

COMMON COUNCIL
April 9, 2024

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on April 9, 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, Isac Chavez, John Large, Robert Stevens, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Alicia Albertson. Steve Beardsley was absent, and Megan Sheets attended remotely.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the March 11, 2024, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass the minutes from the March 11, 2024 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

CPC2024-01 / ORDINANCE NO. 24-09

Liz Stitzel presented the council with a favorable recommendation from the City Plan Commission on the Banderas Point planned unit development. If approved it will become Frankfort City Council Ordinance 24-09. Councilmember Chavez made a motion to accept CPC2024-01, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

CPC2024-02 / ORDINANCE NO. 24-10

Liz Stitzel presented the council with a favorable recommendation from the City Plan Commission on the zoning for the remainder of the area that has been annexed. If approved it will become Frankfort City Council Ordinance 24-10. Councilmember Woods made a motion to accept the plan commission recommendation, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark Newhart spoke to the council as the Democratic Chairperson about the local election yard signs. He would like them to look at the ordinance for political yard signs and asked that they refer back to the state ordinance as far as when they can be put out. City Attorney Alicia Albertson informed the council that a recommendation can be sent to the City Plan Commission and if the council desires they can issue an amendment to the UDO.

Esmerelda Cruz spoke to the council asking for a resolution in support of the driving privilege card. Mayor Sheets informed her that the committee working on that issue will be meeting within the next few weeks.

Mike Nichols spoke to the council about the resolution in support of the driving privilege card and told the council it was a unique opportunity to show people we are all in this together.

Chris Salaba spoke to the council about local election signs and dates they can be put out and asked that the city make the rules the same as the state.

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:26 P.M in order for the City Plan Commission to have their meeting.

Mayor Sheets reopened the council meeting at 7:59 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 24-07

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 8:00 P.M. and opened a public hearing to discuss any comments or questions about the ordinance which will equip two new police officers with their required equipment and also to replace the boiler at Old Stoney. There were no comments or questions, Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing at 8:01 P.M. and reopened the council meeting.

ORDINANCE 24-07: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read ordinance 24-07 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 24-07 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 24-08

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 8:02 P.M. and opened a public hearing to discuss any comments or questions about the ordinance which will provide funds for additional paving, appropriate the FEMA money, and provide the Clerk-Treasurer office with a full-time position versus a part-time position. There were no comments or questions, Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing at 8:04 P.M. and reopened the council meeting.

ORDINANCE 24-08: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read ordinance 24-08 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass ordinance 24-08 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 24-11: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to read ordinance 24-11 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley informed the council that this ordinance will add additional funds to Community Development in order to correct a check issue from 2023, and also includes money for railroad invoices from 2022 and the funds need to be appropriated to pay these invoices.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass ordinance 24-11 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, three ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 24-12: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 24-05 SETTING THE SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVIL CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read ordinance 24-12 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley read the title of the ordinance.

Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley informed the council that the only change to this ordinance is amending the clerk-treasurer's office a full-time versus a part-time position. She asked that the council pass the ordinance in two readings so that the full-time position can be filled.

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 24-12 on first and second reading, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0

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RESOLUTION 24-05: A RESOLUTION DIRECTING TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Police Chief Scott Shoemaker informed the board that he needs the additional funds to pay for medical testing of his officers that were hired in December. He would like to transfer money from the pension line to the medical testing line.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass resolution 24-05, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Lorra Archibald from the Opioid Settlement Committee spoke to the council and gave them the recommendation for use of the restricted funds. Five agencies have applied and Ms. Archibald detailed out the distributions to the different agencies. The city portion of the opioid funds would be \$50,330.00, however more settlement payments will be coming in throughout the year.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to accept the recommendation of the opioid committee, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

The council reviewed a CF1 for Goodwill Industries. Councilmember Sheets made a motion to approve the CF1, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Chavez moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 8:32 P.M.