

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 21, 2018

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 21, 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
Debbie Fouts	present
Matt Wilcher	present

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Amy Miller.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the April 30, 2018 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. 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 visitor remarks.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2018-08 AMENDING CHAPTER 1103 AND SECTIONS 1107.05, 1111.08 AND 1113.01 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Mr. Conway stated that the UDO doesn't address junk yards and with the Cohen Brothers purchasing Pacey's, we need to add junk yards to our ordinance. The amendments will allow for the establishment of a Junkyard, Recycling Centers, Recycling Plants and Scrap Metal Processing Facilities in the I-2, General Industrial District, as a conditional use.

In Chapter 1103, Definitions, adding a definition for "Junk, Junkyard, Recycling Centers, Recycling Plants and Scrap Metal Processing". The Chapter also is renumbered with the definitions being added.

In Section 1107.05, Table 11, is being amended to add "Junkyard, Recycling Centers, Recycling Plans and Scrap Metal Processing Facilities" as a conditional use in the I-2 (General Industrial) Districts.

Section 1113.01, Conditional Uses, is amended to add the standards for approval for "Junkyard, Recycling Centers, Recycling Plants and Scrap Metal Processing Facilities" conditional use. The chapter also is renumbered due to this amendment.

Section 1111.08, Sign Requirements and Standards, minor changes made to the requirements to “Menu Boards and also Electronic and Manual Changeable Copy Signs” to make them more compatible with other sections of the code.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of these amendments at their April 9, 2018 meeting, with a unanimous vote to recommend Council approve these changes.

Mr. D. Centers questioned the zoning for Cohens – I-2. Mr. Conway stated that it’s a conditional use for any I-2 use. Mr. Lewis added that language was already in the code. Mr. D. Centers added that landfill or garbage shouldn’t be included. Mr. Lewis stated he doesn’t know if we can delete those uses as we have to provide for them. Mr. B. Centers stated it’s a conditional use and would have to go to Council for approval. Discussion continued on the I-2 zoning, that property has been I-2 for a long time & don’t want any new I-2 property downtown. Discussion continued on the I-2 zoning. Mr. Lewis noted that this is the only I-2 property downtown; when the UDO was done this was included and it didn’t say landfills were allowed or not. This makes it a conditional use and is the only I-2 in the City and has been that way for a long time.

Discussion continued and Mr. D. Centers stated he doesn’t like the landfill language for the downtown and is against the entire language of the section. Mr. Lewis added if that happens, that is part of their business. Mrs. Dinkler added, if that happened, Planning Commission would evaluate each situation.

Mr. Aldridge asked if they are currently operating Mindlin’s and if they have plans for aesthetic improvements. Mr. Lewis stated yes, they are operating Mindlin’s, and have plans for aesthetic improvements. They are currently working on some issues, ready to tear down the BoxBoard Building, waiting on some approvals; and have plans to improve the Mindlin’s site. It’s to our advantage to work with them on these sites, they have the resources to do the improvements. He told them he’d rather they take down the building first and then show us the improvements they want to do for the entire site.

Mrs. Fouts noted that in the fenced-in area, there are still vehicles and weeds. Mr. Lewis stated we will tell them to cut the weeds and remove the vehicles.

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing. There being no comments, he closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-08; 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 no
- Mr. Ruppert yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-34 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2018-32 TO ESTABLISH THE ORGANIZATION LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2018

Mr. Lewis stated that this provides for the rate of pay for the Service Department union employees, per their contract.

Mrs. Fouts asked about the pool personnel, if it’s okay that their rate of pay is under the minimum wage. Mayor Hall stated that they are seasonal employees.

Mr. Lewis stated we will check on it.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-34; 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.

RESOLUTION 2018-35 FINAL LEGISLATION FOR THE ODOT SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

Mr. Conway stated that this is the final legislation for the Safe Routes to School Project. The project includes installing a rectangular, rapid-flashing beacon at Fourth Street and Sherman Drive and adding crosswalks at Sherman and Fourth, Sherman and Apache, Farm and S. River/S. Main and Stadia and Arlington. Also included is the installation of new handicap ramps. The estimated project cost is \$90,200 and the City’s share is estimated at \$8,958.28. Actual costs won’t be known until the project is completed. We have money budgeted in the ODOT Program Fund for this project.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-35; 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.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mayor Hall introduced the following legislation. The Public Hearings will be held at the June 4, 2018 meeting.

Ordinance 2018-09 Amending Chapter 919, Section 919.01 Sewer Rental, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Franklin, Ohio

Ordinance 2018-10 Amending Section 1701.03, Appendix A, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Franklin, Ohio, Titled “Rate and Fee Schedule”, Subsection Sewer Rental & Surcharges

Ordinance 2018-11 Levying Assessments for Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters for the Annual Sidewalk Repair Program, Phase 2

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- the Nature Works Grant (pool improvements), work is completed and tentative opening day for the pool is June 2;
- 2018 curb replacement program starts Wednesday
- bid opening May 31 for the 2018 summer street paving project and sidewalk replacement

- Adleta will be making repairs to Hemlock Street
- Memorial Day Parade is May 28 and we have flags for Council

Mr. B. Centers asked about the recent meeting with Franklin Township & the Parks & Recreation Council Committee about the pool. We appointed a pool subcommittee and questioned why the Township didn't met with this committee (pool subcommittee).

Mr. Lewis stated that he thinks that committee was only good for one year and the Township met with the Parks & Recreation Council committee. Mrs. Fouts explained why they met. Mr. Aldridge stated it makes sense that the meeting was with the Parks Council Committee. Mr. B. Centers asked Mayor Hall if the Council Committee should be involved. Mayor Hall stated he has no problem how it was handled. Mr. D. Centers stated it should stay with the sub-committee. Mr. Aldridge added that Mr. Lewis had a great presentation. Mr. Wilcher added it was a very informative meeting.

Discussion continued.

Consensus of Council is to have the Council Parks & Recreation Committee involved.

Mr. Wilcher had no remarks tonight.

Mr. D. Centers asked about the status of the gray house. Mr. Lewis stated we are still waiting on HUD, the local HUD Department can't do anything.

Mrs. Fouts stated she's receiving complaints of grass cutting that needs done. Mr. Lewis stated we are on it – has rained a lot. Mr. Lewis explained the process and our college kids are now working to help with this. Mrs. Fouts asked about the status of the house, which is boarded up, across the street from Save-A-Lot. Mr. Lewis stated he will check on it.

Mr. D. Centers asked if we have contacted the intern that we talked about. Mr. Lewis stated, yes, and she's not interested.

Mr. Ruppert stated that the Anthony Wayne Luncheon went very well and thanks to those that attended. Mr. Ruppert asked when the City is clean up. Mr. Lewis stated it was last week.

Mr. Aldridge stated that the "Hope" pamphlet is very well done. Chief Westendorf stated that the EMS, Police, Ohio Patrol & Clearcreek Township have the pamphlet and we also received a grant to help with the cost. Mr. Lewis added that Judge ODA was at a recent Chamber meeting and explained how vivitrol doesn't work when it's not taken. He applauded the HOPE program.

Mr. Aldridge stated that Forever Franklin is meeting and making comments about the properties downtown being more aesthetic. Mr. Lewis stated we are working on this, looking for grants for downtown to fix up properties, working on the details.

Mr. B. Centers asked about the Downtown Improvement Program. Mr. Lewis stated we did have that for improvements and that the program has expired. There was discussion on what's needed and if that program can be continued. Mr. B. Centers stated that the DC fly-in is done; received lot of good information on vivitrol and positive feedback. The Farmer's Market starts June 2nd and will be doing mural walks. Also, Forever Franklin is looking at benches/trash cans for downtown. Mr. B. Centers welcomed Karissa.

Mr. Aldridge stated he thinks the City should buy the benches & trash cans as they don't have any money to spend. Mr. Wilcher, Mr. D. Centers and Mrs. Fouts agreed. There was discussion on the cost of benches & trash cans; the

committee needs to show they can manage money; and the City should upfront them some money. Mr. Aldridge stated they need to know the City supports them and we should help finance the committee – maybe they can submit a list & prioritize their wants. Mr. Lewis stated he was at their last meeting when they discussed the benches & trash cans. We are working with Rumpke on the trash cans and we support the Forever Franklin Committee. Mr. Wilcher added we should support them. Mayor Hall asked if we can give them money. Mrs. Dinkler stated we can't give the committee money she has already researched. Their by-laws are done and they are serving the county and surrounding area.

Mr. B. Centers asked what the discretionary fund is used for. Mr. Lewis stated it's used for the car show, Halloween costume contest, etc. Mr. B. Centers then asked how Middletown funded their program. Mr. Lewis stated he will check on it.

Mr. B. Centers asked if there is a date for pictures. Mayor Hall asked about having a mid-year review. Tentative date is the June 18th meeting for a mid-year review and pictures.

Mayor Hall stated need to check on the fence at Cohens and also need to do something about the parking in the curve on Harpwood Drive.

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

Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Todd Hall, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council