

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 2, 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 Josh Prine, and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Jennifer Price arrived after 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 August 18, 2025 Common Council Minutes

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

Old Business

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

It was noted for the record that the following items were WITHDRAWN by the Petitioner and no further action is required:

- **Ordinance 2025-06: Annexation to be known as Umbarger Lane Annexation-130 acres**
- **Ordinance 2025-07: Rezoning to be known as Umbarger Lane Rezoning-53 acres**
- **Ordinance 2025-08: Rezoning to be known as Umbarger Lane Rezoning-77 acres**

Adoption of Amended Sewage Works Revenue Bond Ordinance 25-15- City Attorney Lynn Gray presented the amendment on page 20 as presented at the last meeting. Mayor Barnett opened up the floor for questions, hearing none, Councilor McGuinness made a motion to approve the adoption of the amended Sewage Works Revenue Bond Ordinance 25-15, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing for 2026 Budget- Form 1s and Summary- Mayor Barnett opened the floor, with no questions or comments, the public hearing was closed.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 25-13: 2026 Salaries for All City Employees- Clerk Treasurer Jan Jones recapped what was introduced at the last meeting and reminded everyone that this includes all employee compensations. Public Hearing was opened. Mayor's Youth Council member Keagan Turner-McQuin posed the question regarding if the proposed salary ordinance was any different than ones that have been proposed in the past. A discussion ensued explaining what steps go into deciding the budget and any increases in salary. Mayor Barnett and City Attorney Lynn Gray did clarify that this ordinance is more detailed than previous years. Clerk Treasurer Jan Jones also clarified that employees may make "up to" the amount listed and raises are given at a somewhat consistent amount across the board. With no further questions or comments, the public hearing was closed and it was decided to take a vote tonight on this item. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve Budgetary Ordinance 25-13, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Other Business

There was no Other Business.

Council Comments

Mayor's Youth Council member Ben Worland introduced the other members present: Keagan Turner-McQuin, Addie Jeffrey and Addie Holman. He then gave an update on the current happenings within the MYC and looks forward to bringing a project idea to the Board soon.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer