COMMON COUNCIL August 25, 2025

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on August 25, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 301 East Clinton Street, Frankfort, Indiana.

Mayor Judy Sheets called the meeting to order and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mayor Judy Sheets, Isac Chavez, Robert Stevens, Clarence Warthan, Taylor Crenshaw, John Large, Eric Woods, and Steve Beardsley. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley and Attorney Alicia Albertson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ORDINANCE 25-19: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE FIFTH AMENDATORY AGREEMENT TO THE POWER SALES CONTRACT BETWEEN INDIANA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY AND THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA AND OTHER MATTERS CONNCETED THEREWITH

Councilmember Woods made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Sheets informed the councilmembers that the finance committee met along with Reedy Financial consultants and discussed the 2026 city budget. Mayor Sheets met with the Redevelopment Commission to see if they would be willing for the next five years to cover the salaries for 6 firefighters, three police vehicles with equipment, and a one time payment of \$50,000 for a match to the SS4A Grant for roads and sidewalks. Mayor Sheets informed the councilmembers that there is an SS4A grant, which is a comprehensive grant, that will help with the roads and sidewalks. She presented the proposed budget for 2026.

Discussion continued about the impact of the of SEA1/SB1 which is causing a strain on local governments. The Mayor said that other revenue sources must be found. Councilman Beardsley stated that any additional proposed revenues will be the direct result of SEA1. Mayor Sheets urged everyone to reach out to their legislators to let them know of these impacts.

Mayor Sheets reminded the council that the State Budget Form 3 must be advertised/submitted to the State by 8/29/25. Council (by consensus) agreed to move forward with the current budget – Draft 5.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Stevens moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Large. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 7:08 PM.