

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2018

Judge Ronald Ruppert administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Council members Matt Wilcher, Michael Aldridge and Denny Centers.

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 6:05 p.m. at the Franklin Municipal Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

Brent Centers	present
Paul Ruppert	absent
Matt Wilcher	present
Denny Centers	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Debbie Fouts	present
Todd Hall	present

There were 6 visitors and one member of the press (Middletown Journal) present at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS Chief; Mrs. Lynnette Dinkler, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Centers.

RESOLUTION 2018-01 APPOINTING A MEMBER OF COUNCIL AS MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2018

Mayor Centers asked for nominations for Mayor.

Mr. Aldridge nominated Mr. Hall as Mayor for the year 2018. The nomination was seconded by Mr. B. Centers.

There being no further nominations, Mayor Centers closed the nominations.

The vote:

Mr. Ruppert	absent
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. D. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes

Motion passed. Mr. Hall will serve as Mayor for 2018 and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2018-02 APPOINTING A MEMBER OF COUNCIL AS VICE-MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2018

Mayor Hall asked for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Mrs. Fouts nominated Mr. Brent Centers as Vice Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

There being no further nominations, Mayor Hall closed the nominations.

The vote:

Mr. Wilcher yes
Mr. D. Centers yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert absent

Motion passed. Mr. B. Centers will serve as Vice Mayor for 2018.

APPROVE THE CLERK'S JOURNAL AND ACCEPT THE TAPES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2017 REGULAR MEETING

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt the December 4, 2017 minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. D. Centers yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert absent
Mr. Wilcher abstain

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Mr. Bradley Dick introduced himself to Council. He is a student at Miami University and will be interning with Brent Centers as part of Miami University Ohio Public Leaders Scholarship program. Mr. B. Centers stated that he was recommended by several professors for this internship, his interests are in City management and engineering. Bradley stated he's from Kenwood, Ohio and will be here four weeks.

LIQUOR PERMIT PAP OIL COMPANY LLC, DBA 1111 FRANKLIN MARATHON, 1111 WILLIAM C. GOOD BLVD.

Chief Whitman stated a background search has been done and there's no reason to object. Mr. Aldridge asked if this is for a carry-out. Chief Whitman stated yes, it is.

There were no objections voiced by Council. This will be returned to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control that the City does not request a hearing.

RESOLUTION 2018-03 APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2018

The following are appointed to Council Committees for 2018.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Denny Centers, Chair
Michael Aldridge
Paul Ruppert

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Paul Ruppert, Chair
Matt Wilcher
Brent Centers

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Matt Wilcher, Chair
Denny Centers
Todd Hall

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Debbie Fouts, Chair
Brent Centers
Todd Hall

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Brent Centers, Chair
Michael Aldridge
Todd Hall

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Michael Aldridge, Chair
Matt Wilcher
Debbie Fouts

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Todd Hall, Chair
Paul Ruppert
Debbie Fouts

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-03; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	absent
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. D. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-04 APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE
TO CERTAIN DULY-AUTHORIZED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF
FRANKLIN, OHIO AND TO OTHER REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The following are appointed to boards and commissions.

Franklin Regional Wastewater Treatment Corporation Board - three (3) year term, January 1, 2018,
to December 31, 2020:

Sonny Lewis

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) - one (1) year term, January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018:

Brent Centers

Sonny Lewis, Alternate

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Technical Advisory Committee (MVRPC-TAC) for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018:

Sonny Lewis, City Manager

Barry Conway, Alternate

Warren County Regional Planning Commission for a one (1) year term, April 1, 2018, to March 31, 2019:

Sonny Lewis, City Manager

Barry Conway, Alternate

Barry Conway, City Engineer

Debbie Fouts, Alternate

Denny Centers, Councilmember

Brent Centers, Alternate

City of Franklin Planning Commission for a four (4) year term, January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021:

Jim Mears

Melissa DeHart

City of Franklin Parks and Recreation Commission for a four (4) year term, January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2021 and one appointed to fulfill the remainder of Mr. Matt Wilcher's term, said term ending December 31, 2019:

Steve Gorsuch

Jeff Johnson

Vacant

Vacant, remainder of Mr. Wilcher's term, expiring December 31, 2019

Board of Zoning, Building & Housing Appeals, for a four (4) year term, January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021:

Dave McDaniel

Vacant

Civil Service Commission, for a six (6) year term, January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2023 and one appointed to fulfill the remainder of a term expiring December 31, 2021 (Mr. Edwards resigned):

Janine Jablonski

Holly Dean

Vacant

Vacant, vacant term expiring December 31, 2021

Warren County Board of Health for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2018, to December 31, 2018:

Adam McClanahan

Franklin Local Board of Tax Review for a two (2) year term, January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019:

Tom Wiggerhaus
Phyllis Clark

Wilbur DePew, Alternate
Martha Bush, Alternate

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-04; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert absent
Mr. Wilcher yes
Mr. D. Centers yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-05 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2017-54 TO ESTABLISH THE ORGANIZATION LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2018

Mr. Lewis stated that this establishes the salary for the Finance Director and Clerk of Council for 2018, a three percent increase. It also includes the salary for the part-time Income Tax Clerk that was approved at the December 4, 2017 meeting.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-05; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

Mr. B. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert absent
Mr. Wilcher yes
Mr. D. Centers yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-06 ADOPTING A POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR THE PART-TIME POSITION OF INCOME TAX CLERK IN THE INCOME TAX DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Ervin stated that this is the job description for the part-time Income Tax Clerk that was approved at the first meeting in December.

Mr. D. Centers asked about the Income Tax Administrator, full-time position. Mrs. Ervin stated that Mrs. Hedric is in that position now; we should be okay, but may need another part-time position.

Mr. Lewis stated he thinks we'll be okay, we will have the part-time Income Tax Clerk and the seasonal part-time person in that department. Mrs. Ervin added that we may need a part-time person in the Finance Department. Mr. Lewis stated we will discuss that. Mrs. Ervin concurred that she will talk with Mr. Lewis about that position.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-06; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

Mr. Ruppert absent
Mr. Wilcher yes
Mr. D. Centers yes

Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- No meeting on January 15 as it is Martin Luther King Day
- Next Council meeting is February 5th and he will be meeting with the Council Committees
- Look forward to a good year
- Chief Westendorf has a couple of items to make you aware of

Mr. D. Centers asked about the status of the work session and who will run it. Mr. Lewis stated it will be Saturday, February 24th and either he can run it or we can get someone else, it's whatever Council wants to do it. Mr. Hall stated it doesn't matter to him but we need condensed versions of department updates. Mr. Lewis stated we can do department updates at a future Council meeting. We can use this meeting to focus more on what Council wants to talk about and to send him an email of what you want to discuss at the work session. Mrs. Fouts added that "Forever Franklin" should be part of the work session. Mr. D. Centers stated he liked the format of how Don Vermillion did the work sessions. Mr. Lewis stated we can do that – we do a lot to accomplish what Council wants done.

Chief Westendorf stated he has two things to address with Council since the next meeting is February 5th and the submission date is February 2nd. We will be applying for a 2018 Assistance to Firefighter grant. This is a regional grant, along with Franklin Township and the Village of Carlisle, to replace scba cylinders. The estimated grant will be \$520,000 - \$540,000; 5% local match for each, estimated at \$26,000 to \$27,000. If we don't receive this grant, we will need to replace the cylinders by 2020, estimated cost \$100,000.00.

Also, will be applying for a \$25,000 local Micro Grant, for shipping containers, to be used for live fire simulator training. The local share will be \$1,250.00. We will also apply for a \$75,000 grant for new & replacement of specialized rescue equipment and 5% is the local share.

Mr. D. Centers asked if we are using the Warren County Facility for fire training. Chief Westendorf stated not yet, but we will be using it.

Consensus of Council agreed to proceed with the grant applications.

Chief Westendorf stated that this is the 5th anniversary of taking over EMS. We just found out we have been awarded an ISO Class 3 rating now and are in striking distance for an ISO Class 2.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mrs. Fouts welcomed Matt; asked what's going on at the old Dollar General by Save-A-Lot. Mr. Lewis stated we think a furniture store, but will follow-up on. Also, Mrs. Fouts asked if President's Day is a holiday for the City as she will be scheduling foot surgery and doesn't want to miss a meeting. Mr. Lewis stated, yes, it's a City holiday. Mrs. Fouts continued that she's glad to be back.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming tonight. Happy New Year, the City looked awesome during the holidays, and thanks to the Public Works Department. Congrats to Chief Westendorf and the department on EMS. Also, congrats to Mr. Wilcher and look forward to working with you again.

Mr. Wilcher stated he's glad to be here, is an honor to serve and look forward to working with everyone. Also, thanks to the voters. Hope to have a great four years for Franklin.

Mr. D. Centers welcomed Mr. Wilcher and we will miss Mr. Bray. Recently, vocational kids were working and didn't have the proper coats for outdoor work. He wanted to do something to help, and he got 27 carhartt coats and bibs donated. The Warren County Vocational School was very appreciate. He'd like to make this a City project for next year, if everyone agrees. Also, he talked to Liz, at the Historical Society. He found out we can't make a donation to them. He wants to let Council know they will invoice the City for a project that they do and we will decide how much money we want to pay towards the project. Congrats to all.

Mr. B. Centers thanked everyone for voting him Vice Mayor. Also, welcome to Mr. Wilcher and look forward to working with Bradley. The Franklin end of year video should be posted next week. We have a fund for donations, maybe we can take applications at the beginning of the year and then decide how to allocate the monies. Mrs. Ervin stated the Attorney General has issued opinions that we can't do that, has to be safety related, and would need to check with Mrs. Dinkler. Mr. Lewis asked if an organization, for example the Historical Society, needed a handicap ramp & make an application with the City to help with the cost, is that okay. Mrs. Ervin stated maybe, but needs to be for safety reasons. Mrs. Dinkler stated a nonprofit group should handle, for example Forever Franklin. The City needs to use a different avenue for these items. Mr. D. Centers stated what he did for the WC Vocational School, didn't require any money – citizens donated the clothing and it was given to the Vocational School. He just coordinated it. Mrs. Dinkler stated money could have been involved and the Forever Franklin is a vehicle to use and that she agrees with Mrs. Ervin's concerns. We can accomplish your goals, just need to do it through a different avenue. Mr. Wilcher added that the Historical Society needs members and funding. Mr. B. Centers congratulated Mr. Hall on being nominated Mayor.

Mr. Hall thanked Mr. D. Centers for his service as Mayor, much appreciated. Also, thanked all of Council for voting for him and we are all together. The house on David Blvd., that had a car with a flat tire in front of it, now has a mattress in front of it; Hemlock looks great but just past Hemlock, where the new pavement is, it's sinking; and on 2nd Street, coming down the hill, is becoming very bumpy and needs checked.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. D. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	absent

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Todd Hall, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council