

COMMON COUNCIL
November 10, 2025

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on November 10, 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, Steve Beardsley, and Eric Woods. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley and Attorney Alicia Albertson.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 14, 2025 regular meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded, Councilmember Beardsley abstained. Motion carried 6-0-1.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 25-25

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and opened a public hearing for Ordinance NO. 25-25. City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley explained that the ordinance is for additional appropriation in the amount of \$123,000 for the general fund to help cover liability insurance costs throughout the rest of the year. There were no public comments.

Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing and re-opened the council meeting at 7:03p.m.

ORDINANCE 25-25: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

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

PUBLIC HEARING OCRA GRANT

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and opened a public hearing for the OCRA grant. Tim Carson from the NCIRPC spoke outlined the aspects of the grant which is for comprehensive city planning. There were no public comments.

Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing and re-opened the council meeting at 7:13p.m.

Council agreed by consensus to move forward with the OCRA Grant.

NEW BUSINESS

City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley presented the board with the 2026 meeting schedule. She asked the council to approve the schedule by consensus. The council approved the schedule.

City Attorney Alicia Albertson informed the board that Kim Deck from Habitat for Humanity has approached the city to inquire about the possibility of the donation of two city-owned vacant lots. Ms. Deck has already presented to the Board of Works. BOW agreed to send a favorable recommendation to the Council for this process. Council now have the opportunity to determine if the lots could be donated or sold for an affordable price to Habitat for Humanity. The two properties are 509 Delphi Avenue and 758 Magnolia Avenue. Councilmember Woods made a motion to donate the lots to Habitat for Humanity, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Attorney Albertson asked for a motion for the Mayor to be able to sign any documents including the deeds. Councilmember Chavez made motion to approve, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Fire Chief Matt Stidham presented the board with Station 4 updates.

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 7:24 PM.