

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 6, 2018

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 6, 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

There were 10 visitors and one member of the press (Middletown Journal) at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mrs. Karisa Steed, Assistant to the City Manager; Mrs. Lynnette Dinkler, Law Director; Mrs. Amy Miller, Acting Finance Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Duggett, who's working towards being an Eagle Scout.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the July 16, 2018 regular meeting; 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.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks.

PRESENTATION THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, DR. GEBHART & CHIEF WESTENDORF

Chief Westendorf stated we've been working a long time to achieve this recognition and introduced Mr. Alex Koon, from the American Heart Association. Mr. Koon explained the Lifeline EMS recognition is a program designed to showcase Emergency Medical Service organizations for excellent STEMI care.

The City of Franklin Fire & EMS is driving improvements in the care of STEMI patients. They are one of 48 agencies in the State of Ohio to receive the '2018 American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline EMS Performance Achievement Award'. On behalf of the American Heart Association, staff and volunteers, he presented the 'American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline 2018 EMS Achievement

Award' to the City of Franklin Fire & EMS Division. Mr. Koon briefly explained the program and added that the Department scored 75% or higher on certain criteria. Congratulations on your accomplishment. Chief Westendorf thanked him for the award.

Dr. Gebhart also thanked him for the award. He briefly explained that this means we partner with the hospital (Atrium) to get care for the patients right away. We give unique service for our citizens as we respond quickly, professionally and efficiently. This is a great award to receive.

Chief Westendorf presented certificates & pins to Lt. Kyle Lovelace, FF/Medic Scot Rauh and FF/EMT Ray Seehousen, who are present tonight.

Chief Westendorf stated it's a partnership between the hospital and EMS. We are young and take this seriously. Thanks and congrats to the guys.

Mayor Hall and Council thanked them for coming. Chief Westendorf has done a fantastic job with the department and we applaud all of you. On behalf of Council, thank you.

UPDATE: CHIEF RUSS WHITMAN

Chief Whitman gave a brief update on the following:

- Beal Road, two of the visitors at the last meeting were stopped and received warnings for speeding. We're working with the Highway Patrol as speeding is a problem in that area per the info received from the speed sign.
- National Night Out is tomorrow night and we several things planned: American Warrior Ninja course, bounce house, Fire & Police vehicles, EMS, and Warren County will be there. Also, we will have food and thanked those companies that are participating. It is getting bigger & better.

There was some discussion on putting up a stop sign (Beal Road area, can't do), looking at cutting down the hill so you can see; people are running the stop sign, have to be careful; if the mobile speed sign records speeders (yes, records speed but not the number of vehicles). Mr. Lewis stated that he called Todd and Tim about their truck traffic that needs to slow down. Chief Whitman stated that the speed sign is the warning and that we will now issue tickets.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2018-15 LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2019

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

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 2018-15; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2018-16 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-07 TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the first supplemental this year. Appropriations are needed for the following funds:

- General Fund - \$39,800 increase to cover the cost of building inspection permits (\$30,000) and 9 ballistic vests for the Police Department (\$9,800)
- Capital Projects Fund - \$42,800 increase to purchase extra server storage for building security cameras (\$24,600), extra server storage for cruiser cameras (\$13,400) and door security upgrade (\$4,800) where we didn't budget enough originally for the Police Department

Mr. Lewis added that we upgrading door security for all departments. The Fire Department is okay and Public Works is doing their own. The Police Department and City Building are next and we are going to the card system, and eventually go to picture ids and employee numbers. This was discussed by the Finance Council Committee at tonight's meeting and they are in support of this.

Mr. B. Centers asked why the police vests and security upgrade expenditures are not coming out of the Police Fund, why are they coming out of the General Fund. Chief Whitman stated the Police Department is in the General Fund and we hadn't planned on these additional expenses, and will need the money before the year end. Mr. Lewis stated that money is in the General Fund and is being transferred from the General Fund into the Police Fund. All monies in the Police Fund come from the General Fund. There was some discussion that this transfer could wait, but will be needed before the end of the year. Mayor Hall added we can do it now or wait until later in the year. Mr. B. Centers stated we usually do a supplemental in October. Mr. Lewis stated we will probably have another supplemental in October or November.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-16; 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.

RESOLUTION 2018-46 ESTABLISHING THE RATES FOR SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION IN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

Mr. Inman stated that this is the second renewal of the contract with Rumpke and there is one more renewal on the current contract. The new rate will be \$16.70 per month (\$13.99 collection cost plus \$2.71 administrative fee). All of the other costs for services remain the same from Rumpke. The new rate will be effective October 1, they do a very good and we have no issues with Rumpke.

Mr. Aldridge added that on a rate comparison with surrounding cities provided by Mr. Inman, we are in the middle.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-46; 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.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated the monthly reports for income tax revenue and cash position are in your Council packet.

Also, Mr. Lewis stated we need to establish the date & time for Halloween and asked about doing it on October 31st, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There was some discussion and majority agreed to have Halloween on October 31st, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and to establish the date/time for the next five years. A Resolution will be on the next agenda.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher stated he was proud of Chief Westendorf and his team. Also, its great Chief Whitman can find sponsors to partner with the City for the 'National Night Out' and thanks to everyone.

Mr. D. Centers stated he's looking forward to the Car Show this coming weekend. He also presented a Proclamation at the 'Veteran Memorial Monument and Wounded Warriors Ceremony' recently held in Springboro.

Mrs. Fouts stated congrats to Chief Westendorf, great job and appreciated. Also, congrats & great job to Chief Whitman. The house on 6th Street that was boarded up, isn't now and they are working on it. Mr. Lewis stated he's been watching the property. Mrs. Fouts asked about the pavement by Gold Star, it's bad and asked if it's going to be replaced. Mr. Inman stated that it has been patched due to a water break. Mrs. Fouts added congrats to David who's working towards his Eagle Scout.

Mr. Ruppert congratulated Chief Westendorf and his department on the EMS award. Also, he's looking forward to the Police Event, National Night Out.

Mr. Aldridge echoed all the comments about the Fire & EMS Department, great department and great service. At the Park Council Committee meeting last week, we had a great presentation by Greg Orosz, Warren County Regional Planning Commission, on preliminary plans for the proposed new park. Mr. Lewis added he will be sending out info to Council.

Mr. B. Centers stated that Greg, will also be doing the Comprehensive Plan update. Thanks to David Duggett, Boy Scout, for coming tonight. Also, he will be at the National Night Out tomorrow night.

Mayor Hall stated outstanding job by the Fire & EMS Department, great recognition to receive. Also, it's confusing, on Second Street, going up the hill, it says 35 mph, the highway patrol sits by the store & lock and the speed sign says 40 mph. Chief Whitman stated its 35 mph and then 40 mph in front of the Church. Mr. Hall questioned the speed limit in this area. Mr. Lewis stated he'll have the traffic engineer review it, but he thinks it's controlled by the State and questions if the City can change the speed limit. Also, at David Blvd. /4th Street, tree workers were there, but at the second house, there is a tree that is

drooping to the ground and they didn't do anything to it. Mr. Lewis stated he will check on it – if it's in the right-of-way we can take care of it. Also, congrats to Scout David Duggett.

Mr. Aldridge asked if the trash cans and benches are out yet, and thanks to Forever Franklin. Mr. Lewis stated yes, and also thanks to the Public Work employees for putting them up and that they do look nice.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation re: NYNY before Liquor Control Commission and Warren County Court of Common Pleas, with no action afterwards; seconded by Mr. D. Centers. 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.

Mayor Hall and members of Council entered into executive session to discuss pending litigation re: NYNY before Liquor Control Commission and Warren County Court of Common Pleas, with no action afterwards at 6:53 p.m.

At 7:52 p.m., Mayor Hall reconvened and adjourned the meeting.

Todd Hall, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council