

COMMON COUNCIL  
July 8, 2024

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on July 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, Robert Stevens, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Taylor Crenshaw was absent. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Phil Triplett.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the June 10, 2024, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass the minutes from the June 10, 2024 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ORDINANCE 24-15: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA, PLACING THE SAME WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES THEREOF AND MAKING THE SAME A PART OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA (“ONE80 RESOURCES”).

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to read ordinance 24-15 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass resolution 24-15 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 24-16: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 17-08 REGARDING THE ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAU, ORDINANCE 77-2 REGARDING PENALTY, ORDINANCE 81-1 REGARDING UNLAWFUL NOISE, AND ORDINANCE FROM 1975 REGARDING ANIMALS AS NUISANCES, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 68-3 REGARDING UNNECESSARY VEHICLE NOISE AND ORDINANCE 70-1 REGARDING DISTURBING THE PEACE.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to read ordinance 24-16 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Police Chief Scott Shoemaker spoke to the council and outlined the changes made in this ordinance as the penalties are not worth the time spent by officers to write the citations. This ordinance will increase penalties and clear up some language used in past ordinances, and Chief Shoemaker advised the council of the changes and exemptions to the ordinance.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass ordinance 24-16 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 24-17: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to read ordinance 24-17 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. 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 advised the council that this ordinance is to appropriate the opioid funds that have been received in order to distribute them.

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to pass ordinance 24-17 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 24-18: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Director of Housing and Planning Initiatives Don Stock spoke to the council about the ordinance and informed them that this is to rezone a property at 559 Catterlin Street from class B residential to class C residential. Per city attorney Phil Triplett, as this ordinance has already been approved by the city plan commission the council will only need to approve or reject the change.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 24-18, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 24-19: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 53 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING STORM SEWER SYSTEM

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read ordinance 24-19 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Per city attorney Phil Triplett this ordinance is to clean up our ordinance in order to comply with state law.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 24-19 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 24-08: ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN AND DEFINITE POLICY FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 24-15 (THE "ONE80 RESOURCES VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION)

City Attorney Phil Triplett advised the council that this resolution will adopt the fiscal plan for One80 resources and will have to pass in order to pass ordinance 24-15. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to pass resolution 24-08, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Steven Ray and Shan Sheridan from the North Central Indiana Regional Partnership spoke to the council regarding the work they have done for the city in the last nine years and discussed the READI grant and its benefits to the city. The council decided to review their contract prior to coming to a decision at the next meeting.

Mr. Forsythe informed the council that he has been working with American Structurepoint, Mayor Sheets, and Kim Black on obtaining an 80/20 grant for the Maish Road project. They are currently applying for the SS4A (Safe Streets 4 All), which will greatly assist in the project's completion and will allow more projects in the community to be completed in the future.

Mayor Sheets and Police Chief Scott Shoemaker informed the council that as of September 1, 2024, his department will begin providing police services in the newly annexed area of Frankfort. He will have five additional officers available as soon as they are out of the academy, which will make servicing this area no problem.

The council discussed vacancies to committees caused by the retirement of Megan Sheets and determined to open up the City Plan Commission appointment to all city employees. Don Stock advised the council that his department would begin that process immediately and will have applicants to present at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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