

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 2, 2018

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 2, 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
Debby Fouts	present
Matt Wilcher	present

There was one member of the press and 4 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Johnathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police 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 Sheriff Larry Sims.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the March 19, 2018 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

State Representative Scott Lipps, past Council member, stated it's good to be back. He has been working with residents; done a lot to keep Franklin in the forefront in Columbus; capital budget just passed and Warren County is receiving more money this time; and he has been traveling the district and working with residents. He noted that he's seen Chief Westendorf in Columbus attending fire meetings and he's a leader of the fire services; has helped him out with information on fire services and he's in-line for President of the Fire Chief's Association. Representative Lipps continued that Mr. Lewis attends meetings, communicates very well, and represents the City well. Representative Lipps added that he's proud of Council, it's an honor to represent the City and thanks to everyone.

PRESENTATION - WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF LARRY SIMS

Sheriff Sims thanked Council for letting him attend the meeting tonight and handed out his department's year-end report. He noted there were three murders in Warren County in 2017; officers carry nrcan and administered 70 doses in 2017; 69,000 service calls, up from 2016; moving forward with building a new

jail; the K-9 dog was retired and is being replaced. Sheriff Sims also noted that Representative Lipps has been an asset to his office and that it's appreciated.

Sheriff Sims thanked Council for their support.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2018-05 ENACTING SECTION 105.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, TITLED "FIRE & EMS REPLACEMENT FUND"

Mrs. Ervin stated that this was passed at the last meeting as an emergency and this is the permanent Ordinance. This establishes a new fund, 'Fire & EMS Replacement Fund' to allow the City to save money for capital projects.

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing and asked for any comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-05; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2018-06 AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, TO REZONE 48.488 ACRES, LOCATED ALONG PENNYROYAL ROAD AND DEARDOFF ROAD, FROM O-RP, RESEARCH PARK DISTRICT, TO R-1A, ESTATE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

Mr. Conway stated that Larry Harp, President of Dear 3 LLC, the property owners, has asked to rezone the 48.488 acres along Pennyroyal Road and Deardoff Road, from O-RP, Research Park District, to R-1A, Estate Residential District. The Planning Commission has reviewed and approved to make a recommendation to Council to approve the rezoning.

Mr. D. Centers stated that he thinks this is a more appropriate zoning for this area. Mr. Wilcher asked if sewer is available. Mr. Conway stated that it's close.

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing and asked for any comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-06; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. 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.

RESOLUTION 2018-21 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE WARREN COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WARREN COUNTY JOINT SALT PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Inman stated that this is the fourth year we have contracted with the Warren County Engineer's office to purchase road salt. We've had good success and last year's cost was \$53.40 per ton from Detroit Salt Company.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-21; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-22 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FOUR TON BLACKTOP HOPPER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FROM SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Inman stated that this will replace a 20 year old 2-ton hopper which is becoming a safety issue. This is for a 4-ton hopper, can also dump and will be more efficient.

Mr. B. Centers asked which fund it is being funded from. Mr. Inman stated it will be divided among the funds.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-23 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FREIGHTLINER DUMP TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Inman stated that this will be purchased through the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing program. This is just for the truck and it will also have to be equipped. This will replace a 1988 Chevy dump truck.

Mayor Hall asked if we will also be selling the 1988 dump truck. Mr. Inman, stated yes.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-24 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TAHOE FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE FOR THE FIRE & EMS DIVISION FROM TIM LALLY CHEVROLET THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Chief Westendorf stated this will replace the 2006 Ford Expedition that we'll continue to use as a staff vehicle. The new Tahoe will be used as the supervisory response vehicle for the majority of all fire & EMS calls that we respond to. It will be outfitted to enable proper storage of fire and EMS equipment. It's being purchased from Tim Lally Chevrolet through the State Purchasing program.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-25 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A RESCUE/ENGINE FROM ROSENBAUER SOUTH DAKOTA, LLC THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE TERM SCHEDULE

Chief Westendorf stated we've been working on this for several years. This will be a custom built truck and will replace the existing 1991 walk-in rescue truck. It will be designed to get equipment on scene very quickly and will also have water & a pump on it. This is the first time we've purchased a Rosenbauer truck and not a Pierce. We've been researching and have found it to be a reliable vehicle. This will be a lease to own, annual payment for the next five years will be \$132,000.00 to \$133,000.00.

There was some discussion if the ladder truck is being replaced, not at this time; this vehicle should last 20+ years and will take one year to build it, maybe a little less, which is common for a custom built truck.

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

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-26 AWARDED THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT WITH W.G. STANG LLC FOR THE COMMUNITY POOL CONCRETE DECK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Conway stated that bids were opened on March 28, 2018 and the following bids were received:

Ruddson Excavating LLC	\$126,837.00 – non-responsive
W.G. Stang LLC	\$147,241.50

The bid from Ruddson Excavating was non-responsive, the paper work was not completed. We are recommending to award to W.G. Stang in the amount of \$147,241.50.

There was discussion on the bid process, the timeframe, and re-bidding the project. Mr. Lewis stated he recommends to accept the bid from W.G. Stang.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-26; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. 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.

At this time, Resolution 2018-27 was added to the agenda.

RESOLUTION 2018-27 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2018-16 AUTHORIZING POSITION TITLES AND THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR EACH TITLE FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN PERSONNEL FOR THE YEAR 2018

Mr. Lewis stated that this increases the full-time patrol officers from 17 to 18. The Franklin City Schools has voted to proceed with the School Resource Officer. We have a candidate that we'd like to hire to replace the officer that will fill the School Resource Officer position. We could wait, but we have a person we want to hire as soon as possible.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-27; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. 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.

STAFF PRESENTATION: FIRE & EMS, CHIEF WESTENDORF

Chief Westendorf presented information on the following (attached):

- 2017 Fire/EMS calls by month
- EMS Response time by Month & calls by time of day
- EMS Hospital destinations
- Dispatch times to hospital
- Types of calls and total calls
- Patient Breakdown
- Financial Summary

- Annual Charges & Revenue
- Financial changes – trend is to treat people and not transport them to hospital
- HOPE Program is underway: have a logo; home visits started March 1; received grant money; meeting in May with area Police & Fire Chiefs and we're taking a regional approach.

Mr. D. Centers asked if our local hospital is the one you transport to most often. Chief Westendorf explained most often we do transport to the local hospital, but there are a number of factors that determines where we go. We always take the patient where they want to go unless protocol dictates otherwise, i.e. stroke, heart attack, etc. We will then bypass the local hospital (stand-alone ER's) and take them to the hospital that specializes in the symptoms. We have the ability and equipment to know what is happening and take you to the hospital that specializes in the care that's needed. Mr. Aldridge noted that the response time from dispatch to arrival at hospital, 26 minutes is unbelievable. Chief Westendorf added that they are also evaluating the situation, providing care, and whatever else is needed in that period of time.

Katie gave a brief update on the HOPE program which started March 1 and noted the following: 26 homes visited; 4 visits in jail; 2 no contact or left; 2 in-patient referrals made; have been welcomed by all families encountered to date; working with the Police Department & Walmart on a "drug take back day" program; received a grant for narcans for 1st responders to have; heroin hot-line meeting coming up; and things are moving very quickly.

Chief Westendorf added that they're still working on referrals and finalizing the JEMS agreement. Katie doing a fantastic job; great support from the Police Department and have received referrals from the Police Department and Fire Department to date. Discussion continued and Ms. Williams explained how the home visit works. Chief Westendorf stated we have the ability to get someone into a Care Facility within 24 hours. Discussion continued and Chief explained the billing process and how it's determined what facility to take the patient to. We analyze the situation and make a recommendation, but the patient has the final say. Chief Westendorf added that Hamilton found out that their EMS collections had increased. They researched and found that those in a program, are now eligible and qualify for payment under Medicaid/Medicare, which they weren't previously. Discussion continued with Council. Mr. Wilcher added that this is a great service we're providing and great for the community.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated that Green Point Meadows is getting ready to start an expansion. They need dirt removed and we may assist them and move the dirt to the new Park.

Also, the Chamber Alliance Breakfast is April 12 and to let him know if you plan to attend.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher stated this was a good meeting tonight; looks like we spent a lot of money and we have planned for it. Mr. Wilcher thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. D. Centers thanked Representative Lipps for coming tonight. The presentation by Chief Westendorf and Katie was very good. He asked if there is an update on Camping World relocating here. Mr. Lewis stated there's no contract for the land to be purchased by them. Mr. D. Centers stated a person would like to donate a piece of land, at the north point, to the City and asked if the City would be interested. Mr. Lewis stated that it's not big enough to build on.

Mrs. Fouts stated she echoes all the remarks about the work Chief Westendorf and staff have done. Also, to let her know if any information (handouts) is available. The City looks nice; pot holes are bad from the weather; and great job by all.

Mr. Ruppert stated that it looks like we've spent a lot of money, but it's been included in the budget. Also, it's tremendous what Chief Westendorf and Katie are doing. Mr. Ruppert asked if there's an update on the place in Industrial Park. Mr. Lewis stated the land has been purchased, and its being rebid as the bids came in too high the first time. Mr. Ruppert continued that he's glad to hear the explanation from Chief Westendorf that residents can go to whatever facility, for medical care, that they want to. He hears all the time residents saying that they can't go to the facility that they want to. Chief Westendorf stated that's why we have our policy on transporting patients. We transport to the facility that can provide the care needed in each individual situation. If the patient has to be transported to another facility, from the facility we took the patient, then there would be a charge to the patient.

Mr. Aldridge also echoed remarks about the presentation and proud of what the department, along with the Police Department, does. Hope everyone had a good Easter. He attended the Vineyard service at the High School and the attendance was great. Also, he heard about Officer Shannon saving a little girls' life – Chief Whitman stated he's working on recognizing him.

Mr. B. Centers echoed all comments about the Hope Program. Thanks to Representative Lipps for coming tonight. The Community Assessment will be done by the end of the month. He asked Council if they want it presented at a special meeting or we can do it at Government Affairs Council meeting. After some discussion, there will be a special Council meeting on April 30, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to review the report. Mr. B. Centers stated he's been hired by Hamilton Township as their Administrator. He has checked, and there is no conflict of interest and he would like to stay on Council if everyone agrees. There were no issues voiced by Council.

Mayor Hall congratulated Mr. B. Centers. Mayor Hall stated he has used Fire & EMS and they have done a great job. The drug program is needed; he appreciates all their work and liked the explanation on the transport of patients. Also, he appreciates all the work done for the Easter Egg Hunt. He was unable to attend as he was out of town. At 674 David Blvd., for the last month & half, there's been a couch, mattress, etc. sitting out at the curb. Mr. Lewis stated he'll check on it.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council