

COMMON COUNCIL  
November 13, 2023

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on November 13, 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, John Large, Brandt Fuller, Joe Palmer, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Megan Sheets attended remotely. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Alicia Albertson.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the October 10, 2023, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass the minutes from the October 10, 2023 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ed Rodriguez of 11746 Lawndale, Plymouth Indiana addressed the council and asked them to consider a resolution in support of senate bill 248, the "Driving Privilege Card Program". He informed the council of the other cities who have passed similar resolutions and asked the council to please consider it.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 23-16

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:19 P.M. and opened a public hearing to discuss any comments or questions about the ordinance which will provide additional funds for the Police Department to use for their new hire, overtime, fuel, and utilities. There were no comments or questions, Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing at 7:20 P.M. and reopened the council meeting.

ORDINANCE 23-16: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 23-16 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 23-17: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF FRANKFORT ARP FUND PLAN

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to read the ordinance by title only, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. 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 informed the council that this ordinance is a requirement for the city in order to receive ARPA funds. Councilmember Fuller made a motion to pass ordinance 23-17 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 23-18: AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to read the ordinance 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 Beardsley made a motion to pass ordinance 23-18 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 23-19: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE NUMBER OF RESERVE OFFICERS PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE § 36-8-3-20

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to read ordinance 23-19 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.

City Attorney Alecia Albertson informed the council that the Indiana code requires the city to establish the number of reserve officers they have and this ordinance will keep us compliant. Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass ordinance 23-19 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 23-20: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF FRANKFORT ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT (ADA), DESIGNATING THE ADA COORDINATOR, AND ADOPTING PROCEDURES

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to read ordinance 23-20 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Director of Housing and Planning Don Stock and Tim Clark from IMPACT spoke to the council about the ADA plan and advised the council that it is a 20 year plan. This ordinance needs to be passed in order for the city to be in compliance.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 23-20 on first and second readings, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Fuller made a motion to pass ordinance 23-20 on first and second readings, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 23-18: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS  
Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley informed the council that this resolution is to move funds designated from ARPA for the aquatic center into economic development.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass resolution 23-18, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 23-19: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley informed the council that this resolution is to move funds to cover the payroll for the Mayor's administrative assistant.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass resolution 23-19, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 23-20: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley informed the council that this resolution is to move funds for file clean up in the Clerk-Treasurers office.

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to pass resolution 23-20, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 23-21: A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA

City Attorney Alicia Albertson informed the council that this resolution is to allow Donaldson's property tax abatement and designate an economic revitalization area. Next month there will be a public hearing and a confirmatory resolution will be presented to the council.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to pass resolution 23-21, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 23-22: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT COMMON COUNCIL SELECTING PREFERRED OFFEROR AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH SELECTED OFFEROR

City Attorney Alicia Albertson informed the council that this resolution is regarding the new fire station and will allow the city to enter into a public-private agreement with Envoy and then they can begin the design phase of the new station. There is language in the agreement that if we don't get a guaranteed maximum price that meets the budget allowed, the city will be allowed to terminate the contract and only be responsible for paying for the design.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass resolution 23-22, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 23-23: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF FIRE TRUCK AND FINANCING THROUGH INDIANA BOND BANK

City Attorney Alicia Albertson informed the council that this resolution will authorize the purchase of a fire truck to be financed through the Indiana Bond Bank in order to save on interest with the anticipation that closer to the completion date the bonds can be put in place. The fire truck completion date is approximately 44 to 47 months away.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to bring the common council Utility Service Board appointment off the table, seconded by Councilmember Fuller. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to reappoint Rick Gunyon as the council-appointed Utility Service Board member, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, four ayes and three

nays were recorded. Councilmember Fuller, Councilmember Palmer, and Councilmember Warthan voted nay. Motion carried 4-3.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley informed the council that she had sent them information regarding training for newly elected officials and recommended that any elected official attend this training.

Street Department Superintendent Jason Forsythe informed the council that during the course of mapping streets for the Community Crossings Grant they discovered 46 stretches of roadway that were not currently included in the city's MVH funding. The state will now send funding to the city for those roads.

City Attorney Alicia Albertson informed the council that Community Development Director Kimberly Black and Street Department Superintendent Jason Forsythe have been working on a grant for a pedestrian walkway bridge on Maish Road as a part of the Maish Road Phase Three project. The interlocal agreement would be asking the county to participate with the city to help pay for a portion of that footbridge.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement contingent upon approval by the county, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Community Development Director Kimberly Black addressed the council and informed them that Mayor Sheets presented Trinity Hope Center with recognition as an organization that goes "the Extra Mile." The City of Frankfort nominated Trinity Hope Center staff to the Extra Mile America, which is a national movement to highlight those that go the extra mile to better their community.

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 8:20 P.M.