

COMMON COUNCIL

January 12, 2026

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on January 12, 2026, 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 December 8, 2025 regular meeting and January 7, 2026 work special meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Woods 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF PROTEM

Mayor Sheets informed the board that they will need to elect a president ProTem since this is the first meeting of the new year. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to elect Councilmember Woods as president ProTem, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded, E. Woods abstained. Motion carried 6-1-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-02: AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVIL CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

City Clerk Treasurer informed the board there were 3 job description and title changes in the street department sanitation employees approved by the Board of Works. The salary ordinance is presented with one salary change and three job title changes to reflect these updated descriptions. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to read Ordinance 26-02 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Clerk Treasurer Bartley read Ordinance 26-02 by title only.

Councilmember Stevens made a motion to pass Ordinance 26-02 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 26-03: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES BY THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

City Attorney Alicia Albertson informed the board that it establishes the clean up fees for when a city of Frankfort employee abates a nuisance. If someone has a nuisance, they will get a certain amount of time to abate the nuisance or else the city can go in and abate it for them. When that

happens there are fees that are charged to the individual and there are liens filed against the individual's property if they do not pay it. Councilmember Woods made a motion to read Ordinance 26-03 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Clerk Treasurer Bartley read Ordinance 26-03 by title only.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-03 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 26-02: TRANSFER RESOLUTION

City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley informed the board there was an oversight on the budget appropriation line compared to the salary ordinance. A transfer will correct it. She recommended Fifteen hundred and twenty dollars from the travel expense in council to salary in the council general fund budget. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to pass Resolution 26-02, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Sheets explained there was a proposed vacation of an alley on West Green Street brought forward at the last meeting that was tabled and wanted to know if council desired to bring it forward again. Councilmember Stevens and Councilmember Warthan spoke to adjacent property owners, and they were not in favor of vacating the alley. City Attorney Alicia Albertson recommended making a motion to drop the alley vacation. Councilmember Stevens made a motion to deny the petition to vacate the alley, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

City Attorney Alicia Albertson informed the board regarding an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Clinton County regarding Central Dispatch. Dispatch is in need of a new server in order to utilize Spillman software which is used by Fire and Police. The agreement is stating the City and County will each split half the cost of the server and not exceed \$230,000 for either entity. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Owen Lucas and Nancy Elsea with the Humane Society presented reports for the 2025 year.

Street Superintendent Brian Killman explained to the board there is a 2009 side-load truck that needs replaced. Superintendent Killman has been working with Reedy Financial Group to look at different scenarios for the city to purchase a new sanitation truck. The sanitation department is self-funded, so any increases may lead to increased trash fees. City Attorney Alicia Albertson explained a process that would increase the fees by \$2 every other year through 2030. The city is

still under lease with the vehicle in question. It currently has a \$39,000 trade in value. If they allow the vehicle to become unusable, it will be of no value.

Mayor Sheets asked for Common Council recommendation. Councilmember Stevens asked if it could be per totor. City Attorney Alicia Albertson explained that the proposal includes \$10 for any additional totor per month. Councilmember Woods recommended looking at an ordinance based on a recommendation from the street committee. Their recommendation is to increase \$2 every other year plus the totor charges.

Mayor Sheets recommended asking the billing office regarding the street committee's recommendation. Krista Stillwell, USB member, will contact the Frankfort Utilities Board to discuss any changes to trash billing thru their software system.

COUNCILMATIC COMMITTEES

The following appointments were agreed to remain the same by consensus:

PIP – Eric Woods and Steve Beardsley

Insurance – Steve Beardsley and Eric Woods

Economic Development – John Large

RDC – Joe Palmer and Eric Woods

Solid Waste – Clarence Warthan

North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council – Clarence Warthan and John Large

Mayor Sheets informed Council that they have been provided with the USB budget.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Stevens moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Crenshaw. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.