

COMMON COUNCIL

March 22, 2021

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on March 22, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Community Schools of Frankfort Administration Building, 2400 E. Wabash Street, Frankfort, Indiana. The meeting was also presented and attended via GoToMeeting.

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, Michael Brite, Brandt Fuller, Eric Woods, Megan Sheets, Clarence Warthan, and Steve Beardsley. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Les Bergum. Member Joe Palmer attended via GoToMeeting.

MINUTES: The minutes for the March 8, 2021, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Palmer stated that there needed to be a correction to the business name under Resolution 21-03 to CJ Investments, LLC. Councilmember Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2021 meeting with corrections, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 21-05

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:01 PM and opened a public hearing to discuss any comments or questions about the ordinance for additional appropriation. There were no comments or questions. Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing at 7:02 PM and reopened the council meeting.

ORDINANCE 21-05: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO 21-05

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 21-05 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE 21-03: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION FOR FRANKFORT POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAINING.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance on second and third reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Fuller made a motion to pass ordinance 21-03 on second and third reading, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE 21-04: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION FOR FRANKFORT FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 21-04 on second and third reading, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Brite made a motion to pass ordinance 21-04 on second and third reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE 21-06: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-16 SETTING THE SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVIL CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read ordinance 21-06 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Bartley informed the council that this ordinance is to add the clothing allowance to the salary ordinance. The amounts for the clothing allowances were included in the budget but were not delineated in the ordinance.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass resolution 21-06 on the first reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

ORDINANCE 21-07: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 98.03(C) OF THE FRANKFORT MUNICIPAL CODE AS TO DROP OFF AND PICK-UP FEES FOR BULK ITEMS.

Street Department Superintendent Jason Forsythe addressed the council regarding the ordinance and informed them that he would like to increase the charges for the bulk items prices due to an increase in the cost of dump fees. Most items will increase by five or ten dollars.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to read ordinance 21-07 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 21-07 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION 21-04: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE RAINY DAY FUND.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass resolution 21-04, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Sheets addressed the council regarding the public safety training complex and would like the council to set aside \$40,000.00. The initial draw will be for \$25,000.00 and any additional will be based on the progress of the complex. The money is already in the budget and the draw will take place upon the request of Matt Stidham.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to transfer \$25,000.00 to the training complex project, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0

NEW BUSINESS:

Street Department Superintendent Jason Forsythe asked the council for permission to use the grass lien fund to purchase a push mower as the street department has the responsibility to mow any reported grass overgrowth.

Councilmember Fuller made a motion to authorize the purchase of a mower from the grass lien account, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

Parker Criswell of Reedy Financial presented and reviewed with the council the annual financial update for the Frankfort Redevelopment Commission.

Mayor Sheets asked the council if they would approve moving the meeting location to Old Stoney effective April 12, 2020. All social distancing rules will be enforced and masks will be required. The council approved by consensus.

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley presented the council with 10 CF-1 forms from NHK, Pennington Holdings LLC, Backstep Brewing Company LLC, LOL, LLC, and Reichert Investments. Councilmember Woods suggested passing all CF-1 forms due to the Covid-19 pandemic and inform any applicants that they will be reviewed more thoroughly next year. City Attorney Les Bergum will present a letter to the council at the next meeting. Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass all 10 CF-1 forms, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Sheets asked the council to approve her appointment of Isaac Chavez to the Historical Preservation Committee. Councilmember Palmer made a motion to accept the appointment of Isaac Chaves to the Historical Preservation Society, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Beardsley expressed concern about downtown parking. As a business owner, he is concerned about the lack of parking and would like to see the city make long-term plans to address the current and potential future parking issues downtown. Mayor Sheets agreed that this is something the city should look into.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Warthan moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM.