

**City of Franklin Common Council**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 4, 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, Anne McGuinness, Irene Nalley, Jennifer Price, Josh Prine, and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Council member Todd Shuck was absent. 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, & 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 21, 2025 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**

There was no Old Business.

**New Business**

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

**Approval of Ordinance 2025-06; Annexation to be known as Umbarger Lane Annexation-** Planning Director Joanna Tennell introduced the request to annex 130 acres at northeast corner of Umbarger Lane and County Road 75 South. Palladium Property is the owner with Arbor Homes also a petitioner. This was presented at the July 15<sup>th</sup> Plan Commission meeting and is being forwarded as a favorable recommendation. Eric Prime and Dominic Dreyer are in attendance on behalf of the petitioners for any questions. Public Hearing is set for August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Approval of Ordinance 2025-07; Rezoning to be known as Umbarger Lane Rezoning- 53 ac.** Planning Director Joanna Tennell introduced that northern 53 of the 130 acres, which is wooded and a wetland area with a pond, is being requested to be zoned as agricultural. Public Hearing is set for August 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Approval of Ordinance 2025-08; Rezoning to be known as Umbarger Lane Rezoning- 77 ac.** Planning Director Joanna Tennell introduced that the southern 77 of the 130 acres is requested to be zoned as RS3, which is Residential: Suburban Three. Written commitments are provided in packet from the petitioners and is presented again as favorable from the Plan Commission. Councilor Taylor voiced concerns on appearance and variety of homes, which were answered by the petitioners and Planning Director Tennell. Public Hearing is set for August 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor McGuinness wished everyone a great start to the school year.

Councilor President Austin stated how wonderful it was to see town so busy this past weekend.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled:

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Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

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Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer