

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2016

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 Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Kenneth Austin, Andrew Eggers, Keith Fox and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Stephanie Shepherd, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council President Stephen Barnett & Council member Joseph Ault were absent.

Council member Wertz offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the November 7, 2016 Common Council Minutes

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

Old Business

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

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-20 A Budgetary Ordinance Authorizing an Additional Appropriation to Transfer from General Fund to Fire 100 Salaries & Wages for Overtime and Medicare in the amount of \$36,000.00 - Mayor McGuinness read the title, and opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Councilor Abban made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Ordinance No: 16-12 An Ordinance Creating the Local Road & Bridge Matching Grant Fund - Mayor McGuinness read the title, and opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 16-09 A Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from Fund 257 LOIT Special Distribution to Fund 258 Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 - Mayor McGuinness read the title, and opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-21 An Additional Appropriation for the Local Road and Bridge Matching Grant Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 - Mayor McGuinness read the title, and opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

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

Common Council Resolution No.: 16-20 A resolution Waiving Non-Compliance With Tax Abatement Compliance Requirements by Faulkenberg Printing – Mayor McGuinness read the title, and stated that the floor was opened for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Austin representing the Economic Development Commission (EDC) gave an overview of this resolution. A discussion was held. Councilor Fox made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request Approval of Economic Development Fees – Councilor Austin presented information from the Economic Development Commission (EDC). Councilor Austin stated they had received a letter from the non-profit organizations regarding the economic development fees that are collected. These fees are usually divided equally between the non-profit agencies, but they are asking that these fees go toward a co-op plan the city has been investigating. This \$26,000.00 would help move forward on getting the co-op off the ground. Mayor McGuinness stated that they had been partnering with Franklin Community School Corporation on tackling the co-working concept and trying to get it off the ground. This is an extension of the Franklin Development Corporation (FDC) to encourage entrepreneurs to move forward with their concepts for local projects. A discussion was held. Councilor Fox made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-17 A Budgetary Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-10 Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for Year 2017 (Civil City) - Mayor McGuinness read the title. The Mayor stated that this is for introduction only, and will be brought back at the December 5th meeting.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-18 A Budgetary Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-11 Fixing and Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees for Year 2017 (Sewer Utility) - Mayor McGuinness read the title, and stated that this is for introduction only tonight, and will be brought back at the December 5th meeting.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-19 A Budgetary Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-12 Fixing the Annual Salaries and Providing Compensation for All Elected Officials of the City of Franklin, Indiana for Year 2017 - Mayor McGuinness read the title and stated this is for introduction only tonight, and will be brought back at the December 5th meeting.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor Austin asked the Mayor where the 2016 paving projects stood. Mayor McGuinness stated that they had received bids for the alley improvement project, with the lowest most responsive bid being Milestone Contractors. This money will be encumbered and the work will be done in the spring of 2017. Mayor McGuinness also gave updates regarding several other paving projects.

Mayor McGuinness stated that former Mayor Fred Paris provided lunch to the construction workers from the paving project on Jefferson Street at Triple Play Barbeque today. The Mayor thanked Mr. Paris for his patience and help during the construction of this area.

Mayor McGuinness stated that the Winter Festival will be Saturday, December 3rd with the parade at 5:30 p.m., and the holiday lighting at 7:30 p.m.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 11/28/2016

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Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer