

COMMON COUNCIL

June 27, 2022

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on June 27, 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, Steve Beardsley, Brandt Fuller, Megan Sheets, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Les Bergum. Mike Brite and Joe Palmer were absent.

MINUTES: The minutes for the June 13, 2022, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 13, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ORDINANCE 22-11: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 21-15 SETTING THE SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVIL CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read ordinance 22-11 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Motion carried 5-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor Sheets informed the council that this ordinance will provide a one-time inflation impact stipend to help full-time and regular part-time employees with the rising cost of living.

Councilmember Fuller made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 22-11 on all three readings, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass ordinance 22-11 on all three readings, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Motion carried 5-0.

ORDINANCE 22-12: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to read ordinance 22-12 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Motion carried 5-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor Sheets advised the council that ordinance 22-12 is for the appropriation of funds left over from the Community Crossings Grant in the amount of \$93,362.00. Street Department Superintendent Jason Forsythe addressed the council and informed them that he is working on determining what projects can be completed with the funds and which way the funds will be best utilized.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 22-12 on all three readings. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley advised the council that a public hearing would be required to pass ordinance 22-12. Councilmember Beardsley withdrew his motion.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass ordinance 22-12 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Sheets advised the council that a public hearing for ordinance 22-12 will be held at the next council meeting on July 11, 2022.

ORDINANCE 22-13: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read ordinance 22-13 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Motion carried 5-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor Sheets advised the council that this ordinance is to appropriate the funds required to provide the city employees with the one-time inflation impact stipend.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass ordinance 22-13 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Sheets advised the council that a public hearing for ordinance 22-13 will be held at the next council meeting on July 11, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chamber of Commerce Director Shan Sheridan provided the council with an update on the READI grant. He advised the council that the amount being awarded by the grant had been reduced by \$32,000,000.00 and as a result, the projects to be funded have been amended. The Career Tech Center and the Meadowbrook project are still in the works, and Mr. Sheridan is hopeful that some other second-tier projects will be able to be funded when the grant is awarded.

NEW BUSINESS

Utility General Manager Todd Corrie informed the council that the utilities will be having a cookout at Prairie Creek Park on July 8, 2022, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. The billing office will be closed during that time as well so that all utility employees may attend. Mr. Corrie invited all council members to attend the event.

Police Chief Scott Shoemaker addressed the council and thanked them for allowing his department to break ground today and appreciated the attendance of all council members.

ADJOURNMENT:

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