

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 15, 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. Council member Jennifer Price 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 and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

Swearing in Joshua Snyder as Lieutenant and Michael Griggs as Captain- Deputy Fire Chief Preston Stark swore in Chief Snyder, and Chief Snyder swore in Captain Griggs.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the September 2, 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

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

Approval of 2026 Budget Form 1s and Summary- Mayor Barnett reminded everyone that this was introduced at the August 18th meeting and a public hearing was held at the September 2nd meeting and is now ready for Board action. Council President Austin made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Councilor Taylor. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

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

Request for Additional Appropriation for Intersection Art Payment- Community Development Director Krista Linke informed the Board of a private donation for this project and asked for permission to appropriate those funds towards the payment of said project. Mayor Barnett asked for clarification from Ms. Gray if this needed to be over 2 meetings since it was a donation. Ms. Gray said that it did, unless the Board unanimously voted to approve this ordinance in first reading. The Board would first need a motion to consider and then a motion to approve. Councilor Taylor made a motion to consider approving the ordinance upon first reading, seconded by Councilor Shuck. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Councilor Taylor then made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-17, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Community Development Director Krista Linke gave an update on Franklin's Comprehensive Plan. There have been several public input sessions and a series of focus groups. The group has also been set up at Franklin's Farmers Market, a public hearing at Beeson Hall and Biz Bash last Thursday. She reiterated that it is really important for public comments and reminded everyone of the public survey and urged everyone to complete by the end of next week. It can be found on the Facebook page and City Website. There are also flyers with a QR code available. The Comprehensive Plan is updated every 10-12 years and really helps to set the vision of what the priorities are for the City of Franklin. The City Council will be the final adopting body of the Comprehensive Plan once it passes through the Plan Commission.

Other Business

There was no Other Business.

Council Comments

Mayor Barnett welcomed 2 members of the Mayor's Youth Council to the meeting. Freshmen Natalia Flowers and Adrianna Nicholson said hello and had no updates at this time.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled:

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer