

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 5, 2018

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Todd Hall presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hall.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the February 5, 2018 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks.

STAFF PRESENTATION - STEVE INMAN, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Inman, Public Works Director, presented his 2017 annual report (attached). The presentation included information on the Water Department; Sewer Department; Stormwater; Street Department & Miscellaneous Items; Parks Department and 2017 major projects.

There was some discussion.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mayor Hall introduced the following legislation. It was noted that the legislation was listed incorrectly on the agenda. Public Hearings will be held at the March 19, 2018 Council meeting.

Ordinance 2018-01 Amending Part Seventeen, Rate & Fee Schedule of the Franklin Codified Ordinance to include a fee for Flow Rate, Suspended Solid Surcharge and Chemical Oxygen Demand Charge

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Gave an update on the electric aggregation program and noted the following: residents can opt out of Duke; public forum to be held to provide additional information; and many customers have already changed

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall stated that Hemlock Street, in front of the Doctor's Office, it looks like the pavement is lifting up. Mr. Inman and Mr. Barry will check it out.

Mr. Wilcher stated that we had a good work session.

Mr. D. Centers stated he enjoyed last week's work session. Also, he's looking forward to future work sessions.

Mrs. Fouts stated she's proud to be in Franklin, we have a good school system, our cheerleaders, wrestlers, girls' basketball & bowling teams have all moved ahead in tournaments.

Mr. Ruppert stated he saw NIC in action for the first time. They seem to be doing a thorough job driving around looking at properties. Also, he thought the retreat was very good.

Mr. Aldridge stated he thought the retreat was good, liked how it was organized and the structured. Also, he agrees additional working sessions would be good. We have a great Council that works together well. Also, great things are happening with our high school sports.

Mr. B. Centers stated he agrees with Mr. Aldridge regarding another work session. Also, glad to see many things were talked about during the work session, is a work in progress which is good, things are moving forward.

Mayor Hall stated it was a good retreat; feedback is to have another meeting, maybe in August or September; and also to consider having a mini work session in May. It provided information on where we are but we didn't really discuss what else we want to look at for the future. Mayor Hall asked how many accidents have there been at the Anderson & Riley Blvd. intersection. Chief Whitman stated he will provide information on Mayor Hall's request. Mr. Aldridge added aren't we already looking at this intersection and just recently talked about it. Mr. Lewis stated yes, and we are waiting to see what happens with the Franklin Boxboard property, as additional right-of-way is needed. Also, drivers need to pay attention when driving in this area. Mayor Hall added it needs to be a safer intersection. Mayor Hall stated he met with Mr. Inman and Mr. Conway about the concrete repair at the pool. Also, it's a good time to be a 'wildcat'.

Mrs. Fouts added that she's looking forward to Spring and getting things cleaned up. She also enjoyed the retreat, and happy to see Mr. B. Centers back.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION RE: NEW YORK NEW YORK, INC. VS. CITY OF FRANKLIN – WARREN COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, CASE #18-CV-90804

Mrs. Dinkler stated that she needs to speak with Council about the litigation of the City of Athens vs Ohio State Tax Commission, with no action afterwards, not the NY NY Inc. vs City of Franklin, Warren County Court of Common Pleas case that is listed on the agenda.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the litigation of the City of Athens vs the Ohio State Tax Commission, with no action afterwards; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall and members of Council entered into executive session to discuss the litigation of the City of Athens vs the Ohio State Tax Commission.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to reconvene the meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall reconvened and adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Todd Hall, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council