

COMMON COUNCIL

April 12, 2021

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on April 12, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 301 East Clinton Street, Frankfort, Indiana at 7:00 P.M.

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, Joe Palmer, Eric Woods, Megan Sheets, Clarence Warthan, and Steve Beardsley. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Les Bergum.

MINUTES: The minutes for the March 22, 2021, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

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

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass ordinance 21-05 on third reading, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. 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 pass resolution 21-06 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. 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.

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

ORDINANCE 21-08: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE ARP CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY GRANT FUND (FUND #176)

Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley advised that this ordinance is to establish a fund in order for the city to have the ability to receive funds through the American Rescue Plan. Councilmember Palmer made a motion to read ordinance 21-08 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 21-08 on all three readings, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Fuller made a motion to pass ordinance 21-08 on all three readings, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION 21-05: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHANGE OF TERMS OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS BETWEEN FRANKFORT MAIN STREET, INC. AND THE CLINTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Shan Sheridan and other members of the Chamber of Commerce addressed the council regarding the Iron Block building and the necessary repairs to it, including adding offices on the second floor, adding a conference room, and most likely an elevator. In order to proceed with these repairs, they are asking the council to allow them to make a final payment in the amount of \$40,000 and then forgive the remaining \$104,475.00 balance of the original note.

RDC has passed their resolution to approve the payment and forgive the balance of the note, but the decision also requires council approval. Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass resolution 21-05, seconded by Councilmember Brite. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION 21-06 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA DETERMINING NEED FOR THE RENOVATION OF A POLICE STATION FACILITY, APPROVING FORM OF LEASE AND REIMBURSING EXPENDITURES AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS REGARDING A PROPOSED LEASE

Police Chief Scott Shoemaker, Jeremy Duff, and Dan Olan with KJG Architecture presented a detailed presentation on the design for the new police station to the council. Bids for the project will begin to be accepted by the end of May, and construction may be able to begin in July. The estimated move-in date is October of 2022. Gary Smith and Rich Starkey with Reedy Financial Group discussed the financial requirements for the building of the new police station. Discussion followed regarding interest rates and the increase in construction costs since the new building was originally discussed.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to accept resolution 21-06, seconded by Councilmember Brite. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to amend resolution 21-06 to 8.5 million dollars but not to exceed that amount, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kyle Lueken with HWC Engineering addressed the council regarding the TPA Park aquatic center and redesign changes that need to be made including concessions, and mechanical building redesigns. The start date for the redesign is sometime in May of 2021, with bids being received in August of 2021. The estimated completion construction date would be in March or April of 2023 but could change. The council discussed the elimination of concessions and lap pool to keep the cost down as the price of building materials has increased. Gary Smith with Reedy Financial provided a financial analysis of the costs of the TPA Pool due to any construction cost increase.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to allow Mayor Sheets to proceed with the redesign contract, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley presented the council with CF-1 forms from ADM, Donaldson Real 2020, and Donaldson PP 2020. Councilmember Woods made a motion to accept all of the CF-1 forms, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

City Attorney Les Bergum provided a memorandum to the council for all property tax abatement recipients. Councilmember Sheets made a motion for the memorandum to be sent to CF-1 applicants, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded.

Motion passed 7-0.

Councilmember Beardsley noted that the letters have been filed recording the annexation, and the ordinance is now official.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palmer moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 9:31 P.M.