

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
JULY 16, 2018

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 16, 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 were 11 visitors and one member of the press (Middletown Journal) at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mrs. Amy Miller, Acting Finance Director; Mrs. Karisa Steed, Assistant to the City Manager; Mrs. Lynnette Dinkler, Law Director; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Koonsman, who's working on his scout badges.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the June 18, 2018 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. 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

Gene Baker addressed Council about the traffic on Beal Road. He lives at 4076 Beal Road and has noticed more traffic & semi-traffic this year. He added that no one obeys the speed limit; never see any police patrolling; someone is going to get hurt; concerned for the kids and something needs to be done. He asked for help about the traffic as it's getting dangerous.

Mayor Hall stated we're glad you're here to let us know of the problem and we'll see about putting the speed limit sign on Beal Road.

Mr. D. Centers stated there is a bad spot and if they're speeding, they can't get stopped. We need increased police presence and write tickets. Also, there's a lot of truck traffic. A 'hidden driveway sign' is also needed on Beal Road.

Mr. Ken Scarce, 4120 Beal Road, concurred with the current comments. Also, he asked about the possibility of a stop sign @ Gorsuch; they speed thru the Scholl Road intersection; and, also the road needs paved and striped. Mr. Lewis noted that a future project is to re-align Shotwell Drive/Beal Road and put in a traffic light. Mr. Scarce asked if William C. Good is going to be extended to Beal Road – we hope so.

Mr. John Schearer, 4155 Beal Road, stated he likes the idea of the stop sign. He's lived there many years and it's hard to get out of his driveway now – as there's more traffic today. Mike McKnight, 4121 Beal Road, thanked the City for fixing the pot holes and speed bumps are needed

Melissa Harris, 4100 Beal Road, stated she's lived here several years and had a complaint about Henderson's business. There's a culvert on her property, which she knows she's responsible for, but they contribute to its damage, due to more semi-truck traffic now and jake breaking more. She's concerned about the truck traffic and speeding.

Mr. Dave Meyer, 4198 Beal Road, stated he's lived here 25 years; support what's been said tonight; has a culvert in his front yard; mailboxes get torn down and the stop sign is a good idea.

Discussion continued on patrolling the area and where a police cruiser can park; the speed sign to be used and if a stop sign can be put up if the traffic data doesn't support it. Mr. Lewis stated we can install a stop sign to slow down traffic. Mr. Lewis continued that he feels there are some things we can do; agree with everything said tonight and will contact Henderson's and AAA Wastewater.

Mr. B. Centers asked about putting in speed bumps. Mr. Lewis stated he will check, but doesn't think we can do that.

PRESENTATION: ELIZABETH CONNOR – GREAT MIAMI RIVERWAY

Ms. Connor presented information on the 2017 Ohio Tourism Market – resulting in 428,000 jobs. She noted the following (copy attached):

- Defining Tourism
- Ohio tourism Market
- Economic Impact of SW Ohio Tourism
- What is the 'Great Miami Riverway'
- Goal
- Experience your region
- Our partners – Franklin is one of them
- Strategic direction
- Marketing
- Signage & Wayfinding
- Connecting the Trail to Economic Development
- 2 locations in the City for signage
- Marketing
- Small Business Partners
- Physical Improvements
- How You can participate

Mayor Hall and Council thanked her for the presentation.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2018-14 ESTABLISHING A ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OR COMMENCEMENT OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS AND/OR RETAIL DISPENSARIES WITHIN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN

Mrs. Dinkler stated that this replaces the emergency Ordinance 2018-13 which was passed on June 18, 2018. It is a one year moratorium on the establishment or commencement of medical marijuana cultivators, processors and or retail dispensaries. It can be repealed by Council at any time before the moratorium expires.

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

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-14; seconded by Mr. D. Centers. 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 2018-43 AUTHORIZING WARREN COUNTY TO DEMOLISH THE STRUCTURE AT 525 RILEY BOULEVARD UTILIZING NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM FUNDS

Mr. Lewis stated we are giving Warren County authority to demolish 525 Riley Boulevard. Warren County will handle all aspects of the demolition and we will pay 50% of the cost.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-43; 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 2018-44 GRANTING A 25 FOOT WIDE PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF FRANKLIN AT THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY LOCATED ON BAXTER DRIVE

Mr. Conway stated this is part of a project to bring high speed internet to the Public Works Facility and fiber to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The easement is needed to extend the utilities from the end of Baxter Drive for approximately 420 feet to the north.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-44; seconded by Mr. D. Centers. 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 2018-45 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT FINAL APPLICATIONS FOR THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION'S STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AS REQUIRED, FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2019 (PY 33) FOR THE DOWNTOWN SIGNAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PHASE 1 AND THE HAROLD STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. Conway stated this is authorization to submit the final applications to OPWC Issue II program for 1) Downtown Signal Management System, Phase 1 and 2) Harold Street Roadway Improvements. Estimated costs are:

Downtown Signal Management System – Phase 1
- 64.74% in CMAQ funds (\$760,000)
- 21% in local share/City funds (\$246,600)
- 14.26% in OPWC funds (\$167,400)

Harold Street Roadway Improvements
- 51.6% in local share/City funds (\$160,000.00)
- 48.4% on OPWC funds (\$150,000.00)

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-45; 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.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Hall introduced the following: Ordinance 2018-15 Levying Assessments for the Improvement of City Streets and Public Ways by the Lighting thereof for the Year 2019

Public Hearing scheduled for August 6, 2018.

DISCUSSION: UPDATE ON ISSUES & GOALS

Mr. Lewis presented the following update:

Downtown - 449 S. Main – on tonight's agenda for demolition and 335 S. Main (by the Tavern) needs to come down also.

Murals – They were redone by Eric last year; 3rd/Main St. mural is finished and will get a quote to add more detail; may do another mural (nightingale mural); started tours of the murals with the start of the Farmers Market. We want to do an info pamphlet and also need a vehicle to use for the murals tour.

Forever Franklin is purchasing benches and trash cans for the downtown.

Mr. D. Centers noted that the rubber mulch around the trees downtown needs to be contained.

Mr. Lewis stated we need to look for a streetscape program – as we need to update our downtown. It was asked if the Fourth Street Water tank has been cleaned. Mr. Inman stated it has already been cleaned.

Mr. Lewis added that we have a program for cleaning the tanks

Parks - At the August 1 meeting of the Park Board, they will review the plan that Warren County Planning Commission has drafted for the Park land. We will be applying for a 50/50 grant from Land & Water Conservation and looking at naming rights. The pool is going good and he will be sending a report out to Council and the Township. Mr. B. Centers added that additional parking is needed at the pool for Special Events.

I-75/I-73 beautification – We are looking at it and will have a drawing with costs.

Entrance to the City – City Sign, receiving quotes on, and we have had trouble finding someone to do it.

Property – 449 S. Main we are bringing it up to standards and then decide what we do with it

Rental Inspection Program – Working on a draft ordinance and it will be presented to the Committee to review, renters & homeowner and we can make it fit our needs (Safety Council)

Elderly Housing Project (Deardoff Road) – We can't do this as there're isn't enough land to do what you want to at this time.

Special Events - Budget is \$50,000 this year for everything; been buying items as we can so we don't have to rent them.

Economic Development – Mr. B. Centers stated we need to revisit the Comprehensive Plan and update it. He's talked to WC Regional Planning Commission and they can do it for under \$20,000. Consensus of Council is that it needs updated. Mr. B. Centers will bring in a sample document for Council to review.

NIC Property Maintenance – Mr. Lewis stated that they have tightened up and doing a better job.

Use of Conservancy Land – We are not allowed to use the land.

Mayor Hall asked if anyone had anything else to add. Mr. Aldridge stated we need to do the Comprehensive Plan update. Mr. Lewis asked if Warren County have people (residents) involved. Mr. B. Centers stated yes, they have individuals involved.

Mayor Hall thanked Mr. Lewis and all of staff – we need to keep the list updated.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis had no report tonight – it was sent on Thursday.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher stated that it was a great 4th of July – parade, fireworks and it was family time. He thanked the Special Events Committee and staff.

Mr. Denny Centers stated it was a good 4th of July. Also, he needs a proclamation for the Purple Heart Recognition and Dedication of the Veteran Memorial Monument at the Springboro Cemetery on August 5, 2018.

Mrs. Fouts stated that the 4th of July parade was great; there are weeds off Pennyroyal Road at SR 25 and great job on the mowing by the Public Works Department.

Mr. Ruppert thanked everyone for their work on the 4th of July Parade – was a great parade. Asked about the tree removal at the new park (on Sixth Street). Mr. Lewis stated that scrub trees are only being taken down and we will save the mature trees.

Mr. Aldridge stated the 4th of July was a blast. Great turn out for the fireworks and asked about the traffic getting out of the Park (was done in a reasonable time); thanks to the Beal Road residents for coming tonight and that he was impressed with the presentation tonight.

Mr. B. Centers stated that the National Night Out is August 7th, done by the Police Department and the 4th of July was a lot of fun and good turnout. Thanks to Peggy for her work on the Farmer's Market and we're having a good turnout. Also, Chief Westendorf has been elected as Vice President of the Ohio Fire Chief's Association – congrats.

Mayor Hall also congratulated Chief Westendorf; the 4th of July parade, festival and fireworks was great & fantastic. Thanks to all of staff and the committees.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee or official, with no action afterwards; 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.

Mayor Hall reconvened and adjourned the meeting.

Todd Hall, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council