

COMMON COUNCIL  
January 23, 2023

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on January 23, 2023, 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 Alicia Albertson.

MINUTES: The minutes for the January 9, 2023, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Warthan made a motion to pass the minutes from the January 9, 2023 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:  
None

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 23-01:

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:01 P.M. and opened a public hearing to discuss any comments or questions about the re-appropriation of opioid funds as well as the American Rescue Plan Funds from 2022. There were no objections or questions. Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing at 7:02 P.M. and reopened the council meeting.

ORDINANCE 23-01: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 23-01 on second and third reading, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass ordinance 23-01 on second and third reading, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 23-03:

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:07 P.M. and opened a public hearing to discuss any comments or questions about the proposed alley vacation. Director of Planning and Housing Initiatives Don Stock informed the council that he is in favor of the alley being vacated. There were no objections. Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing at 7:08 P.M. and reopened the council meeting.

ORDINANCE 23-03: AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AN ALLEY IN THE DANIEL DELONG'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to read ordinance 23-01 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to pass ordinance 23-03 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 23:02: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FUND 2256 OPIOID SETTLEMENT UNRESTRICTED FUND AND FUND 2257 OPIOID SETTLEMENT RESTRICTED FUND PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE § 36-1-3

Councilmember Woods made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 23-02 on second and third reading, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 23-02 on second and third reading, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 23-04: 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 23-04 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.

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley advised the council that this ordinance is to amend the salary for detective positions and to add a line for the interim parks department superintendent salary retroactive to December 13, 2022.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 23-04 on all three readings, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass ordinance 23-04 on all three readings, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 23-02: A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTERSECTION UNSAFE AND RECOMMENDING INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE

City Attorney Alicia Albertson advised the council that this resolution will be sent to the Indiana Department of Transportation in support of a traffic signal for Blue Ridge and Green Meadows Schools at the intersection of State Road 39 and West Kelly Road. A letter signed by all of the council members will be included in the resolution.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass resolution 23-02, seconded by Councilmember Brite. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Beardsley reopened the discussion about having one scheduled council meeting a month and leaving the fourth Monday available as an option for a special or emergency meeting. City Attorney Alicia Albertson informed the council that as the ordinance is already written that way, the

council would only need to agree by consensus to adhere to the ordinance and no vote would be needed. The council approved having one meeting on the second Monday of every month by consensus.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The council had a brief discussion regarding the insurance committee and discussed possible ways to handle any conflict resolution. The council will be researching and working on ways to resolve any issues that may come up and enable the committee to be a manageable entity. No changes were made at this time.

City Attorney Alicia Albertson informed the council that she is looking at the opioid funding agreement and working on a way to ensure that the city can get the funding back if the recipients of the funds do not use them appropriately. There are certain rules to follow since someone else will be spending the money given to the city and she will be presenting the agreement to the council at a later meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Palmer moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 7:36 P.M.