

COMMON COUNCIL
December 8, 2025

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the November 10, 2025, regular meeting and November 10, 2025, work session were presented for approval. Council member Chavez noticed a correction with the minutes from the regular meeting. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to approve the minutes as amended with the correction, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: VACATION OF AN ALLEY

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:05 p.m. and opened a public hearing for public comments. Jonathan Bailey (2006 W Barner St., Frankfort) spoke about a vacation of an alley to allow access to his property and keep traffic slowed down.

City Attorney Alicia Albertson noted that the Public Hearing was properly and legally advertised even though it was not on the agenda. Attorney Albertson explained the next steps in the process, including council approval and creating an ordinance regarding the alley vacation.

David Moore (1961 W Green St., Frankfort) spoke against closing the alley.

Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing and re-opened the council meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Councilmember Beardsley recommended delaying the alley vacation decision until next month to give the council time to review the information regarding the alley. Councilmember Stevens made a motion to take it under advisement, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried. 7-0.

RESOLUTION 25-11: RESOLUTION REGARDING TRAIL SYSTEM

Councilmember Beardsley spoke about the history of trail development in Frankfort. Carol Price with the Clinton County Trails and Healthy Communities presented to the board the benefits of trail systems for communities. Carol Price proposed a “Wesley Manor Trail” which includes existing areas in the community and would require some new construction connecting several key areas in the city/county. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to approve the resolution as amended, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 25-12: TRANSFER RESOLUTION FOR PARK

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 25-13: TRANSFER RESOLUTION FOR POLICE

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 25-14: TRANSFER RESOLUTION FOR STREET

Councilmember Stevens made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Crenshaw. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Attorney Alicia Albertson explained the process for a proposed residential development near Blue/Green schools. They are requesting voluntary annexation into the City of Frankfort. They have provided a petition for voluntary annexation. All the property owners of that area have consented to the voluntary annexation. A copy of the fiscal plan was provided. Attorney Albertson asked for consensus to proceed. The council agreed to proceed by consensus. There will be a special meeting for public hearing on January 7, 2026, at 7 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Sheets asked the board about the approval of the BZA appointment. Councilmember Woods made a motion to appoint Sam Payne to the BZA board, 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 Stevens moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.