

COMMON COUNCIL
February 10, 2020

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on February 10, 2020 in the Council Chambers, 301 East Clinton Street, Frankfort, Indiana at 7:00 PM.

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

MINUTES: The minutes for the January 27, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Joe Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 27, 2020 council meeting. Clarence Warthan seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote seven “ayes” were recorded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

ORDINANCE 20-02: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 19-14 SETTING SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVIL CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA. Megan Sheets made a motion to read Ordinance 20-02 by title only. Clarence Warthan seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote seven “ayes” were recorded. Motion passed. Ordinance 20-02 was read by title only. Eric Woods made a motion to pass Ordinance 20-02 on the First Reading. Brandt Fuller seconded the motion. Mayor McBarnes presented information on the change that he was requesting for the Street Department Superintendent and also the changes to the job descriptions in the Building Services Department. Judy Sheets, Clerk-Treasurer, presented information on the changes that she was requesting for the Clerk-Treasurer’s office and that there will be changes in the job descriptions for those positions. Steve Beardsley stated that the recommendation of the Finance Committee would be in favor of these changes. Megan Sheets stated that this is an equitable situation. Upon roll call vote seven “ayes” were recorded. Ordinance 20-02 passed on the First Reading.

RESOLUTION 20-02: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUND. Joe Palmer made a motion to pass Resolution 20-02. Clarence Warthan seconded the motion. The Clerk-Treasurer stated that she was requesting approval to transfer from the Professional Service appropriation and the Equipment appropriation to part-time labor and overtime. She stated that this will not have an effect on her total budget. Mayor McBarnes stated that the Street Department is requesting a transfer from the Gas and Diesel appropriation to MVH Superintendent appropriation. Upon roll call vote seven “ayes” were recorded. Resolution 20-02 passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Eric Woods stated that a list of council appointments was passed out at the last meeting for City Plan Commission, Insurance Committee, Economic Development Commission, and Solid Waste District and that those appointments need to be ratified.

Joe Palmer made a motion to ratify the Council appointments. Brandt Fuller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote seven “ayes” were recorded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Todd Corrie, Utilities General Manager, presented information on the Backflow Prevention Program prepared by Wessler Engineering. Todd stated that this required by IDEM and that a new Ordinance will have to be passed. Les Bergum stated that he can have the Ordinance for the next Council meeting. Todd stated that he will be going to the County Commissioners with the same ordinance.

Police Chief Troy Bacon presented information on the proposed Public Safety Building at the airport. Chief Bacon stated that they had looked at several locations prior to this. Chief Bacon stated that they looked at the Frankfort Municipal Airport and made a presentation to the Airport Board. Chief Bacon stated that the location would be on the northwest side of the airport and that this would also increase fire protection as well as haz-mat ready. Jeremy Duff of KJG Architecture presented a map and information. Jeremy stated that this would possibly be in two phases. Alan Dunn, President of the Airport Authority, stated that they had heard the presentation and that it was a 5-0 unanimous support of this. John Hinshaw, a member of the Airport Authority Board was also present at the meeting. Chief Bacon stated that he feels that this property is the best and would benefit the City and the Airport. Discussion followed. Megan Sheets asked about the other fire stations. Fire Chief John Kirby stated that Station 2 would be closed but that Headquarters would stay. Clarence Warthan stated that they have worked in due diligence for this site. Mayor McBarnes stated that we have financial information from Reedy Financial for an 8 million dollar project. Mayor McBarnes asked for consensus to move forward with this project. The Council gave consensus to move forward with this project. Mayor McBarnes stated that he had received information that Senate Bill 23 will not be heard in committee. Senate Bill 23 pertained to annexation. Mayor McBarnes stated that he and Samantha will have cake and punch at Old Stoney on February 27th from 6 PM to 8 PM and invited everyone to attend. Mayor McBarnes stated that it was his last meeting with Joe Palmer and thanked him for the hours and hours he had given to the City.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor McBarnes adjourned the meeting.