

COMMON COUNCIL

June 12, 2023

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on June 12, 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, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Alicia Albertson. Councilmember Megan Sheets was absent.

MINUTES: The minutes for the May 8, 2023, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass the minutes from the May 8, 2023 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION 23-07:

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:05 P.M. and opened a public hearing. Per city attorney Alicia Albertson, the resolution is a confirmatory resolution for the tax abatement for Zachary Confections and also to allow a waiver of noncompliance. Shan Sheridan spoke to the council in favor of the resolution. Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting at 7:06.

RESOLUTION 23-07: CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass resolution 23-07, seconded by Councilmember Brite. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 23-07: UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF FRANKFORT INDIANA

Director of Planning and Housing Initiatives Don Stock spoke to the council regarding the ordinance and informed them that the plan will go before the planning commission in order to advertise the changes that will take place. The changes to fines will not become effective until after a public notice is posted. All other changes will be effective immediately.

The council had a discussion about the portion of the ordinance allowing for chickens and possibly making changes to the ordinance in the future.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 23-07 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, four ayes were recorded. Councilmember Palmer and Councilmember Fuller voted Nay. Motion carried 4-2.

ORDINANCE 23-11: AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE STRIKING CHAPTER 5 SECTION 513.07 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE RAISING OF CHICKENS

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to adopt on first reading ordinance 23-11, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, two ayes were recorded. Councilmember Beardsley, Councilmember Brite, Councilmember Warthan, and Councilmember Woods voted Nay. Motion was voted down.

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

Mr. Stock informed the board that this ordinance is to add any additional fees required by the unified development ordinance.

Councilmember Fuller made a motion to pass ordinance 23-08 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Brite. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 23-09: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to read ordinance 23-09 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley informed the council that this ordinance is to appropriate money from the rainy day fund in order to complete the following items:

- Paving on Fourth Street - \$15,442.25
- Broken water line at the park - \$11,000
- Utility set up for new Police Station - \$43,449.00

There is also money being appropriated from the clerks record perpetuation fund in order to facilitate the organization and streamlining of the records held in the tunnel at Old Stoney.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass ordinance 23-09 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. A public hearing will be held at the next council meeting before the second reading.

ORDINANCE 23-10: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 17-08 AND ORDINANCE 12-09 REGARDING ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS BUREAU AND NOXIOUS WEEDS

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read ordinance 23-10 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Per Alicia Albertson the ordinance is to make changes to fines and repeal the moped statute. The council had a brief discussion with Police Chief Scott Shoemaker about the changes and complaints of citizens.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass ordinance 23-10 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 23-06: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Mayor Sheets informed the council that this resolution is to transfer \$from the ARPA Economic Development Fund to Community Programming for Home for the Night and the Aquatic Center Contract.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass resolution 23-06, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION 23-08: A RESOLUTION COMMITTING FUNDS FOR CRADLE TO CARRER CENTER OF CLINTON COUNTY PROJECT

City Attorney Alicia Albertson advised the council that this resolution is a requirement of the Read Grant in order to show the cities support for the project.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass resolution 23-08, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Clinton County Prosecutor Tony Sommer spoke to the board about the deferral funds and a request from Police Chief Scott Shoemaker to get a public security camera system. The council had a brief discussion on the disbursements of the funds with Mr. Sommer. Councilmember Palmer made a motion to expend the deferral funds in the amount of \$1998.85 as requested by Prosecutor Tony Sommer to be used by Chief Shoemaker for the purchase of a security camera system, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

Utility Service Board President Kent Brewer addressed the council and informed them that his departments have received several calls from citizens who are on social security and they have decided to look into a resolution extending the late fee dates from ten days to twenty days in order to alleviate that issue. Mr. Brewer will be attending a council meeting in the next month to bring a utility service board presentation.

Councilmember Brite spoke to the board about a sidewalk being placed at Freeman and Third Streets for safety reasons. He has received complaints from citizens due to school children having to walk into the road. The council had a brief discussion with Mr. Stock regarding the cost and the cities responsibilities. Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pay the full amount for a sidewalk construction on the east side of Freeman Street between third and fourth streets in the event the resident that owns the non-city portion does not contribute, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

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 8:24 P.M.