

COMMON COUNCIL
September 12, 2022

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on September 12, 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, 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.

MINUTES: The minutes for the August 22, 2022, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Sheets made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carin Moskovitz spoke to the council about the animal ordinances currently in place for the city. A citizen who lives in her neighborhood has several cats and she is concerned about the current rules. Don Stock with building services informed the council that he had met with the owner and asked him to clean up the cage. Mayor Sheets asked the councilmatic committee to look at the ordinances and see what changes can be made moving forward.

ORDINANCE 22-16: ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES (2023 BUDGET)

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to read ordinance 22-16 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 22-16 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 22-17: AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVIL CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to read ordinance 22-17 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor Sheets and Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley informed the council that this ordinance does include changes to the police lieutenant line to keep the pay for lieutenants the same between the Frankfort police and fire departments

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass ordinance 22-17 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 22-18: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read ordinance 22-18 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Brite. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass ordinance 22-18 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Brite. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 22-19: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read ordinance 22-19 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass ordinance 22-19 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 22-08: A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA APPROVING CERTAIN MATTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE AMENDMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA AND PLAN

City Attorney Les Bergum informed the council that the Frankfort Redevelopment Commission had adopted a resolution amending the development plan to remove parcels and amend the consolidated development area. This resolution is to approve their resolution and changes to the plan.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass resolution 22-08, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Director of Community Corrections Bret Barton addressed the council regarding the opioid settlement that the city will be receiving. The funds will be divided into two pools, restricted and unrestricted, and he provided the council with different examples of what the money could be spent on. The council discussed adding a subcommittee to decide how the funds are spent and will be collaborating with other agencies to determine the best use for the funds.

Director of Planning and Housing Initiatives Don Stock informed the council that the Department of Natural Resources is requiring changes to the flood plain ordinance and requesting that the city remove obsolete items and update some of the verbiage. He advised the council he has been working on the ordinance and it will be presented at a later meeting.

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 7:33 P.M.