

COMMON COUNCIL
September 8, 2025

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on September 8, 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 Phillip Triplett.

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 14, 2025 work session were presented for approval. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, 6 ayes were recorded. Councilmember Crenshaw abstained. Motion carried 6-0-1.

The minutes of the August 5, 2025 budget hearing meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

The minutes of the August 6, 2025 budget hearing meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Councilmember Chavez abstained. Motion carried 6-0-1.

The minutes of the August 11, 2025 work session were presented for approval. Councilmember Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Councilmember Beardsley abstained. Motion carried 6-0-1.

The minutes of the August 11, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Chavez made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Councilmember Beardsley abstained. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0-1.

The minutes of the August 25, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Eric Woods noted one change in wording. Councilmember Large made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 25-18

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and opened a public hearing for Ordinance NO. 25-18. City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley spoke on the ordinance. It is for additional appropriation for overtime for the fire department. There were no public comments.

Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing and re-opened the council meeting at 7:06p.m.

ORDINANCE 25-18: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

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

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 25-20

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and opened a public hearing for Ordinance NO. 25-20. It is an ordinance for appropriations and tax rates for 2026 budget. There were no public comments.

Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing and re-opened the council meeting at 7:08 p.m.

ORDINANCE 25-20: APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES 2026 BUDGET

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read Ordinance 25-20 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley read ordinance 25-20.

Councilmember Stevens made a motion to approve ordinance 25-20 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Crenshaw. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 25-21: SETTING THE SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVIL CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read Ordinance 25-21 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley read ordinance 25-21.

Councilmember Stevens made a motion to approve ordinance 25-21 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 25-22: SETTING THE SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CIVIL CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to read Ordinance 25-22 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley read ordinance 25-22.

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to approve ordinance 25-22 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 25-23: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read Ordinance 25-23 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley read ordinance 25-23.

This ordinance is for an additional appropriation for the Street Department. Jake Miller with the Street Department explained to the Council that the department has a 2009 loader that needs significant repairs. The repairs would take several months, cost \$65,000.00 and the engine would be shipped to Belgium for the repair. A 2019 replacement loader purchase cost would be \$132,050.00. The department is recommending the purchase of a 2019 CAT loader to replace the unit. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-23 for the amount \$132,050 to purchase the 2019 loader on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 25-07: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley informed the board that there was a payroll mistake for a former Street Dept. employee who transferred to the utilities. The overtime pay was paid incorrectly from an MVH appropriation. State Board of Accounts recommend we do a transfer from the correct utility fund to replace the funds in the MVH appropriation. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to approve Resolution 25-07, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Susan Kaspar presented the board with statistical data regarding The Crossing School. She requested a donation to sponsor the annual school banquet. Councilmember Woods made a motion to approve \$3000 from unrestricted opioid funds to sponsor The Crossing Banquet, 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 Stevens moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.