

COMMON COUNCIL
July 10, 2023

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on July 10, 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.

MINUTES: The minutes for the June 12, 2023, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass the minutes from the June 12, 2023 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Councilmember Sheets abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION 23-09:

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:02 P.M. and opened a public hearing. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley advised the council that this ordinance is to move funds from the rainy day fund to allow payment for park repair, police station utilities, and the organization at the clerk-treasurers offices. Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing and reopened the council meeting at 7:04.

ORDINANCE 23-09: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass ordinance 23-09 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0

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

Councilmember Fuller made a motion to pass ordinance 23-10 on second and final reading, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 23:09: A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE NAME OF FUND 2501, CITY ENGINEER COURT FEES FUND TO CODE ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND SUPPLIES FUND.

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley informed the council that this resolution is to change the name of a fund for court fees relating to code enforcement. Councilmember Brite made a motion to pass resolution 23-10, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 23-10: DECLARATORY RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND AN ELIGIBLE VACANT BUILDING

Attorney Phil Triplett spoke to the council and presented Masbez, who will be purchasing and renovating the old K-Co building. The resolution is to allow them to purchase the property and restore a blighted area of Frankfort. Councilmember Woods and Sheets spoke on behalf of the finance committee and spoke in favor of the ordinance. Councilmember Fuller made a motion to pass resolution 23-10, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Utility Service Board President Kent Brewer gave a presentation to the council and updated them on the completion of the waste water and water treatment plant. He also informed the council that the USB will be moving to performance based pay raises in the future. Mr. Brewer also gave the council an overview of the USB budget and their systems.

City Attorney Alicia Albertson presented the council with CF-1 for Goodwill Industries to allow the tax abatement to continue and no longer need the abatement next year. Councilmember Woods made a motion to approve the CF-1, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote seven ayes were recorded, motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Sheets spoke to the council about a request for funds from the Boys and Girls Club. Councilmember Sheets noted that the ARPA funds have been expended and given to the club and the city is not able to donate at this time. The council was in agreement to allow the club to ask again during budget season.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palmer moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.