

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 30, 2018

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 30, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building.

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 7 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mrs. Lynnette Dinkler, Law Director; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Mrs. Amy Miller, Acting Finance Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Inman.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the April 2, 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

There were no comments at tonight's meeting.

PRESENTATION: COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT – MARK S. GOODMAN, CECD,  
GOODMAN & ASSOCIATES

Mr. B. Centers stated that this was done thru the University of Dayton. For the community assessment, we looked at local economic development, the City Schools, and the Chamber of Commerce. We also teamed with Warren County Economic Development, VSRI, looked at our Veteran Associations, social media and the internet. He then introduced Mr. Mark Goodman, an Economic Developer & Professor at UD and Travis Pheanis, a retired Ranger and student, who also assisted with the report.

Mr. Goodman stated this tonight is a brief summary of the assessment and handed out a Retail Marketplace Profile and a Community Profile.

Mr. Goodman explained the Community Assessment looks at the following – strategic planning, grant assistance, business development, marketing, community support and other. Assessment Factors are: population & movement, which shows our daytime population is larger than our population and also capturing 148% retail; employment; business & industry; infrastructure; environmental; education; medical; crime; housing; community gathering; local government; citizens; and culture & activity.

The Community Profile Chart & Comparison is to neighboring Cities; noted the City brings in population to work; retail leakage & shopping hours hurting business; and a great project to do is for businesses to do a survey of what zip code their customers come from. The Warren County Labor Shed shows the Counties that workers are coming from. The Census Survey Primary Labor Shed, shows what Cities the workers are coming from; employment sectors and assessment factors. Mr. Goodman continued that downtowns are very important. It was noted that the City is working towards being a Main Street Community. Mr. Goodman added that downtown's play a huge role in economic development.

Mr. Goodman stated that education – the Franklin City School District – is also important. He went over the report card for the Franklin City School District. Mr. Goodman added that it's important that we know what it says.

Local Government also plays an important role in economic development. Businesses look at how local governments participate in regional activities; if communities have a downtown redevelopment authority, community-wide recycling program or any designated brownfield sites. Also, if local leadership engage in economic development and that the internet is very important. Services need to be available on-line and in regards to special events, we need to identify how many people attend and where they come from. Ongoing events are important, the Farmers Market, pool, outdoor movie theater, and the kayak & canoe launch. Also, citizen participation is important in addition to community special events, and the veterans' programming.

There was some discussion.

Mayor Hall stated you've done a lot of work – in addition to Brent, Travis and the class - great, interesting and different information.

Mr. B. Centers stated this is just scratching the surface, there's a lot of information available. Also, appreciate Mr. Goodman doing this free of cost.

Mayor Hall and Council thanked Mr. Goodman for his time and the information he presented tonight.

**ORDINANCE 2018-07 EMERGENCY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-03 TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018**

Mrs. Ervin stated there are several funds that need adjusted:

- General Fund - \$2,000 increase legal advertising for Clerk of Council
  - \$5,000 increase to cover the cost of certain legal subscriptions
  - \$21,600 increase for transfer to move money into the Joint Recreation Fund and the Employee Benefits Reserve Fund
- Issue Two Fund - \$24,500 increase to cover the increased cost of the Hemlock Street Project (the invoice was not received until 2018, though the project incurred in 2017)
- Employee Benefits Reserve Fund - \$8,600 to cover a Court employee's retirement and the Finance Director's final pay-out
- Capital Projects Fund - \$75,500 increase to purchase two additional cruisers for the new School Resource Officers. The Schools will reimburse the City for 75% of the cost of these cruisers

Mayor Hall asked if Hemlock Street has been fixed yet. Mr. Inman stated no, we have been in contact with them to fix it and are waiting for the weather to clear up. Mayor Hall asked if we should pay them if it's not done right. Mr. Lewis stated that we do have a bond from them and we will check on it. Mayor Hall added we shouldn't pay them until it's fixed right.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-07; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. 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.

**RESOLUTION 2018-28 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2018-27 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 adds an additional Police Officer. The Warren County ESC has approved a full-time School Resource Officer. We will have an agreement with them and it will be the same agreement that we have with the Franklin City Schools.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-28; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. 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 2018-29 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2018 RAM 2500 TRADESMAN CREW CAB FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FROM VISION CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

Mr. Inman stated that this authorizes the purchase of a 2018 Ram 2500 Tradesman Crew Cab truck for the Public Works Department. It will replace a Ford pick-up in the Water Department.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-29; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. 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 2018-30     AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT WITH FILLMORE CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR THE 2018 CURB REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Conway stated that this is for the annual curb replacement program. The following bids were opened on April 11, 2018:

Fillmore Construction LLC	\$95,660.00
Performance Site Development	\$96,985.00
Adleta Construction Inc.	\$102,593.50
W.G. Stang LLC	\$103,940.00
Prus Construction Co.	\$107,820.00

We are recommending to award to Fillmore Construction LLC in the amount of \$95,660.00. We have checked their references and there are no problems.

Mr. D. Centers asked if any other references were checked and we need to be careful with a new company. Mr. Lewis stated we contacted several Cities that they have done work in and there were no issues.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-30; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. 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 2018-31     DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2019

Mrs. McGee stated that this is the first step in the street lighting assessment process.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-31; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. 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 2018-32     AMENDING RESOLUTION 2018-20 TO ESTABLISH 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 salaries for the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager and the police and clerical union employees.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-32; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. 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 2018-33 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DIVISION FROM GREVE CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND THE EQUIPPING OF THE SAME

Mr. Lewis stated we approved two cruisers for the Police Department for 2018. With the addition of the two new School Resource Officers, we need to purchase two additional cruisers. The Franklin City School and the Warren County Educational Service Center have agreed to reimburse the City for 75% of the cost of the 2 new cruisers along with equipment, for the SRO.

There was some discussion on who approved the cruisers for the SRO's (the School Boards approved); why are we purchasing Chargers and not SUV's (cost); number of SUV's in service; if we need four wheel drive vehicles and do we have a replacement program. Mr. Lewis stated we have officers who like the Chargers, some the SUV's, and we do have a replacement program. Captain Coulton noted that the Dodge Chargers are all-wheel drive vehicles.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-33; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. 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.

#### INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mayor Hall introduced: Ordinance 2018-08 Amending Chapter 1103 and Sections 1107.05, 1111.08 and 1113.01 of the City of Franklin Unified Development Ordinance. The Public Hearing will be held May 21, 2018.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reminded everyone of the luncheon this Friday with the Anthony Wayne students.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. D. Centers thanked Mark and Travis for the information tonight. Also, thanked Mr. B. Centers for his work on the presentation. The Intersection at 75/73, we need to work on this. Mr. Lewis stated that there are no grants available for improvements.

Mr. Wilcher stated that it's been a great meeting, great work and thanks to Mark & Travis. The Franklin Area Historical Society held a trivia night at JD Legends, and it was very successful.

Mr. Ruppert wished Mrs. Irvin good luck. This Thursday evening is Award Night at the High School and he invited Council to attend.

Mrs. Fouts echoed all comments tonight. Social media is important and thanked Brent & Travis. She recently talked with Amy, Forever Franklin, and they are having problems finding trash cans and asked if we have a catalog they can use. Also, they meet the second Wednesday at the Library at 10 a.m. and it's good to see them becoming active. Mrs. Fouts asked about the cost for the City entrance signs. Mr. Lewis stated cost is \$16,000 - \$18,000 and he's working on the possibility of a sign with advertising. Also, he's getting information on an electronic sign. Mrs. Fouts asked if the "Luke Kennard" signs are going to be put back up. Mr. Lewis stated he's talked with Mark about it and he recently got back one of the signs that was stolen. Mrs. Fouts stated the lions on the bridge look nice lighted up at night but the paint is chipping around the bottom of them. She added that she liked the report from Amber and the City is looking good.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for the presentation, good information; thanks to Mrs. Ervin, great job done and good luck. We're working on the downtown and have lighted the lions, are there any other repairs needed downtown. Mr. Lewis stated the sidewalks are getting old but don't know if there's any money available for a sidewalk program. Mr. Aldridge added we need to have lighting downtown. Mr. Lewis stated we'll check to see if there's a grant available and fiber optics downtown is a future project. Mr. Aldridge added that car ports with lots of stuff under them are an eyesore. Mr. Lewis stated we'll check on it.

Mr. B. Centers thanked Mark for the presentation. Remember there's no meeting May 7<sup>th</sup>. Sonny and he will be going to Washington DC and he can't make the lunch on Friday. Also, he's glad to see everyone here tonight, thanks to Mrs. Ervin and he'll miss her.

Mr. D. Centers stated he received an email today from a student at Wright State, asking if we have any internships at the City and he would like to talk with Mr. Lewis about it.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Goodman on the presentation; asked if any solicitor permits have been approved lately. Mr. Lewis stated he's not aware of any. Mayor Hall wished the best of luck to Mrs. Ervin and we appreciate everyone being here tonight.

Mayor Hall stated that there will be no Council meeting on May 7, 2018, the next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2018.

Mr. D. Centers stated he'd like to add an executive session to discuss the Finance Director's position to tonight's agenda. Mrs. Dinkler stated we need to give advance notice to the Press and it needs to be on the agenda.

Mr. Lewis stated we can have a Finance Council Committee meeting to discuss the position. Mrs. Miller will do a terrific job, no rush to fill the position and he has some recommendations coming. Also, we can do like we did before, have the Finance Council Committee review the applications before taking them to Council. If you want an executive session, we can have it at the next meeting, think we have time to do this.

Mayor Hall stated to let him know if you want to be in the Memorial Day Parade, we will walk except for Debby, she will need a golf cart.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adjourn; 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.

Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

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Todd Hall, Mayor

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Jane McGee, Clerk of Council