

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024

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, Jennifer Price, Josh Prine, and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Support Specialist Lyv Sundheimer, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. FMYLC members Addison Jefry, Benjamin Worland, Addison Holman, Taylor McHenry, Kalli Cadwell, Anna Brumley, Matthew Payne, and Carter Breeden were also in attendance. Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones was absent.

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 November 4, 2024 Common Council Minutes

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

Tax Abatement Requests for Modern Metal Roofing (Tabled from November 4th) -Mayor Barnett shared that a request was made to table this item until the Dec. 2nd meeting. Councilor Taylor made a motion to table this item until Dec. 2nd, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Ordinance 2024-10: Rezoning to be known as Wawa Rezoning (Public Hearing & Official Action) - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated this was heard at the Oct. 15th Plan Commission meeting and received unanimous approval. Ms. Tennell reviewed plot and rezoning information from the previous meeting. Patrick Moon, representing Wawa, presented information on their history, company culture, and plans for the future (with ten sites open in Indiana by 2025). Mayor Barnett first opened the floor for questions from the Council,

then opened the Public Hearing. Dr. David Clendening, FCS Superintendent, referred to a shared egress; the school corporation will be requesting its own egress with a separate entrance for the Earlywood Preschool Center. FCS Attorney Roger Young referred to the Wawa proposed plans with a shared entrance and clarified why FCS will seek their own access points on both Earlywood and Sloan. Attorney Gray stated tonight's meeting is only to approve the rezoning. Mayor Barnett closed the Public Hearing. Council President Austin motioned to approve Ordinance 2024-10 Rezoning as presented, seconded by Councilor Prine. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Councilor Taylor motioned to present New Business by title only, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request approval of Budgetary Resolution 24-14 transfer from Law Municipal to Law Police Merit in the amount of \$7,500 - City Attorney Lynn Gray stated this is a transfer only, not an appropriation, so this can be done tonight. Councilor Taylor motioned to approve Budgetary Resolution 24-14 as presented, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

There was no Other Business.

Council Comments

Councilor Austin informed the Council that he, Councilor Shuck, and Councilor McGuinness met with the Mayor, staff, and insurance company to review the City's insurance. A follow-up meeting will take place in February.

Councilor Price serves on the FEC Board, which supports FCS, and wanted to recognize deceased teacher Kristi Bayliss and her years of service to our schools.

Franklin Mayor's Youth Leadership Council member, Addie Jefry introduced the other members and updated they are shopping for the Christmas Tree Angel family they adopted for this year and they have their bake sale coming up at the December Winter Market.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 11/20/24

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer