

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2013

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Robert Henderson, Stephen Hougland, and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Abban was absent.

Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mr. Barnett offered an invocation, which was followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

Presentation of Hoosier Hearts Hero Award to Mason Clark & Austin Schmidt – Franklin resident and community volunteer John Wales explained that to bring more attention to the unsolved murders of Blake & Chynna Dickus, the families and the Franklin Police thought a public service announcement (PSA) would help bring in tips. He explained that a class at Franklin High School volunteered to produce the announcement. Using the internet and YouTube – Mr. Wales played the finished public service announcement. Following this video presentation, the State Attorney General Greg Zoeller came forward and explained that the Hoosier Hearts Hero Award is given to people who have served their communities in a very special capacity. The Attorney General presented the Hoosier Hearts Hero award to Mr. Mason Clark and to Mr. Austin Schmidt stating that these two young men exemplify the Hoosier Hearts Hero Award by their work on this public service announcement. He stated that he was bestowing the award to them on behalf of the state of Indiana and the office of the Attorney General. He went on to state that he salutes the City of Franklin, Franklin Community High School and the Franklin Police Department for their commitment to this project. Mayor McGuinness thanked the Attorney General and everyone present for their hard work on this project.

Presentation of Service Weapon & Retirement Plaque & Watch to Police Officer David Lucid Police Chief O'Sullivan came forward and presented a plaque to retiring Police Officer David Lucid who is retiring after 26 years of service. Chief O'Sullivan read the plaque aloud and presented the officer with a gold watch, his badge, identification card, and his service weapon.

Swearing in of Probationary Police Officer Matthew Harris Mayor McGuinness swore in probationary Police Officer Matthew Harris. Following the swearing in ceremony, Mayor McGuinness turned the meeting over to Council President Barnett as he had to leave.

Consent Agenda

Council President Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the June 17, 2013 Common Council Minutes

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

Old Business

Councilor Austin made a motion to read the proposed ordinance aloud by title only, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearings

Council President Barnett read the title aloud and opened the floor for the public hearing concerning **Common Council Ordinance No.: 13-08 An Ordinance Establishing the Blake Dickus Memorial Criminal Tip-Line Rewards Program for The City of Franklin and Establishing the Tip-Line Fund.** No one asked to speak. Councilor Henderson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Councilor Austin made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried. Council President Barnett read the title aloud and opened the floor for the public hearing concerning **Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 13-09 An Additional Appropriation Ordinance from Fire Medic Fund 425 to Fire Medic Supplies 425 001 200 in the amount of \$14,200.00 to Purchase Bulletproof Vests for the Police Department.** No one asked to speak. Councilor Henderson made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

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

Introductions

Common Council Ordinance No.: 13-09 An Ordinance Approving Resolution No.: 13-07 of the City of Franklin, Indiana Plan Commission, Rezoning Certain Property to IBD (Industrial: Business Development) (To be known as the RSW Development Rezoning Commitment Modification 2013) – Council President Barnett read the title aloud. Senior Planner Myers came forward and stated that this is a rezoning request for the property located at the southwest corner of Graham Road and Commerce Drive. The Plan Commission has forwarded a favorable recommendation of the modification. Ms. Myers stated that the request is to modify the commitments that were previously approved under two previous ordinances for rezoning. They are requesting to modify the commitment related to mini-warehouse use to allow the maximum acreage to be increased from 2.25 acres to 5.624 acres and be located at the southwest corner of the property. A discussion was held. This is for introduction only tonight. Todd Shuck came forward co-owner of RSW storage, he stated they

own two storage facilities in Franklin, which have been 100% full for quite some time. They are turning people away, otherwise they would not be moving forward on building more storage units. Mr. Shuck stated that they do have room to grow. This matter will be set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

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

Economic Development Fee Allocation 2012 & 1st Half of 2013. Community Development Director Krista Linke stated this discussion is related to the request made at the last meeting. Ms. Linke stated that as of this date only \$10,715.51 of the anticipated \$26,421.85 has been collected. Ms. Linke stated that the EDC recommended that the money collected should be divided as follows: \$4,000.00 of the fees collected would go to Franklin Heritage and \$6,715.51 would go to Discover Downtown Franklin. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve giving Discover Downtown Franklin \$6,715.51 and \$4,000.00 to Franklin Heritage, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Tax Abatement Economic Development Fees					
	11 pay 12	Paid	12 pay 13	Paid	Total for both years
PERSONAL PROPERTY					
Caterpillar Reman			\$3,294.58	\$3,294.58	
Cooper Tire	\$942.15	\$0.00	\$642.70	\$0.00	
CTC Casting	\$182.02	\$0.00			
Mitsubishi	\$3,324.18	\$0.00	\$7,059.38	\$0.00	
Nitrex			\$23.29	\$23.29	
NSK Corp			\$4,481.42	\$4,481.42	
PCTNA	\$449.78	\$0.00	\$960.42	\$0.00	
Precision Cutoff	\$1,137.15	\$0.00	\$1,008.56	\$0.00	
REAL PROPERTY					
PCTNA	\$1,669.47	\$1,669.47	\$1,246.75	\$1,246.75	
Total Owed	\$7,704.75		\$18,717.10		\$26,421.85
Total Paid		\$1,669.47		\$9,046.04	\$10,715.51

Other Business

Clerk-Treasurer Alexander provided the members with a memorandum from Dan Jones of the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) dated May 10, 2013 concerning the 2013-2014 Budget Calendar. She also handed out a draft budget adoption calendar for the City of Franklin. The Clerk-Treasurer pointed out specific statutory deadlines related to the adoption of the 2014 budget and stressed that the 2014 budget must be approved by the Council no later than November 1st. Ms.

Alexander said that she and Mayor McGuinness discussed the calendar and he indicated that he would ask the Council for guidance as to salary increases and capital projects for 2014 before August. Mr. Marty Williams the President of the Discover Downtown Franklin Board thanked the City Council for all their support and help with Smoke on the Square. Council President Barnett stated that he had heard only good comments regarding the event and the new streetscape.

Council Member Comments

Council President Barnett told the Council that there would be a special joint meeting with the Board of Works on July 22, at 5:30 p.m. regarding planned street paving projects.

Councilor Henderson stated that the Redevelopment Commission rejected all proposals for 55 W. Madison Street (former City Hall). They will be discussing further options at the next RDC meeting on July 18th. Councilor Henderson stated that the RDC has agreed to move forward with the Economic Development Agreement by and between the Commission and Elks Lodge #1818 for the G.C. Murphy building. Councilor Henderson stated that they have received confirmation that 55 W. Madison Street (former City Hall) has been nominated for historical designation by both the state and the United States Department of Interior and will likely be listed on the historical registry sometime in the future.

Adjournment

A motion and a second were made to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held Monday, July 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 7/09/2013

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer