

The Common Council of the City of Connersville held their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Councilman Robb led the Pledge of Allegiance before the start of the meeting.

Mayor Chad Frank presided and called the meeting to order with Councilwoman Sharon McQueen, Councilman Tommy Lee Williams Jr., Councilwoman Diana Phillips, Councilman Brian Robb, and Councilman Jabin Collins were present. Attorney Geoff Wesling was also present. Councilwoman Jenny Barrett and Councilman Bill Gray were absent.

Councilman Williams Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2023, regular meeting; Councilwoman McQueen seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes."

Adam Stone presented an Expense Budget Overview of 2024, detailing the City's expenses. Mayor Frank stated that we have 3 issues; we are falling further behind on our first responder pay, Equipment and Infrastructure. We have some options for 2024-2025:

- Re-establish Cumulative Capital Development Fund Rate

 - Estimated revenue impact of \$60,000.00

- Re-establish Special LIT City Purpose post 2013 Bonds

 - Estimated revenue impact of \$150,000

- Shift levy from Parks, Street, Aviation, and/or Cemetery

 - We already do this, impact is \$0

- Consider Park Impact and/or Road Impact Fees on new development

 - We do not have a lot of development

- Consider Public Safety Local Income Tax (Fayette County)

 - Estimated revenue impact of \$580,000.00

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Public Safety Local Income Tax. Adam Stone is to investigate timeline and pros and cons.

Park Superintendent Marla Steele requested approval of **Pending Ordinance 3936**, an Ordinance updating the Park fees. There was a discussion regarding the age of kids allowed in the pool without an adult, 14 verses 16. Superintendent Steel stated they had changed the rules regarding how many strikes you get before you are kicked out of the pool for the summer. They will only get one warning instead of three. Councilwoman Phillips made the motion to approve **Pending Ordinance 3936** on first reading, Councilwoman McQueen seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote: Councilwoman Sharon McQueen, Councilman Tommy Lee Williams Jr., Councilwoman Diana Phillips, Councilman Brian Robb voted "yes", and Councilman Jabin Collins voted "no".

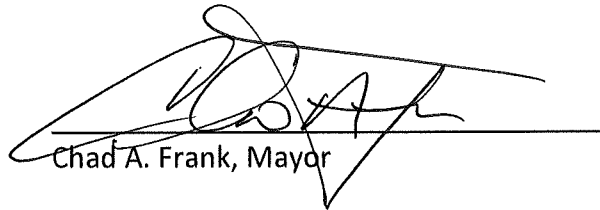
Councilman Williams Jr. made the motion to suspend the Rules on **Pending Ordinance 3936** and move on to Third and Final Reading; Councilman Robb seconded the motion. All Council members voted "yes."

Councilman Robb made the motion to approve **Pending Ordinance 3936**; on Third and Final Reading; Councilwoman Phillips seconded the motion. On a Roll Call vote: Councilwoman Sharon McQueen, Councilman Tommy Lee Williams Jr., Councilwoman Diana Phillips, Councilman Brian Robb voted "yes", and Councilman Jabin Collins voted "no".

The following Department Heads presented their monthly reports:

Cable TV – Director John Pause	Parks – Superintendent Marla Steele
EMS – Chief Clint Hardin	Police – Chief Randy Bolos
Ordinance Enforcer – Randy Wulff	Utility/Street - Director Brad Colter
Fire – Chief Scott Jones	

Councilwoman Phillips made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Collins seconding. All Council members voted "yes."



Chad A. Frank, Mayor

ATTEST:



Rosemary Brown, Clerk Treasurer