms. Tennell, Sewer Billing Manager Sherry Phillips, and Assistant City Engineer Matt McElroy met to address this issue. It is proposed that if un-metered users desire, they can contract with a licensed plumber to install a private flow meter as approved by the City of Franklin. It must be remotely monitored and the City of Franklin will be allowed to monitor. A copy of their installation plan must be submitted to the City. However, a new rate will not take effect until after the Oct. 1st – March 31st usage time. Other items will be adjusted as needed to address these changes. The Public Hearing will take place on December 16th.

Request approval of Budgetary Resolution 24-15 transfer remaining CCMG money (\$106,170.88) back into original funds - Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones explained the process for determining this amount and most of it will be placed in the MVH Restricted account, with the remaining amount in MVH and LOIT Special Distribution. Mayor Barnett complimented the City teams for how they apply for these grants and how it is used to its fullest potential. Councilor McGuinness motioned to approve Budgetary Resolution 24-15, transferring CCMG money back into original funds, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken, with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Introduction of Ordinance 2024-11 Repealing Ordinance 15-10 Employee Handbook — Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones presented the final draft of the City of Franklin Employee Handbook. The City collaborated with New Focus human resources company on this project. Ms. Jones explained the process and timeline of creating this document. Ms. Gray explained how addressing a wide variety of employees, benefits, and departments made this a challenging endeavor and that future updates to the Police and Fire Departments' Handbooks are in the plans. This will be voted on at the Dec. 16th meeting.

Introduction of Budgetary Ordinance 24-22 Amending Budgetary Ordinance 24-20 - Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones stated that as the Employee Handbook was updated it became necessary to amend certain budgetary allowances. This will be voted on at the Dec. 16th meeting.

Other Business

Franklin Education Connection – Attorney and President of FEC, Dustin Huddleston, introduced students from Franklin Community High School who participated in the European Trip sponsored by Endress and Hauser and thanked everyone who made it possible. Students shared a PowerPoint presentation.

Council Comments

Franklin Mayor's Youth Leadership Council treasurer Noah Woods introduced fellow members Madelyn McCullough, Lizzie Worland, Abe Botkin, Carsten Bland, Cooper Schmidt, Willa Thomas, and Brooks Huddleston and Taylor McHenry, who participated in the Endress Hauser

trip. FMYLC has sponsored three Angel Tree children and finished shopping for them. Also, the bidding for the pickleball court lights ends tomorrow, with one bid already received. The Franklin Community Middle School newspaper, Paw Post, will publish an article on the FMYLC and the Moon Tree installation. Happy belated Thanksgiving & happy early Christmas!

Councilor Price thanked the students for representing Franklin Community High School and the City of Franklin. She and Councilor Shuck represent the City Council on the Johnson County Opioid Council collaboration. Three grant applications have been received, and those individuals will present at their next meeting on Dec. 16th.

Councilor Nalley thanked the students for representing Franklin well and apologized for coming in late tonight due to the terrible road conditions.

Councilor Shuck also commented on what a wonderful time and memory the European trip was for all the students who had the opportunity to go.

Councilor Prine thanked the businesses and individuals who made the European trip possible.

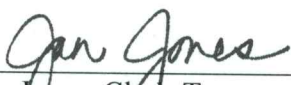
City Attorney Lynn Gray also voiced her thankfulness that our students had that opportunity.

Mayor Barnett stated how much he likes and appreciates our students attending City meetings.


Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

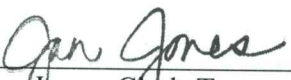


Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 12/10/24



Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:



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