

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 4, 2017

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building.

Roll call showed:

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

There were 18 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Matt Wilcher, Council member elect; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS Chief; Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; 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 Chief Russ Whitman.

Mr. Bray made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the November 20, 2017 regular meeting; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers stated that Mr. Ruppert had heart surgery this past week and is doing well.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were none tonight.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS ADAM MYERS & COREY DAVIS

Chief Westendorf stated that there was a choking incident at Zinks Meat Market recently. Mr. Myers & Mr. Davis saved the life of the person who was choking and this is to recognize them for what they did.

Mayor Centers and members of Council presented Good Neighbor Awards to Adam Myers and Corey Davis.

ORDINANCE 2017-28 EMERGENCY PROVIDING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2018

Mrs. Ervin stated that the temporary budget is for the first three months of 2018. This has been reviewed by the Finance Council Committee. The revenues are mostly the same as was passed in the Tax Budget and most of the expenditures are the same as in the 2017 budget. The budget will be finalized in March. So far, we're looking good. She's done some projections and it looks like we're going to have an approximate 7 month carryover in the General Fund. Mayor Centers asked when Council put the 20% stop on spending, is that included in the carryover. Mrs. Ervin stated, yes, and the funds are doing well.

Mr. Bray noted that we have a 7 month carry-over; have monies that departments haven't spent and are not included yet and we should be debt free in 2027.

Mayor Centers stated that's great news.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-28; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-53 AUTHORIZING POSITION TITLES AND THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR EACH TITLE FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN PERSONNEL FOR THE YEAR 2018

Mr. Lewis stated that position numbers are the same except for in the Finance Department, Income Tax Division. The full-time Income Tax Clerk is being eliminated and we are adding one (1) permanent part-time Income Tax Clerk and one (1) seasonal part-time Income Tax Clerk. The budgetary impact should be minimal.

Mayor Centers asked if Mrs. Ervin was okay with this. Mrs. Ervin stated yes, she has talked with Mr. Lewis and if this doesn't work, we will revisit it.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-53; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-54 ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2018

Mr. Lewis stated that this provides for the rates of pay for 2018. The Resolution includes a 3% increase for non-union employees. The non-union employees share of the health insurance premium is 14 ½% for 2018. The IAFF, Local 3742, will receive a 2% increase and pay 15% of the employee's share of the health insurance premium. There is no rate of pay change for the Franklin Law Enforcement Agency and the Teamster Unions for the Service and Clerical as we are still negotiating with them. An additional step is being added for the Magistrate which reflects a 3% increase. The Resolution also includes a 3% increase for the City Manager's salary per the contract. The Finance Director and Clerk of Council salaries aren't included. Mayor Centers stated that Council will be discussing their positions.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-54; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-55 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO WARREN COUNTY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE 2018 CDBG CONCRETE CURB AND GUTTER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN FRANKLIN WOODS AND EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Mr. Conway stated that this authorizes an application for CDBG funds for 2018 and to execute the necessary documents. The application is due to the County by January 5th. The proposed project will replace curb and gutter in the Franklin Woods area. The estimated cost is \$225,000.00; estimated CDBG funds \$175,000.00 and estimated City's portion up to \$50,000.00.

Mr. Bray asked if this project includes any street repair. Mr. Lewis stated no, but we are working on a separate project for street repair.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-56 SUPPORTING THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE FRANKLIN REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT CORPORATION TO SERVE AS THE SELECTION COMMITTEE AND AGENT IN ADMINISTERING THE CONTRACT WITH A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK TO PERFORM IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FRANKLIN AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM

Mr. Lewis stated that the City of Germantown, Municipality of Carlisle along with the City, have to pass this legislation as the Board is proceeding with improvements to the Franklin Area Wastewater Treatment System. The Board has selected Chris Brausch, Jonathan Moore and himself to serve as the

Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will select and administer the contract to perform the improvements to the System and the Plant. The contract will be a CMAR or a Construction Manager at Risk. This will allow the contractor to adjust the project and a price not to exceed will also be included.

Mayor Centers added that the facility is being expanded before there is a problem.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-56; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-57 ADOPTING A POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR THE PART-TIME POSITION FOR A SEASONAL INCOME TAX CLERK FOR THE INCOME TAX DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Ervin stated with the restructuring of the Income Tax Division, we need to make sure we have enough help during tax season. This will allow us to have a person during the tax season. This is the job description for the Seasonal Income Tax Clerk. Mr. Hall asked if she has someone in mind. Mrs. Ervin stated no, we will advertise and take resumes for the position as soon as this is passed.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-57; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Thanked Mr. Conway and Mrs. Dinkler for their work on the Hemlock Improvement project getting started. Mr. Hall stated he's unhappy with them as they had equipment parked, at least a week, in front of the Doctor's office, making it a one lane road.

Mr. Aldridge asked if there's been any feedback on the Stadia/Skokiaan Project. Mr. Lewis stated there's been positive comments so far.

Mr. Lewis continued:

- Need to drive around the City and see the Christmas lights – City looks good
- We are marking sidewalks for the next phase of the sidewalk improvement project
- Received good news on CMAC projects – Phase III street lighting has been approved, bike path from Springboro Road Park to our Park also approved, and we've received a grant to realign Beal Road and Shotwell Drive

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall stated he reviewed the minutes from the last meeting (he was absent) about the update on calls to Speedway, thank you and that's a lot of calls. Also, behind the Junior High School, on Seventh Street, need to check the street patch job; Stadia/Skokiaan looks good; glad Hemlock Street improvements have started and the Christmas lights look good.

Mrs. Fouts stated that the downtown looks beautiful; haven't had many complaints; and good luck on upcoming snow removal, do an awesome job on the streets.

Mr. Aldridge asked about the status of the road salt. Mr. Inman stated the bins are full. Mr. Aldridge stated he missed the last meeting and thanked the voters on re-electing him to serve on Council. Also, congrats to Mr. Wilcher and Mayor Centers on being re-elected. It's been a pleasure to work with Carl, we are losing a great Council member.

Mayor Centers welcomed Mr. Matt Wilcher, newly elected Council member and thanked Mr. Bray for his time on Council.

Mr. B. Centers stated our thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Ruppert. Attended the Franklin Area Historical Society's Holiday Home Tour yesterday and it was amazing. The Historical Society is also selling 2018 calendars, if anyone is interested. The Christmas lights look wonderful.

Mayor Centers asked if the Historical Society owns the building yet? Mr. Wilcher stated yes, they do and Liz Buchanan is the President. Mayor Centers stated he'd like for the City to consider making a donation (contribution) to them as they now own the building. Council concurred and this will be discussed at a later meeting.

Mr. Bray stated at the recent Finance Council Committee meeting, it was reported that the income tax revenues look okay; we are good financially; the temporary budget allowed for 3% raises and the City should be in good shape for next year. Mr. Bray thanked Council and staff and that he appreciates all that's been done for him and he loves this town.

Mayor Centers stated that the Christmas lights are awesome; hear good comments about how the City does snow removal & appreciate it and Neil Hoffman, Service Department, does an outstanding job on the lights. Mayor Centers asked if we have an update on Camping World. Mr. Lewis stated that nothing has been signed and no retainer was taken out. Mayor Centers asked the status of the Dayton Daily News Building. Mr. Lewis stated he hasn't heard anything and that Cox & Reddy Cincinnati are marketing the building. Mayor Centers continued, on 6th Street, coming into town at Anderson, people are using the parking space as a turn lane – need to mark the street. Mr. Lewis stated we're currently looking at that area.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WITH NO ACTION AFTERWARDS

Mr. Bray made the motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee with no action afterwards; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers and members of Council entered into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee, with no action afterwards, at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to exit the executive session and adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Todd Hall, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council