

COMMON COUNCIL
May 13, 2024

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on May 13, 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 First Deputy Wanda Mitchell and City Attorney Alicia Albertson.

MINUTES:

The minutes for the April 9 2024, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass the minutes from the April 9, 2024 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Councilmember Beardsley abstained. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ivy Tech Chancellor Aaron Baute, CSF Superintendent Dr. Matt Rhoda, and Georgia Everett from the Wildcat Creek Career Co-op spoke to the council about combining to form a career center at the Ivy Tech Building. They will offer CNA, criminal justice, building trades, advanced manufacturing, and many other programs. The group will make decisions as a co-op, and the different schools in the community will determine whether this will move forward, with everyone contributing.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 24-11

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:15 P.M. and opened a public hearing to discuss any comments or questions about the ordinance which will replace funds lost to a refund and lost check from 2023, and to provide funds for the railroad invoices from the Washington Avenue project. There were no comments or questions, Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing at 7:16 P.M. and reopened the council meeting.

ORDINANCE 24-11: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 24-11 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 24-13

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:17 P.M. and opened a public hearing to discuss any comments or questions about the ordinance which will provide funds for building services for their contract services and replace funds for the board of works employee bonds from a lost check. There were no comments or questions, Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing at 7:18 P.M. and reopened the council meeting.

ORDINANCE 24-13: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION 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. First Deputy Wanda Mitchell read the title of the ordinance.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to suspend the rules and pass ordinance 24-13 on first and second reading. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to pass ordinance 24-13 on first and second reading, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 24-07: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Sheets advised the council that this ordinance is to equip two new police officers with their required equipment and also to replace the boiler at Old Stoney.

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to pass ordinance 24-07 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 24-08: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Sheets reminded 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 24-08 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCE 24-14: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read the ordinance by title only, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0. First Deputy Wanda Mitchell read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor Sheets informed the council that this resolution is for building repairs at Old Stoney. Brian Pollard spoke to the council and informed them that Old Stoney is in desperate need of repairs due to lack of maintenance in the past. This ordinance will take money from the city's rainy day fund in order to do the necessary repairs.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass ordinance 24-14 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor Sheets informed the council that there will be a public hearing at the next meeting regarding ordinance 24-14.

RESOLUTION 24-06: A RESOLUTION APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING FRANKFORT CITY COURT

City Attorney Alicia Albertson informed the council that this agreement is similar to the agreement the city has with Mulberry. The town of Kirklint would like to partner with Frankfort City Court so they can use it to process their ordinance violations.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass resolution 24-06, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, seven ayes were recorded. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Development Director Kimberly Black presented the council with a report from Stillwell advertising and the results of the online and social media presence of the City and the eclipse event.

Kim Stevens from Frankfort Main Street provided the council with an update on all the events and work done by Main Street and their many volunteers. Main Street had over 4000 volunteer hours in 2023, and Ms. Stevens thanked the city and the council for all the help with the events that were put on.

The council reviewed CF1's for Donaldson Company Inc. and Wesley Manor Southside. Councilmember Woods made a motion to approve the CF1's, 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 Woods moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 7:47 P.M.