

COMMON COUNCIL  
November 8, 2021

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on November 8, 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, Steve Beardsley, Mike Brite, Brandt Fuller, Joe Palmer, Megan Sheets, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Also present were Chief Deputy Administrator Wanda Mitchell and City Attorney Les Bergum.

MINUTES: The minutes for the October 25, 2021, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:  
None

PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION 21-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT COMMON COUNCIL RECOMMENDING SELECTION OF AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH SELECTED OFFEROR.

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:02 PM and opened a public hearing to discuss any comments or questions about the resolution. Adam Collins with Wallace, Somers, and Haas spoke to the council about the resolution and explained that the resolution authorizes the city to select Envoy as the preferred developer for the police station and pool project. There were no comments or questions. Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing at 7:07 PM and reopened the council meeting.

RESOLUTION 21-15: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT COMMON COUNCIL RECOMMENDING SELECTION OF AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH SELECTED OFFEROR.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to approve resolution 21-15, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 21-17: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 21-17.

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:08 PM and opened a public hearing to discuss any comments or questions about the ordinance. Mayor Sheets advised the council that the ordinance is to set up appropriations for the funds provided by the American Rescue Plan. There were no comments or questions. Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing at 7:09 PM and reopened the council meeting.

ORDINANCE 21-17: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 21-17.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 21-17 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 21-18: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE CITY OF FRANKFORT ARP CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY GRANT FUND AND APPROVING THE CITY OF FRANKFORT ARP FUND PLAN.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass ordinance 21-18 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 21-19: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL SEWER ORDINANCE TO ADD A CLEAN-OUT REQUIREMENT FOR MUNICIPAL SEWER USERS.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to read ordinance 21-19 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Brite. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0. First Deputy Clerk Wanda Mitchell read the title of the ordinance.

Utility General Manager Todd Corrie informed the council that the ordinance will put in place a requirement to install a clean-out on new structures or existing structures adding a new sewer line.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 21-19 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Street Department Superintendent Jason Forsythe updated the council on the Washington Avenue project. The sidewalk work is being done on the north and south sides of the street, more concrete work will be done November 11 and 12, 2021, and the surface of the road is projected to be installed Thanksgiving Week. He also informed the council that a blinking stop sign will be installed at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Washington Street near the post office to increase awareness and slow down traffic.

Mr. Forsythe advised the council that the public meeting concerning the project on State Road 28 will take place on November 18, 2021, at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Frankfort Community Public Library, and Gary Fox with INDOT will speak to the public.

Mr. Forsythe informed the council that the city has been awarded the Community Crossings Grant money in the amount of \$464,460.33. The paving projects will begin in March or April of 2022, weather permitting. Mayor Sheets reminded the council that with the grant, and the additional appropriations from the council the city will be able to proceed with over \$920,000.00 worth of paving next year. Mayor Sheets expressed her thanks to Mr. Forsythe for all his work on the grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palmer moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Brite. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.