

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 6, 2017

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

Brent Centers	present
Paul Ruppert	present
Carl Bray	present
Denny Centers	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Debbie Fouts	present
Todd Hall	present

There was one member of the press (Middletown Journal) and six visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS Chief; Mrs. Amy Miller, Assistant Finance Director; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mrs. Lynnette Dinkler, Acting Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Reese Centers, Mayor Centers granddaughter and Mr. B. Centers daughter.

Mr. Hall made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the October 17, 2017 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mayor Centers	abstain
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Keith Kash, 417 Martha Drive, asked about street lights. He stated there are no street lights at the end of Martha Drive (between David Blvd/Millard Drive, on Martha, bottom part of David Blvd.) – the neighborhood is changing, more kids and street lights are needed. Mr. Lewis will check on this.

RESOLUTION 2017-51 APPOINTING JULIE WIEBUSCH TO THE BOARD OF ZONING, BUILDING AND HOUSING APPEALS

Mr. Lewis stated that Brian Sleeth has resigned as he has moved out of the City. This appoints Julie Wiebusch and she also is a member of the Historical Review Board.

Mayor Centers asked if the Civil Service Commission still needs members. Mr. Lewis stated, yes, and we will fill the vacancy after the first of year, to see if the Charter amendment eliminating the political affiliation for the members, passes (on the November 7, 2017 ballot).

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-51; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

Mr. Bray yes
Mayor Centers yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert yes

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2017-52 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE VEHICLES
FOR THE POLICE DIVISION FROM GRIEVE CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE OF VAN WERT
THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND THE EQUIPPING OF THE SAME**

Chief Whitman stated this is for the purchase of two 2018 Dodge Chargers, including the equipment for the vehicles. This also includes equipment for the Ford Explorer, which was purchased earlier this year. The cost of the vehicles is \$47,222.00, under the State Purchasing Program and the total cost for the equipment is \$42,290.00.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-52; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

Mayor Centers yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert yes
Mr. Bray yes

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Centers introduced the following legislation:

Ordinance 2017-26 Amending Chapter 911, Water Service, and Chapter 919, Sewer Rental, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Franklin, Ohio

The Public Hearing will be held at the November 20, 2017 meeting.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- In regards to the property at Home Avenue that he was asked about – will be going to Court soon. Mr. Bray asked to please call the gentleman about it. There was some discussion about this and Captain Coulton stated that he looked at this, left contact information and has not been contacted.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. B. Centers stated that we met with department heads to review the proposed City app. General consensus of the department heads is that it will create more problems and doesn’t fit the City needs at this time.

FallFest was cold, attendance was down and it was awesome. Also, good luck to those on the ballot.

Mr. Ruppert stated congrats on the Stadia/Skokiaan project getting started; was out of town for FallFest but heard it was a good time.

Mr. Bray thanked Special Events on FallFest. Also, thanked Council for the endorsement- we have a great Council. Also, please remember Mr. J. Aregood as he recently lost his daughter.

Mr. Hall stated FallFest was great, hated to see the rain Friday night and thanks to all that was involved. Mr. Hall asked about the starting date for the Hemlock project. Mr. Lewis stated that we notified the contractor today that it needs done by the end of November. If it's not, we will start charging the penalty. He will keep Council informed. Mr. Hall stated the grant we received for the pool will help with the concrete replacement. He then asked if we receive many calls about the Speedway as he's getting lots of complaints. Mr. Lewis stated he will take care of it.

Mrs. Fouts stated FallFest was great and received lots of good feedback. She asked if Second Street/Riley Boulevard intersection has been looked at yet. Mr. Lewis stated we are aware of the problem and recently had the storm sewer videoed. Mr. Inman added the storm sewer was okay, trying to find out what's causing the road to do this and we do plan on fixing the street. Mrs. Fouts added we are proud of the football team as they had lots of injuries and made the playoffs. Also, we're ready for the holidays and remember to vote tomorrow.

Mr. Aldridge echoed all comments. Thanks to Chief Westendorf and the committee on FallFest and thanked Council for the endorsement. Mr. Aldridge stated he recently was in Dublin, Ohio for a soccer tournament. They had speed limit signs with a digital sign underneath it showing the speed and maybe we need to look at this. Captain Coulton stated we have and the estimated cost is \$5,000 each.

Mayor Centers stated it's a horrible accident for the Aregood family. Mayor Centers thanked Chief Westendorf on FallFest. Maybe next year, we can have a huge pumpkin filled with candy, raise it up in the air, then drop the pumpkin and the candy falls out. Remember the election is tomorrow and thanked Council for the endorsement.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mayor Centers	yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Denny Centers, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council