

City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 3, 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, Jennifer Price and Shawn Taylor answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones, and City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Josh Prine was absent.

Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Members Ella McGuinness, Lizzi Worland, Noah Woods, Maddie McCullough, Kalli Cadwell and Anna Brumley were also present.

Mayor Barnett opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll.

Bryan Ries offered an invocation, & led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Public Comments

Recognition of Abby Kirby- Mayor Barnett recognized Abby Kirby for her more than twenty years of service on the City of Franklin Telecommunications Committee.

Oath of Office for 2 Lateral Officers: Austin Kane and Bailey Schmidt - Police Chief Kirby Cochran called Officer Austin Kane and Officer Bailey Schmidt forward for swearing in.

Sergeant Promotion and Presentation of Commendation Award - Police Chief Kirby Cochran called Sergeant Jacob Masengale forward to recognize his promotion. Police Chief Cochran also called Officer Landon Carter forward to receive his Commendation Award for his life-saving efforts during a fire situation.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Barnett presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the January 22, 2025 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 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 Ordinance 2025-01: Rezoning to be known as FCSC Earlywood Rezoning (Public Hearing & Official Action) - Senior Planner Joanna Tennell stated this rezoning of 500 Earlywood was introduced at the last meeting and is now ready for public hearing and action. Franklin Community School Corporation representatives, Superintendent Dr. David Clendening and Executive Director of Operations Benji Betts shared a presentation with information on the

Preschool plans (available on the online agenda). Ms. Gray gave background on past and current zoning use. There were no questions or comments. Councilor Nalley motioned to approve Ordinance 2025-01, seconded by Councilor McGuinness. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 25-01 Authorizing an Additional Appropriation for Non-Tax Supported Funds – Clerk-Treasurer Jan Jones stated this was introduced at the last meeting and is ready for action. Mayor Barnett said we do this annually. Council President Austin motioned to approve Budgetary Ordinance 25-01, seconded by Councilor Price. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Approval of Budgetary Ordinance 25-02 Additional Appropriation into Board of Works, Cemetery and Fire Capital Line Items - Mayor Barnett said this was introduced at the last meeting and is ready for action. At that meeting, Council Members received updated financial reports and appropriations. Mayor Barnett listed the following: \$1.3 million into Board of Works for infrastructure and fleet needs, \$100,00.00 into Cemetery for roads and headstones, and \$100,000.00 into Fire Department for the new firetruck, and the rest will go to the City Fleet. Mayor Barnett opened the Public Hearing. There were no questions or comments. Mayor Barnett closed the Public Hearing. Councilor McGuinness motioned to approve Budgetary Ordinance 25-02, seconded by Councilor Nalley. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

There was no new business presented.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Franklin Mayor's Youth Leadership Council Member, Ella McGuinness, introduced other members in attendance. The poles for the pickleball courts lighting project have been delivered and are waiting to be installed. At their next meeting, there will be discussion on smaller projects that they can work on.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 02/11/25

Steve Barnett, Mayor

Attest:

Jan Jones, Clerk-Treasurer