

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 7, 2019

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, January 7, 2019, 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	absent

There was one member of the press and 2 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Police Chief Russ Whitman; Fire Chief Jonathan Westendorf; Mrs. Amy Miller, Acting Finance Director; Mrs. Lynnette Dinkler, Law Director; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mrs. Karisa Steed, Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ed Richter.

RESOLUTION 2019-01 APPOINTING A MEMBER OF COUNCIL AS MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2019

Mayor Hall asked for nominations for Mayor.

Mr. B. Centers stated that he'd like to remain as Vice Mayor – if that affects this nomination.

Mrs. Fouts nominated Mr. Hall; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. There being no further nominations, Mayor Hall closed the nominations and called for a vote.

The vote on Resolution 2019-01, appointing Mr. Hall as Mayor:

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

Motion passed. Mr. Hall will serve as Mayor for 2019.

RESOLUTION 2019-02 APPOINTING A MEMBER OF COUNCIL AS VICE MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2019

Mayor Hall asked for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Mr. Ruppert nominated Mr. Brent Centers; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. There being no further nominations, Mayor Hall closed the nominations and called for a vote.

The vote on Resolution 2019-02, appointing Mr. B. Centers as Vice Mayor:

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

Motion passed. Mr. B. Centers will serve as Vice Mayor for 2019.

APPROVE THE CLERK'S JOURNAL AND ACCEPT THE TAPES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2018, REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to approve the December 17, 2018 minutes as written; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks at tonight's meeting.

RESOLUTION 2019-03 APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2019

Mayor Hall asked if anyone had any changes for the Council Committees for 2019. There being no changes, the Committees will remain the same for 2019.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Denny Centers, Chair
Michael Aldridge
Paul Ruppert

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Paul Ruppert, Chair
Matt Wilcher
Brent Centers

PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Matt Wilcher, Chair
Denny Centers
Todd Hall

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Debbie Fouts, Chair
Brent Centers
Todd Hall

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Brent Centers, Chair
Michael Aldridge
Todd Hall

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Michael Aldridge, Chair
Matt Wilcher
Debbie Fouts

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Todd Hall, Chair
Paul Ruppert
Debbie Fouts

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-03; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2019-04 APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE
TO CERTAIN DULY AUTHORIZED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF
FRANKLIN, OHIO AND TO OTHER REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Hall asked if anyone had any changes from the 2018 appointees, and if not, they will be re-appointed for 2019. There being no changes, they will remain the same for 2019.

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019:

Brent Centers, Council member Sonny Lewis, Alternate

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Technical Advisory Committee (MVRPC-TAC) for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019:

Sonny Lewis Barry Conway, Alternate

Warren County Regional Planning Commission for a one (1) year term, April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020:

Sonny Lewis	Barry Conway, Alternate
Barry Conway	Debbie Fouts, Alternate
Denny Centers	Brent Centers, Alternate

City of Franklin Planning Commission for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019:

Paul Ruppert, Council Member

Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund Board for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019:

Matt Wilcher, Council Member

Michael Aldridge, Council Member

Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependents Fund Board for a one year term, January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019:

Matt Wilcher, Council Member

Michael Aldridge, Council Member

Warren County Board of Health for a one (1) year term, January 1, 2019, to December 31, 2019:

Adam McClanahan

Board of Trustees of Franklin Home Owners, Inc. for two (2) year terms, January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020:

Tom Wiggerhaus
Wilbur DePew
Jane McGee

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-04; seconded by Mr. D. Centers. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2019-05 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO WARREN COUNTY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE 2019 STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

Mr. Conway stated we are applying for CDBG funds for the installation of storm sewers to control drainage and help prevent flooding at the end of Shawn Drive and in the area east of Allen Street. Also, it includes replacing ten deteriorated catch basins. These areas are classified as low-to-moderate income, per the 2010 Census, and meet the LMI qualification in the areas where the CDBG work is to be performed. Also, because Warren County has been classified as an urban county, the County Office of Grants Administration will administer the project, including bidding for the project.

The estimated project cost is \$220,000; estimated CDBG funds are \$165,000; and the estimated City's portion up to a maximum of \$55,000 will be paid out of the Stormwater Fund.

Mr. D. Centers asked what the carryover is for that fund. Mr. Lewis stated approximately \$376,000 is the carry over balance.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-05; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2019-06 DECLARING THE CITY MANAGER, THE CITY'S CONTRACTING OFFICER, TO BE EMPOWERED TO APPOINT AN INTERIM CITY MANAGER, IN HIS ABSENCE, TO CARRY OUT THE CITY'S OBJECTIVES, AS ESTABLISHED IN CHARTER SECTION 5.03

Mrs. Dinkler stated that this will allow Mr. Lewis to appoint an Interim City Manager in his absence, if it's for a period of less than thirty days. He can pick from three people, Chief Westendorf, Ross Coulton or Barry Conway, as provided by the Charter. This is in place of Council having to do legislation each time that Mr. Lewis is out of the office. If he's absent for more than thirty days, Council will appoint an Interim City Manager.

Mr. D. Centers asked why we are doing this. Mr. Lewis stated we just found out that it's in the Charter that Council has to appoint an Interim City Manager. We never did it this way before.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-06; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall added Resolution 2019-07 to the agenda.

RESOLUTION 2019-07 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A CLEAN OHIO TRAILS FUND GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN

Mr. Conway stated we're sorry this is last minute. This authorizes the City to apply for a Clean Ohio Trail Fund Grant to construct the missing section of the Great Miami Trail within the City of Franklin from Baxter Drive to the Warren/Butler County line. The project has received CMAQ funding through MVRPC. The cost is estimated at approximately \$1,200,000 and the City's share is approximately \$255,000. If the application is approved, the Clean Ohio Trail Fund Grant program is a reimbursement type program, so the City would have to pay the entire project cost upfront, and we would then be reimbursed \$191,250 under the Grant program. The costs will be paid out of the Recreation Fund.

Mr. D. Centers asked if money is available and if Middletown is still doing the project. Mr. Conway stated yes, and Middletown is proceeding with the project.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-07; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated the only thing he has is that we will be having Committee meetings within the next several weeks.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. D. Centers had no comments tonight.

Mrs. Fouts wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Ruppert had no comments tonight – glad to see everyone.

Mr. Aldridge wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. B. Centers stated he won’t be here for the February 4th Council meeting as he has military training. Also, Happy New Year to all.

Mayor Hall thanked everyone for voting him as Mayor again. In front of JD Legends, the catch basin right before the driveway, looks crushed. Also, he talked to the person who owns the RV Shop on Conover Drive and he’s looking to relocate. Mr. Lewis stated we’ve talked with him.

Also, do we have a date for the retreat yet – give dates to Mr. Lewis and we’ll set a date.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to cancel the January 21, 2019 Council meeting (Martin Luther King Day); seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed. The January 21, 2019 Council meeting is cancelled.

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

Mayor Hall yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Wilcher absent
Mr. D. Centers yes

Mr. Ruppert yes
Mr. B. Centers yes
Motion passed.

Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Todd Hall, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council