

COMMON COUNCIL

January 8, 2024

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on January 8, 2024 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, Isac Chavez, John Large, Megan Sheets, Joe Stevens, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Alicia Albertson.

MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ORDINANCE 24-01: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE – ARPA/FIRE

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to read the ordinance by title only, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor Sheets advised the council that this ordinance is to cover salaries for retiring officers and also to amend the American Rescue Plan funds to be appropriated this year. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to amend the ordinance to move the American Rescue Plan funds however to not amend the salaries, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass ordinance 24-01 on first reading as amended, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley asked the board to approve an amendment to resolution 23-26 as it was passed with an incorrect fund number. Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass resolution 23-26 as amended, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to appoint Councilmember Woods as president pro tem for 2024, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Councilmember Woods abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

The council approved the attached list of councilmatic committee appointments and representatives for 2024 by consensus.

The council agreed to retain Councilmember Woods on the partners in progress committee by consensus.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to retain Councilmember Sheets on the insurance committee and add Councilmember Beardsley, seconded by Councilman Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Councilmember Beardsley abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

The council agreed to place Councilmember Large on the economic development committee by consensus.

The council agreed to retain Councilmember Woods and Joe Palmer on the Frankfort Redevelopment commission by consensus.

The council agreed to retain Councilmember Warthan on the solid waste district position by consensus.

Utility Service Board President Kent Brewer presented the council with an update on the water treatment plant and the budget for the utilities for 2024.

City Attorney Alicia Albertson updated the council about the replacement of the bridge on Kelly Road and there is an opportunity to put in a pedestrian walkway and the interlocal agreement with the county. The cost to install a pedestrian bridge would be approximately \$400,000.00 and the funds would not be needed till 2028. The council discussed the agreement and Ms. Albertson informed them that the agreement will be a living document that can be amended as needed. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Sheets advised the council that she would like to advertise for a new building inspector and asked the council to allow a transfer from the building services part-time budget and move it to the salary for the new building inspector. Councilmember Sheets made a motion to allow the transfer, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palmer moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 8:06 P.M.

2024 Frankfort City Council Committee Appointments

Finance

Councilwoman Megan Sheets

Councilman Eric Woods

Councilman Steve Beardsley

Utilities

Councilman Eric Woods

Councilman Clarence Warthan

Councilman Robert (Joe) Stevens

Police

Councilman Isac Chavez

Councilman Clarence Warthan

Councilman Robert (Joe) Stevens

Fire

Councilman John Large

Councilman Isac Chavez

Councilwoman Megan Sheets

Streets and Alleys

Councilwoman Megan Sheets

Councilman John Large

Councilman Isac Chavez

Parks

Councilman Clarence Warthan

Councilman Isac Chavez

Councilman Robert (Joe) Stevens

Building Services

Councilman Steve Beardsley

Councilman Robert (Joe) Stevens

Councilman Eric Woods

Annexation

Councilman Steve Beardsley

Councilman Clarence Warthan

Councilman John Large

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2024 Council Committee Representatives

Partners in Progress

Councilman Eric Woods

City Plan

Robert Bogue

Councilwoman Megan Sheets

Insurance

Councilman Steve Beardsley

Councilwoman Megan Sheets

Economic Development Commission

Councilman John Large

Redevelopment Commission

Joe Palmer

Councilman Eric Woods

Solid Waste District

Councilman Clarence Warthan

North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council

Councilman Clarence Warthan

Councilman John Large