

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 20, 2017

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 2017, 7:00 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	absent
Debbie Fouts	present
Todd Hall	absent

There was one member of the press (Middletown Journal) and 2 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Chief Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS; Chief Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mrs. Lynette Dinkler, Acting Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Centers.

Mr. Bray made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the November 6, 2017 regular meeting; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were none tonight.

PUBLIC HEARING: ELECTRIC AGGREGATION: REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY'S CONSULTANT, EAGLE ENERGY

Mayor Centers opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Don Marshall, President, along with Dick Lonneman and Jim Macenko from Eagle Energy, are present to answer questions.

Mr. Marshall stated they appreciate the opportunity to represent the City in this matter. He asked if there are any public comments. There were none.

Mr. Marshall briefly explained the process:

- Two Public Hearings are required. The second Public Hearing is scheduled for December 6, 2017
- File certification application with PUCO
- Obtain Certificate from PUCO
- Issue RFP; review and make recommendation
- After PUCO approves and supplier is selected, a letter will be sent to residents and they can opt-out with no charge
- Noted the price to compare is the generation charges; will receive one bill from Duke which will have the supplier listed

Mayor Centers asked how many Cities have done this and what the average reduction percentage on the cost per kh is. Mr. Marshall stated that they represent 10 communities and a recent rate received was \$.052 compared to \$.0613; a letter will be sent to opt-out; and history shows that 90% will participate.

Mr. B. Centers stated that the Committee went over this and asked how many employees they have. Mr. Marshall stated it's currently the three of them. Mr. B. Centers asked if we enter into a contract, and you go out of business, what happens. Mr. Marshall stated that we wouldn't do that, would make arrangements and would handle everything. He also noted they are in talks to join with another Company. We will make sure the City is in compliance with PUCO & handle the reports, will send letters to the residents, we handle the contract negotiations and the City's Law Director will review the documents. Mr. Ruppert asked if green power will be an option. Mr. Marshall asked if the City wants green power to be the primary choice or secondary choice – green power is to be the secondary choice. The opt-out program is for the traditional energy source.

The second Public Hearing is scheduled for December 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

A visitor in the audience asked how long they have been doing this. Mr. Marshall stated the law changed in 2001 and they were certified in 2001.

Mayor Centers closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2017-26 AMENDING CHAPTER 911, WATER SERVICE, AND CHAPTER 919, SEWER RENTAL, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO

Mayor Centers opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Inman, Public Works Director, explained that the changes to Chapter 911 reflect how we are currently operating, i.e., billing monthly, not quarterly. Also, adding a \$25 administration fee to backflow testing to help cover the cost of the new program for EPA compliance. Mr. Inman noted that other communities also have this fee. Chapter 919 also includes changes to reflect how we are currently billing and also updates the COD and TSS sewer surcharge rates for pre-treatment program.

Mayor Centers asked why we are doing this. Mr. Inman stated that a study was done and we found out we are still much lower than most cities. This is the first increase in 10 years.

Mr. Ruppert asked what the increase percentage is. Mr. Inman stated about 3% and this will be included in Section 1701.03, Rate Fee Schedule, Appendix A, of the Franklin Codified Ordinances.

Mr. Lewis added that Veolia bills the City and then we bill the residents.

Mayor Centers closed the Public Hearing and asked for any comments. There were none.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-26; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2017-27 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2017-24 TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Mrs. Ervin stated that an amended Ordinance is on the podium. The Ordinance includes the following adjustments.

- General Fund - \$20,000 transfer from Law Department payroll to contractual services
- General Fund - \$100,000 increase for transfers to cover capital projects budgeted in the Issue Two Fund until we receive the OPWC reimbursement grant monies
- General Fund - \$301,795 increase for transfers to move the proceeds of the sale of Eichholz Park to the Recreation fund
- Issue Two Fund - \$20,000 increase to cover the increased cost of the Hemlock Street project

Mayor Centers asked what the status of the Hemlock project is. Mr. Lewis stated we are moving forward with it.

Mr. Bray stated that the Finance Council Committee reviewed these changes at tonight's Finance Council Committee meeting.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-27; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. The vote:

Mayor Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	absent
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	absent
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mr. Rupert	yes
Mr. Bray	yes

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- 2nd Street/Riley Boulevard intersection – the pavement has been dug out and replaced, trucks have moved the pavement and the utilities underneath are okay.
- Looked at the street lighting on Millard Drive (comment from last Council meeting) – contacted Duke for a street light in that area
- Contacted the Church, at 2nd & Main Streets, about the lighting and they have changed the timing for the lights
- Crosswalk at 6th /Anderson – concern voiced about this intersection, pedestrian signals are included in Phase 2 of the traffic signal replacement program

- 405 Home Avenue – is scheduled for Court tomorrow
- In regards to the Speedway concern: 235 calls to Speedway to date 2017 - 26 arrests, and top three calls are for citizen assists, suspicious persons/vehicles, and vehicle lookout. Compared to Walmart, Speedway has half the calls. Walmart has had 420 calls; 68 arrests, citizen assists, theft and vehicle lookout. We will keep an eye on them.

Mr. Lewis wished everyone a “Happy Thanksgiving”.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Fouts thanked Mr. Lewis for taking care of the Riley Blvd. /Second Street intersection issue. Also, what is the timeframe for the crosswalk, Phase 2 of the traffic signal replacement program? Mr. Lewis stated 2020-2021 project list. Mrs. Fouts asked if anything can be done. Mr. Lewis stated it would be very expensive and he doesn’t think kids are taught how to cross streets and hope the Safety Town will help. We need to wait and see what happens. Mrs. Fouts continued: thanks for the help on the Church sign; Franklin Landing, some road work has been done, did the City do it? Mr. Inman stated, yes, we are doing crack repair. Friday night at the Pistons Game, sold over 500 tickets for Franklin night, great being there and great for our City. Also, Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. B. Centers welcomed back Mrs. Ervin. Gave Council resumes for the student participating in the Miami Fellowship program, Bradley Dick. Sonny and I have met with him and he will be at a Council meeting. We have a Resource Officer now. At our annual work session, I’d like to invite the new Judge and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Ruppert asked when Stadia/Skokiaan will be opened. Mr. Lewis stated not sure, should be soon. Have received resident complaints about people not stopping at the stop sign at Arlington and also by the school. Mrs. Fouts added also at Millard Drive.

Mr. Bray stated the Finance Council Committee met tonight. We talked about the appropriations, should be okay thru the end of the year; will be reviewing the temporary budget for 2018; doing well financially and are in good shape. Also, Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Centers stated it’s been recommended to have our Council meeting on January 3, 2018, as City offices are closed on January 1 and 2. Consensus of Council agreed. Mayor Centers asked when the new Judge will be sworn in and will also need to swear in the new Council member. Need an updated Council Committee list to be sent to all of Council and asked when the Council retreat will be. Mr. Lewis stated we are looking at Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the Fire Station. Mayor Centers added he liked the old format when Mr. Don Vermillion attended. Discussion continued on what format to use. Mayor Centers stated that department head reports need to be kept short, need more of a goal setting session and needs more structure. Mr. B. Centers asked if we want to have Don Vermillion to conduct the meeting. Mayor Centers asked if there is anyone else that can do it. Mr. Lewis will check with Mr. Vermillion. Mr. B. Centers added that he has been to other Cities with Mr. Vermillion conducting the discussion - we can do it ourselves and sure he’ll help.

Mr. Lewis asked if Council wants to have pictures done at the January 3rd meeting. Consensus agreed.

Mr. Bray asked if the City will do anything for Judge R. Ruppert. Mr. Lewis stated that the City does not do anything and that the Court staff did take him out.

Mayor Centers asked if we will be having the 2nd meeting in December or do we need to cancel it. Mr. Lewis stated we are trying to get all the legislation done at the December 4th meeting, but want to wait before cancelling that meeting.

Mr. B. Centers asked about Council pictures for both years – 2017 & 2018. Mr. Lewis stated we can do them whatever you want.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Denny Centers, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council