

COMMON COUNCIL
October 10, 2023

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on October 10, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 301 East Clinton Street, Frankfort, Indiana.

Mayor Judy Sheets called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mayor Judy Sheets, Steve Beardsley, Brandt Fuller, Joe Palmer, Megan Sheets, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Mike Brite was absent and has resigned. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Alicia Albertson.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the September 11, 2023, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass the minutes from the September 11, 2023 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David Riggs spoke to the council and presented his opinions against the removal of the Historical Preservation Society. The points he made were rebutted by Councilmember Sheets as well as Mayor Sheets.

ORDINANCE 23-12: AN ORDINANCE REVISING THREE HOUR PARKING ON SOUTH MAIN STREET

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to table the second reading of the ordinance in favor of waiting till a report on parking and housing is completed, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 23-13: ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES (2024 BUDGET)

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 23-13 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 23-14: AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVIL CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Mayor Sheets informed the council that this ordinance had been amended to increase the salary for the street department administrative assistant. Councilmember Palmer made a motion to amend the ordinance, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass ordinance 23-14 as amended on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 23-15: AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CIVIL CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass ordinance 23-15 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 23-16: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to read ordinance 23-16 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and Chief Scott Shoemaker informed the council that this ordinance is to give the police department more funds for their new hire clothing, overtime, fuel, and utilities for both buildings.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 23-16 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 23-14: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and Street Department Superintendent Jason Forsythe informed the council that this resolution is to cover the sanitation fuel line and also the purchase of 75 additional trash totes.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass resolution 23-14, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 23-15: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and Fire Chief Matt Stidham informed the council that this resolution is to cover the repairs to Engine 3.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass resolution 23-15, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 23-16: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley informed the council that this resolution is to cover the cost of repairs to water and gas line repairs that had to be done at the park.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass resolution 23-16, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Beardsley opened a discussion on the uses of the old police station located at 201 W. Washington Street. He would like to see the building preserved and the possibility of the building being donated to a not-for-profit group.

City Attorney Alicia Albertson spoke to the council regarding the construction of the new fire station and the build, operate, and transfer process. Envoy has been selected to complete the project and will be presenting an agreement to them by the end of October. The council also discussed renovations to

headquarters and the purchase options for a new fire truck. More information will be presented at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Woods made a motion to retain Rick Gunyon in his position as the council appointment to the USB board, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, there were three ayes and three nays. Councilmember Fuller, Councilmember Palmer, and Councilmember Warthan voted nay. The council decided to table the discussion and address it at the next meeting.

Street Department Superintendent Jason Forsythe requested that the council sign a letter of support for the Maish Road Phase 3 project. The potential cost for the project is six million and they are pursuing an 80/20 match grant for the work from Haven to Kelly. Letters of support are being requested from both the council and board of works and several local businesses. The work would start in 2024 with payments on the project till 2029.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Sheets moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 8:15 P.M.