

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2025

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 and 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 July 7, 2025, Common Council Minutes

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

Update on Flock System - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated no action is needed tonight; this is for informational purposes only. Ms. Gray shared she received a records request from a citizen seeking information regarding our Flock System. She provided the applicable information, without divulging camera locations, as this is protected information. Councilor Nalley later received an email requesting additional details about the Flock System. Upon sharing the email with Ms. Gray, it was determined that there was misinformation regarding the Flock System that needed to be addressed. First, we are under contract with Flock for that security system, but the Council doesn't sign that because this is not under the Council's scope of duties. Second, the Flock System is not a surveillance system used by the City to spy on people or maintain data. It is a license plate reader (LPR) system that has been very beneficial to our law enforcement. Police Chief Kirby Cochran introduced Lieutenant Chris Tennell. Lieutenant Tennell shared how impressed he's been with Flock's ongoing communication and he thinks the Flock System is the

best tool to be introduced in his 30 years of service. Lieutenant Tennell provided several examples of how it has benefited our City, shared that there are fixed and flexible location cameras, and introduced Cameron Simmons, lead for the Government Affairs Practice for Flock. Mr. Simmons shared the background of Flock, how it was developed, and how it is used for investigative purposes and in real-time situations, like kidnappings, which allow collaboration with other entities. For privacy, images are stored on Amazon Cloud, and if a vehicle is not associated with a crime in thirty days, it is deleted from the system. It also has a safety feature that traces use of Flock so entities can make sure the system is being used appropriately by law enforcement. Flock only maintains ownership over the actual hardware: cameras, installation, maintenance, repairs, and upgrades. The City maintains ownership, control, and access over the data. Police Chief Cochran clarified that there is a way our officers can share information with the National Crime Information Center, Amber Alerts, and similar resources as needed. Mayor Barnett asked about lawsuits and legislation. Mr. Simmons responded that there have been a few, but overall, they have not been what you would typically expect, and legislation varies from state to state. Mr. Simmons also explained the programs and resources Flock offers to assist law enforcement entities with best use of this system and with public perception. Councilor Prine asked questions regarding Flock's online systems and safety protocols. The Council thanked Mr. Simmons for his presentation.

Other Business

There was no Other Business

Council Comments

Councilor Jennifer Price said she and Councilor Shuck attended the Opioid Committee last week and presentation for the Opioid Grant presentations will take place on Wednesday.

Councilor Irene Nalley thanked Mr. Simmons for his presentation and all the good information.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:

Steve Barnett, Mayor

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Attest:

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer