

COMMON COUNCIL
September 9, 2024

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on September 9, 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, Taylor Crenshaw, John Large, Robert Stevens, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Alicia Albertson.

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 12, 2024, regular meeting were presented for approval. C. Warthan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by I. Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 24-20

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:02 PM and opened a public hearing for Ordinance 24-20 and reminded the council that this ordinance will appropriate additional overtime for police and the purchase of 2 vehicles. Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing and opened the council meeting at 7:04 PM.

ORDINANCE 24-20 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read ordinance 24-20 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance read by title only.

Councilmember Chavez made a motion to suspend the rules and pass on first and second reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Chavez made a motion to approve ordinance 24-20 on first and second reading, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 24-21

Mayor Sheets recessed the council meeting at 7:06 and opened the public meeting for Ordinance 24-21 This ordinance includes a state form for the 2025 budget with fund numbers.

ORDINANCE 24-21: ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

Mayor Sheets closes the public hearing and reopens the council meeting at 7:07 PM. Council member Woods makes a motion to read Ordinance 24-21 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Stevens made a motion to pass Ordinance 24-21 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

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 pass Ordinance 24-15 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 24-22 : AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVIL CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read Ordinance 24-22 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Crenshaw. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 24-22 read by title only.

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to pass Ordinance 24-22 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 24-23: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to read Ordinance 24-23 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 24-23 read by title only.

Councilmember Chavez made a motion to pass ordinance 24-23 on first reading seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0. Ordinance passes on first reading.

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

An ordinance to amend the UDO. Gary Crum would like to rezone 1602 Goder Drive to business for a storage business. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-24, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded and one abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 24-25: 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 (“CRUM FAMILY FARMS, LLC”).

Crum Family Farms would like to voluntarily annex a property on Blinn Ave into the city. Councilmember Woods made a motion to read the ordinance by title only, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 24-25 read by title only.

Councilmember Large made a motion to pass Ordinance 24-25 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0. Ordinance passes on first reading.

RESOLUTION 24-10: A RESOLUTION REGARDING DORMANT FUND TRANSFERS

Process to transfer funds back into general fund. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to approve Resolution 24-10, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 24-11: ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN AND DEFINITE POLCY FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY CONTINGUOUS TO THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA PURSUANT TO ORDIANANCE NO 24-25

Councilmember Chavez made a motion to pass Resolution 24-11, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilmember Woods updated everyone on the next USB appointment process. There were 9 applications received. Council members will interview them and then hold an executive session to discuss the applicants and narrow the pool.

NEW BUSINESS

The City will need to discuss an issue from an \$80,000 loan the City paid for the airport. Further information is needed and someone from the County Council or Airport Authority will come to a meeting to resolve the issue.

Stephanie Cooper from CORE presented information on how the center is doing and requested a partnership between the City and CORE to further serve the city residents as they do not have funds to make repairs to the building.

Community Development Director, Kimberly Black gave an update on the completed parking study that was conducted in the downtown area. Once their recommendations are made including costs. Ms. Black will bring the recommendations to the Council.

City Planning Commission has an opening. They do not have the official resignation letter, but a member has indicated he intends to leave the board. The City Planning Commission presented the board with an interested party who would like to join the board. Councilmember Woods

made a motion to name Chris Salaba to the City Planning Commission, seconded by Councilmember Large. 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 Chavez moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.