

COMMON COUNCIL  
May 8, 2023

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on May 8, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 301 East Clinton Street, Frankfort, Indiana.

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, Steve Beardsley, Mike Brite, Brandt Fuller, Joe Palmer, Megan Sheets, Clarence Warthan (attended remotely), and Eric Woods. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Alicia Albertson.

MINUTES: The minutes for the April 10, 2023, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass the minutes from the April 10, 2023 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Loren Murphy had concerns regarding the upcoming annexation and building projects that may contribute to noise, traffic, and air pollution. Liz Stitzel was present and addressed the county regulations regarding the new development in that area, most of which will still be county and not city.

ORDINANCE 23-06: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 82-14 REGARDING ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES AFTER TWO READINGS

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 23-06 on third reading, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 23-07: UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to read title only, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Director of Planning and Housing Initiatives, Don Stock gave a presentation on the UDO. The UDO has already passed at the Board of Zoning and Appeals. City Attorney Alicia Albertson discussed the legal advantages to having a UDO.

Councilmember Brite made a motion to pass Ordinance 23-07 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded and two nays. Motion carried 5-2.

ORDINANCE 23-08: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING THE FEES FOR BUILDING PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to read Ord. 23-08 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass Ord. 23-08 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Brite. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 23-05: DECLARTORY RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA

Amy McDonald, CPA firm/financial advisor to Zachary and Lance Aukerman, Zachary CFO, spoke regarding their upcoming expansion. This is expected to be a \$30 million expansion that will result in 20 new positions.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass Resolution 23-05, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass SB1 as presented, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Council members discussed CF1s from last meeting for Frankfort Medical Offices, Wesley Manor and Coomer and Sons Sawmill. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. 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 Palmer moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 7:54 P.M.