

COMMON COUNCIL

August 10, 2020

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on August 10, 2020, at the Frankfort Community Public Library, 208 West Clinton Street, Frankfort, Indiana at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Judy Sheets called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mayor Judy Sheets, Michael Brite, Brandt Fuller, Joe Palmer, Megan Sheets, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Steve Beardsley was absent. Also present was Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Les Bergum.

MINUTES: The minutes for the July 27, 2020, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Fuller moved the minutes be approved seconded by Councilmember Brite. Upon roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion passed 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ORDINANCE 20-13: AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA ESTABLISHING NEW WATER RATES AND CHARGES.

A public hearing will be held on August 24th to discuss the water rate change. Nick Kyle with Barnes and Thornburg informed the council that the ordinance will be amended to correct a cross-reference on the amount of credit received per month. Table 52.02 (A)(2)

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to amend ordinance 20-13, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion passed 6-0.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass ordinance 20-13 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion passed 6-0.

ORDINANCE 20-14: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA, PLACING THE SAME WITHIN THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES THEREOF AND MAKING THE SAME A PART OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA (THE “INTERSTATE 65”)

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

Nick Kyle informed the council that there have been six information sessions regarding annexation. The council was asked to pass the ordinance on first reading.

Councilmember Fuller made a motion to pass on first reading seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION 20-13: ADOPTING A FISCAL PLAN AND DEFINITE POLICY FOR THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 20-14 (THE “INTERSTATE 65 ANNEXATION”)

Nick Kyle asked the council to adopt a resolution establishing a fiscal plan for the annexation. It will set forth the sources and uses of funds in order to proceed with the annexation and also detail the individual parcels and financial impacts of lots in the territory being annexed. The complete 400 page fiscal plan will be kept in the clerk treasurer's office for any further review. The council also discussed making it available online for any interested parties.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass resolution 20-13 on the first reading seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION 20-14: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTEREST IN PURCHASING REAL ESTATE AND APPOINTING APPRAISERS.

Chief Shoemaker discussed with the council the property at 460 W Walnut Street, the former CVS location. The police department would like an appraisal on this property as a backup if another location is not found to be feasible.

Councilmember Brite made a motion to pass on the first reading seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion passed 6-0.

RESOLUTION 20-15: A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTEREST IN PURCHASING REAL ESTATE AND APPOINTING APPRAISERS.

This resolution is regarding the property located on the north side of State Road 28 East of Brock Dryers being considered for the location of the new police station.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shan Sheridan addressed the council regarding regional economic development. Frankfort has been part of the North Central Regional partnership since 2007. They have put together an Economic Development Strategy in order to have the ability to pursue Economic Development Grants. They have received a grant from EDA to facilitate the wastewater infrastructure project.

The council discussed the 2021 budget and whether or not to include funding for Regional Economic Development. Mayor Sheets recommended they continue to include this funding in the 2021 budget. The council also discussed proposed salary increases and any deficits or surpluses that would be available in the various funds at the end of the year. The council will take the budget under advisement and finalize it at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palmer moved to adjourn seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.