

COMMON COUNCIL
October 14, 2025

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on October 14, 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 (virtual), Robert Stevens, Clarence Warthan, Taylor Crenshaw, John Large, and Eric Woods. Steve Beardsley was absent. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley and Attorney Alicia Albertson.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 8, 2025 work session were presented for approval. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Riggs (1160 Dolsen St. Frankfort) spoke about the data center. He is not in favor of it. He wanted to share his thoughts with the Council.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 25-23

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:06 p.m. and opened a public hearing for Ordinance NO. 25-23. City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley explained the ordinance. It is for additional appropriation for the new loader for sanitation and the opioid settlement. There were no public comments.

Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing and re-opened the council meeting at 7:07p.m.

ORDINANCE 25-23: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Councilmember Woods made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Crenshaw. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 25-20: APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES /2026 BUDGET

City Attorney Alicia Albertson advised the Council that Councilmember Chavez is unable to vote on budget or salary ordinances due to virtual attendance per the Indiana Code.

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to approve the ordinance on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Councilmember Chavez abstained. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Motion carried 5-0-1.

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

Council Large made a motion to approve ordinance 25-21 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Councilmember Chavez abstained. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Motion carried 5-0-1.

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

Councilmember Woods made a motion to approve ordinance 25-22 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Large. Councilmember Chavez abstained. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Motion carried 5-0-1.

ORDINANCE 25-24: AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

City Attorney Alicia Albertson explained this is an update to the existing unified development ordinance. Council only needs to approve because it has already gone through a public hearing and has been approved by the City Plan Commission. The changes include: street width and the materials that are used for sidewalks and streets. It also includes making the historic preservation standards and guidelines into a historic preservation overlay district. It allows the administration of that process to go through the building services department and then have the board of zoning appeals be the body that would hear appeals on that matter. Director of Housing and Planning Initiatives Don Stock explained the rationale behind the changes. Discussion followed about street widths in the city.

Councilmember Stevens made a motion to approve ordinance 25-24, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 25-25: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read Ordinance 25-25 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley read Ordinance 25-25 by title only.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to approve ordinance 25-25 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 25-09

City Attorney Alicia Albertson explained this is for the OCRA grant for the Comprehensive Plan. OCRA will pay up to \$60,000 and require a local match of \$40,000 to get to \$100,000. The resolution would authorize the local match for \$40,000. Councilmember Woods said the PIP board could help. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to pass resolution 25-09, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 25-10

City Attorney Alicia Albertson explained that it allows the Mayor to sign the application for submission for the OCRA grant and the local match. Councilmember Stevens made a motion to approve resolution 25-10, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley presented the Sapphire Bay Aquatic Center report. She informed the Council that the total revenue was \$157, 336.17.

Mayor Sheets asked the Council if they could do a work session immediately following the regular meeting on November 10th.

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 7:40 PM.