

COMMON COUNCIL  
October 15, 2024

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on October 15, 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, Taylor Crenshaw, John Large, Robert Stevens, and Eric Woods. Clarence Warthan was absent. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and Attorney Phil Triplett.

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 9, 2024, regular meeting were presented for approval. S. Beardsley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by E. Woods. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

The minutes of the September 23, 2024, regular meeting were presented for approval. E. Woods made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by T. Crenshaw. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. S. Beardsley abstained. Motion carried 5-0-1.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 24-26

Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:05 PM and opened a public hearing for Ordinance 24-26 and reminded the council that this ordinance will appropriate additional funds for fire department refund, an invoice to INDOT and the Opioid settlement funds. Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing and opened the council meeting at 7:07 PM.

ORDINANCE 24-26 ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to approve ordinance 24-26 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 24-21: ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

Councilmember Woods made a motion to approve ordinance 24-21 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 24-22 : AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES AND HOURLY WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CIVIL CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Clerk Treasurer Bartley presented an amended version of Ordinance 24-22 with changes to the police department sergeants and detective 3 increased and major of detectives removed. The overall impact was a decrease to the budget.

Councilmember Large made a motion to amend ordinance 24-22 as presented, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilmember Stevens made a motion to approve ordinance 24-22 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Crenshaw. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 24-23: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Councilmember Woods made a motion to approve ordinance 24-23 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 24-27: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Director of Planning and Housing Initiatives, Don Stock explained to Council that the changes included are regarding fencing and accessory structures. It also changes the placing of political signs prior to an election from 30 to 60 days before a primary election as well as removal 6b days after the election. This is based on state standards. P. Triplett stated that this ordinance does not require two readings.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to approve ordinance 24-27, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 24-28: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 54: STORMWATER RUNOFF: CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

D. Stock explained that this Ordinance allows us to comply with stormwater requirements from the state regarding new structures or new construction.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read ordinance 24-28 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance read by title only.

Councilmember Stevens made a motion to approve ordinance 24-28 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE 24-29: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING A WAIVER OF REMONSTRANCE TO BE PROVIDED WHEN CONNECTING TO CERTAIN CITY UTILITIES

Councilmembers Woods and Beardsley explained that this requires prospective utility customers to sign a waiver when connecting to certain utilities.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to read ordinance 24-29 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance read by title only.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to approve ordinance 24-29 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

Alan Dunn representing the Airport Authority presented to the City will need to an issue from an \$80,000 payment paid for the airport from the City. Previously the airport was the City airport which struggled financially. City funds were used for payment of invoices. State Board of accounts stated that this had to be considered a loan. The Airport is now a city/county joint venture. These funds are still on the books for the Airport, and are being written up by SBOA as an unpaid loan. They are asking Council to adopt a Resolution stating that these funds were not considered to be a loan. Councilmember Beardsley asked for a consensus in beginning the process of writing a resolution. Council agreed to allow Alicia Albertson to begin the process.

Dawn Layton from Paul Philippe Senior Resource Center gave a presentation asking for increased funds for their transportation system which services the City.

USB Appointment – Councilmember Woods stated that Council will hold a work session to continue to interview prospective appointments.

Interlocal Agreement – An agreement between the City and County to delay annexation of new development from the I65 corridor for 10 years. The intent is to promote economic development without immediate annexation. New development will continue to use City utilities

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Stevens moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.