

COMMON COUNCIL

May 9, 2022

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on May 9, 2022, 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, Mike Brite, Brandt Fuller, Joe Palmer, Megan Sheets, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Les Bergum. Steve Beardsley was absent.

MINUTES: The minutes for the April 25, 2022, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Brite. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Councilmember Sheets abstained. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ORDINANCE 22-05: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF FRANKFORT ARP FUND PLAN

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 22-05 on third reading, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 22-06: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS TITLE VII OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT CODE OF ORDINANCES

The council discussed amending ordinance 22-06 for people using trailers for construction purposes who are parking on the street. Per Les Bergum, the ordinance can be amended on third reading.

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to table ordinance 22-06 at this time, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 22-07: AN ORDINANCE RECERTIFYING CITY OF FRANKFORT LEGISLATIVE BODY DISTRICTS AND PARTIALLY AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12-11

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to read ordinance 22-07 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Mr. Bergum informed the council that due to the 2020 census the council has to recertify the legislative body districts for the city or redistrict the parameters of the districts. This ordinance will recertify the districts as established with no changes.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass ordinance 22-07 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 22-08: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Woods made a motion to ready ordinance 22-08 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor Sheets advised the council that \$71,000.00 had been set aside for the aquatic center project last year and was not used because the city did not have a vendor in place. Ordinance 22-08 will appropriate that money into the budget for this year.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 22-08 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Sheets informed the council that a public hearing for ordinance 22-08 will be held at the next meeting prior to second reading.

ORDINANCE 22-09: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING FOR CERTAIN REAL ESTATE

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to read ordinance 22-09 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Don Stock informed the council that Gracie Balderas, the owner of the property at the intersection of Pratt Street and West Morrison Street, would like to build residential housing. At this time the area is currently zoned for industrial use and would need to be rezoned.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass ordinance 22-09 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Mr. Bergum recommended the council suspend the rules and pass on all three readings. Councilmember Palmer withdrew his motion. Mr. Bergum recommended the council amend its rules regarding rezoning to accommodate the passage of zoning rules.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 22-09 on all three readings, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 22-09 on all three readings, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 22-10: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING FOR CERTAIN REAL ESTATE

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to read ordinance 22-10 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Don Stock informed the council that Alejandro Flores, the owner of the property at the intersection of Pratt Street and Blinn Avenue, would like to build a home. At this time the area is currently zoned for industrial use and would need to be rezoned.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 22-10 on all three readings, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass ordinance 22-10 on all three readings, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Sheets presented a CF-1 for Reichert Investments LLC. Councilmember Sheets made a motion to approve the CF-1, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

Police Chief Scott Shoemaker spoke to the council about a grant offered by the federal government through their Community Oriented Policing Services department (C.O.P.S.). Chief Shoemaker believes the best potential for the grant would be to hire three additional police officers. The grant is for three years with a local match progression and upon the fourth year, the city would be fully responsible for the salary of the officers. Chief Shoemaker advised the council that the grant application requires their approval and Mr. Bergum recommended the council consensus to proceed followed by a resolution of support. M. Sheets made a motion to approve the C.O.P.S. grant initiative with a resolution forthcoming at the next meeting, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

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