COMMON COUNCIL
September 14, 2026

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on September 14, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 301 East Clinton Street, Frankfort, Indiana.

Mayor Judy Sheets called the meeting to order and lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mayor Judy Sheets, Isac Chavez, Robert Stevens, Clarence Warthan, John Large, Steve Beardsley, and Eric Woods. Taylor Crenshaw was absent. Also present were Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley and Attorney Alicia Albertson.

MINUTES
The minutes of the August 10, 2026 regular meeting were presented for approval. Councilmember Stevens made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, 6 ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
none

PUBLIC HEARING
Mayor Sheets called a recess of the meeting at 7:05 P.M. and opened a public hearing for Ordinance No. 26-25. City Attorney Alicia Albertson informed the board that the public hearing regarding the adjustment of the sprinkler credit. Every year residents who are utility customers can get a sprinkler credit for water usaged during warmer months. The credit was previously for June – September and will be changed to July – October.

Mayor Sheets closed the public hearing and re-opened the council meeting at 7:07 P.M.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-25: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPRINKLER CREDIT
Councilmember Woods made a motion to read Ordinance 26-25 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Beardsley. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley read Ordinance 26-25 by title only.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to suspend the rules to pass Ordinance 26-25 on first and second reading, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass 26-25 on first and second reading, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-19: ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

This appropriation would be used for Economic Development consulting. Councilmember Woods recommended an ad hoc committee and preferred a member of the utility service board, a member of the redevelopment commission, and a member of the council, Kimberly Black, and the Mayor. He would like to see the council fully engaged in any economic efforts.

Councilmember Stevens made a motion to pass 26-19 on second reading, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-21: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Clinton County Area Plan Director Liz Stitzel and Building Inspector Rob Bogue recommended to the board a change in zoning for Meadowbrook lots 4 and 5 from A residential to C residential. Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to pass Ordinance 26-21, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-22: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Area Plan Director Stitzel informed the board this Ordinance is to change zoning for the 180 Recovery Center, which is currently Residential, to Industrial per the City Comprehensive Plan.

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to pass Ordinance 26-22, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-23: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRANKFORT, INDIANA

Area Plan Director Stitzel informed the board this ordinance is to change zoning for the NHK site at I65 and SR 28 to Industrial. Councilmember Woods made a motion to approve Ordinance 26-23, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-24: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ISSUANCE OF LICENSES FOR PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS

City Attorney Alicia Albertson informed the board that this would allow extension of a solicitation license from every 30 days to 90 days.

Councilmember Stevens made a motion to read Ordinance 26-24 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Large. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley read Ordinance 26-24 by title only.

Councilmember Large made a motion to pass Ordinance 26-24 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-26: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 14-08 REGARDING FIRE REINSPECTIONS

Fire Chief Matt Stidham recommended to the council to increase fees for fire reinspections.

Councilmember Beardsley made a motion to read Ordinance 26-26 by title only, seconded by Councilmember Stevens. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

City Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley read Ordinance 26-26 by title only.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to pass Ordinance 26-26 on first reading, seconded by Councilmember Chavez. Upon a roll call vote, six ayes were recorded. Motion carried 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-27: AN ORDINANCE RENAMING WASHINGTON STREET TO COUNTY ROAD 450 WEST

Area Plan Director/911 Coordinator Stitzel explained that as the newly annexed town of Jefferson and Frankfort both have a street named Washington, she recommends renaming the street in Jefferson as it has caused issues when dispatching emergency services. Mayor Sheets recommended a review of the situation which would include both the Police and Fire Chiefs. Councilman Beardsley recommended engaging residents to dteremine street names. No action was taken on this ordianance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Treasurer Carol Bartley presented a report on Sapphire Bay totals for the season.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Sheets asked the council to consider dates for budget hearing. The council agreed to October 19th.

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 7:52 P.M.