

COMMON COUNCIL
February 24, 2020

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on February 24, 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, and Megan Sheets. Also present: Judith Sheets, Clerk-Treasurer and Les Bergum, City Attorney. Absent: Joe Palmer

MINUTES: The minutes for the February 10, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Steve Beardsley made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 10, 2020 council meeting. Clarence Warthan seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

Mayor McBarnes recessed the council meeting at 7:02 PM and opened the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING: There was a Public Hearing on Resolution 20-03 concerning Hometown Cottages of Frankfort, LLC. There were no public comments.

Mayor McBarnes closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 PM and reopened the council meeting.

RESOLUTION 20-03: RESOLUTION APPROVING STATEMENT OF BENEFITS AND CONFIRMING DESIGNATION OF ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA. Jay Moore explained the resolution and the zoning for the Hometown Cottages of Frankfort, LLC. Jay stated that they will break ground in March. Steve Beardsley made a motion to approve Resolution 20-03. Megan Sheets seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Resolution 20-03 passed.

RESOLUTION 20-04: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING HEALTH BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN RETIRED AND APPOINTED RETIREES OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT. Mayor McBarnes stated that he and Councilman Fuller were bringing this resolution forward and that it would change the percentage from 50% to 40% of the monthly established COBRA rate for City retirees. There was discussion by the Council on this. Brandt Fuller made a motion to pass Resolution 20-04. Mike Brite seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Resolution 20-04 passed.

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 pass Ordinance 20-02 on the second reading. Eric Woods seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Ordinance 20-02 passed on the Second Reading.

Mayor McBarnes introduced Bart Kraning as the new Parks Superintendent. Bart spoke about his past work experience and stated that he was looking forward to being the Parks Superintendent. Brandt Fuller asked about the consultant contract with Travis Sheets for \$4200 a month. Mayor McBarnes stated that with the Prairie Creek Park Project and the Aquatic Center Travis had saved the City \$350,000.

ORDINANCE 20-03: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PARKS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL AREAS IN THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA. Steve Beardsley made a motion to read Ordinance 20-03 by title only. Clarence Warthan seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Motion passed. Ordinance 20-03 was read by title only. Steve Beardsley made a motion to pass Ordinance 20-03 on the First Reading. Clarence Warthan seconded the motion. Mike Bright asked about Section Sixteen not listed as a deadly weapon. Les Bergum stated that he had asked about that as well. Police Chief Troy Bacon stated that he and Travis Sheets worked on that. Discussion followed. Steve Beardsley stated that this can be amended on the Second Reading. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Ordinance 20-03 passed on the First Reading.

ORDINANCE 20-04: 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 20-04 by title only. Brandt Fuller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Ordinance 20-04 was read by title only. Brandt Fuller made a motion to pass Ordinance 20-04 on the First Reading. Megan Sheets seconded the motion. Mayor McBarnes stated that the current salary for the Parks Superintendent is \$57,748 and that number is low and that he would like to raise the salary by \$5,000. Discussion followed. Upon roll call vote five “ayes” – Megan Sheets, Mike Brite, Brandt Fuller, Clarence Warthan, Steve Beardsley, and one “nay” – Eric Woods were recorded. Ordinance 20-04 passed on the First Reading.

ORDINANCE 20-05: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM FOR PROTECTING THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM FROM CONTAMINATION DUE TO BACKFLOW OF CONTAMINANTS. Brandt Fuller made a motion to read Ordinance 20-05 by title only. Clarence Warthan seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Motion passed. Ordinance 20-05 was read by title only. Clarence Warthan made a motion to pass Ordinance 20-05 on the First Reading. Mike Brite seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “aye” were recorded. Ordinance 20-05 passed on the First Reading.

ORDINANCE 20-06: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. CO-75-10 REGARDING UTILITY SERVICE BOARD. Megan Sheets made a motion to read Ordinance 20-06 by title only. Eric Woods seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Ordinance 20-06 was read by title only. Mike Kelley explained that the Ordinance in 1975 that established the Utility Service Board addressed how the secretary was to be paid and that they would like to amend that so that the Board may adjust the salary of the Board’s secretary without approval of the Common Council. Clarence Warthan made a motion to pass Ordinance 20-06 on the First Reading. Brandt Fuller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Ordinance 20-06 passed on the First Reading.

ORDINANCE 20-07: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER RATES TO ESTABLISH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES FOR USERS OF CITY WATER WITHIN THE I-65 ALLOCATION AREA. Steve Beardsley made a motion to read Ordinance 20-07 by title only. Megan Sheets seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Ordinance 20-07 was read by title only. Todd Corrie, Utilities General Manager, explained the Ordinance and how it pertains to new development west of Jefferson. Eric Woods made a motion to pass Ordinance 20-07 on the First Reading. Brandt Fuller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Ordinance 20-07 passed on the First Reading.

ORDINANCE 20-08: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SEWER CHARGES TO ESTABLISH SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CHARGES FOR USERS OF CITY WASTEWATER UTILITY WITHIN THE I-65 ALLOCATION AREA. Les Bergum stated that this is like Ordinance 20-07 but is for wastewater. Clarence Warthan made a motion to read Ordinance 20-08 by title only. Megan Sheets seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Motion passed. Ordinance 20-08 was read by title only. Clarence Warthan made a motion to pass Ordinance 20-08 on the First Reading. Eric Woods seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Ordinance 20-08 passed on the First Reading.

ORDINANCE 20-09: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER AND ESTABLISHING POWERS OF OFFICE. Steve Beardsley made a motion to read Ordinance 20-09 by title only. Brandt Fuller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Motion passed. Ordinance 20-09 was read by title only. Les Bergum stated that there will be a void in the City Clerk-Treasurer’s office March 2, 2020 when the current Clerk-Treasurer takes office as Mayor. Clarence Warthan made a motion to pass Ordinance 20-09 on the First Reading. Brandt Fuller seconded the motion. Upon roll call vote six “ayes” were recorded. Ordinance 20-09 passed on the First Reading. It was decided to call a Special Meeting on Thursday, March 27th at 11:00 AM in the Council Chambers to pass the Ordinance so that a Clerk-Treasurer would be in place on March 2nd.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Jim Moyer and Clarence Warthan presented a plaque to Mayor McBarnes for his dedication to the City. Mayor McBarnes stated that it was a distinct honor to serve the City.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Eric Woods made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Megan Sheets seconded the motion. Mayor McBarnes adjourned the meeting.