

COMMON COUNCIL
March 11, 2024

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on March 11, 2024, 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, Isac Chavez, John Large, Megan Sheets, Robert Stevens, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Alicia Albertson.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the February 12, 2024, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass the minutes from the February 12, 2024 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Councilmember Beardsley abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

State Representative Mark Genda, Jerry Cooper, Ed Rodriguez, Miguel Mora, and Tony DelReal spoke to the board in favor of the driving privilege resolution. The council agreed that passing a resolution will not change the law on the state level, however Mayor Sheets suggested a committee of citizens and council persons. Councilmember Beardsley, Chavez, Large, and Mayor Sheets will be on the committee along with Ed Rodriguez, Jenny Moreno, and Rafael Figueroa.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 24-02

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:32 PM and opened a public hearing for ordinance 24-02 and reminded the council that this ordinance will cover the increase of cost in natural gas and fuel for the Police Department. There were no comments or questions. Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing and opened the council meeting at 7:28 P.M.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass ordinance 24-02 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 24-04

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:35 and opened a public hearing for ordinance 24-04 and reminded the council that this ordinance is for the fire station BOT process. There were no comments or questions. Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing and opened the council meeting at 7:39

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to read ordinance 24-04 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.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 24-04 on first and second reading, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 24-04 on first and second reading, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 24-05: AMENDING THE 2024 SALARY ORDINANCE

Councilmember Woods 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.

Ms. Bartley informed the council that the change to the ordinance was that the number of second class patrol officers increased to two in order for the police department to receive a grant.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 24-05 on first and second reading. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass ordinance 24-05 on first and second reading, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 24-03: INITIATING AMENDMENT TO UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Director of Housing and Planning Initiatives Don Stock spoke to the board about the resolution and informed them that the width of the streets would be changing to thirty feet and other changes would be made in order to be compliant. Councilmember Woods made a motion to table resolution 24-03, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

RESOLUTION 24-04: A RESOLUTION APPROVING OLD OUTSTANDING CHECKS
CONSIDERED VOID

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley informed the council that this is a yearly resolution in order to clear up the checks that have never cleared. Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass resolution 24-04, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Frankfort Redevelopment Commission annual report was presented to the council for their review. The council was also informed that the Humane Society will be back to visit the council in May of 2024.

The council was presented with the city plan commission rezoning that has already been reviewed by that commission. Councilmember Sheets made a motion to approve the zoning, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley presented the council with CF1's for Cunningham Realty Group, LLC, Frankfort Medical Office Facility, Coomer and Sons Sawmill, Inc., LOL, LLC., Richey & Son, Inc., TCG Property Group LLC., and Centurion Solution LLC. Councilmember Woods made a motion to approve all the CF1's, with the exception of Centurion Solution LLC, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

The council discussed the eclipse event on April 8, 2024 and the possibility of moving the meeting that evening to April 9, 2024. Councilmember Stevens made a motion to move the meeting to April 9, 2024,

seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Beardsley moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 8:17 P.M.