

COMMON COUNCIL

August 9, 2021

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on August 9, 2021, 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, Brandt Fuller, Joe Palmer, Clarence Warthan, Megan Sheets, Steve Beardsley, Mike Brite, and Eric Woods. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Les Bergum.

MINUTES: The minutes for the July 26, 2021, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Sheets made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion passed 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 21-11: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER RATES TO ESTABLISH A REVISED FEE SCHEDULE

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:03 PM and opened a public hearing to discuss any comments or questions about the proposed water rate changes. There were no comments or questions. Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing at 7:04 PM and reopened the council meeting.

ORDINANCE 21-11: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER RATES TO ESTABLISH A REVISED FEE SCHEDULE

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 21-11 on second and third reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass ordinance 21-11 on second and third reading, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded and Councilmember Fuller voted nay. Motion carried 6-1.

ORDINANCE 21-12: AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN ALLEY IN THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, STATE OF INDIANA

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to read ordinance 21-12 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Tom Little addressed the council regarding the alley to be vacated. The Eagles Lodge 976 owns the parcel which is located between their parking lots and buildings. They would like to do improvements to the alley and blacktop it so that it can be added to their existing parking lot. Councilmember Warthan expressed concern over possible utilities that might be located in the alley. Mr. Little informed him that all public utility companies have been notified via certified mail and will have the option to address the council during the public hearing on August 23, 2021. Per Mr. Bergum the ordinance is subject to any

utilities that may exist and if there are none they may continue. Mayor Sheets informed the council that a public hearing would be held on August 23, 2021, prior to the second reading of the ordinance.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass ordinance 21-12 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 21-11: A RESOLUTION READOPTING PROVISIONS OF I.C. 5-23-1-1 THROUGH I.C. 5-23-7-2 REGARDING PUBLIC-PRIVATE AGREEMENTS

City Attorney Les Bergum informed the council that resolution 21-11 will provide the city with an alternate method of financing that is available for public entities which will give the city more flexibility with financing for the aquatic center and police station.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass resolution 21-11, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palmer moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 7:11 P.M.