

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 1, 2019

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 1, 2019, 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	absent
Matt Wilcher	present

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Barry Conway.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the March 18, 2019 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

#### RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks at tonight's meeting.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2019-02 LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR SIDEWALKS, CURBS AND GUTTERS FOR THE ANNUAL SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM, PHASE 3

Mr. Conway stated that this is the final legislation for phase 3 of the annual sidewalk program. Letters will be mailed out May 1 and the property owner has until August 31, 2019 to pay the assessment in full. Any assessments unpaid after that date will be certified to the County Auditor for collection over a five year period. Mr. D. Centers stated he received a complaint about curbs on Arlington and asked if they are included in the project. Mr. Conway stated no, this is for sidewalks only and that curb repair will be included with the road paving projects.

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

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-02; seconded by Mr. Ruppert.

The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2019-19 AMENDING SECTION 5.11 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL**

Mrs. Dinkler stated that this amends Section 5.11 of the Personnel Policy Manual to be compliant with State and Federal Law as Ohio has legalized the use of medical marijuana and the US Federal government continues to ban all uses of marijuana, including for medical purposes, as criminal. To comply with federal regulations, there has to be zero tolerance. Employee use of medical marijuana will be considered on a case by case, under Ohio Law.

Discussion followed on prescription drugs, medical marijuana, medication that can be bought off the shelf, how it affects your job/accident, drug testing is mandatory and the policy will go into effect upon passage. Mrs. Dinkler noted that many substances are available. Also asked, if taking a legal prescription drug, if that's cause for termination. Mrs. Dinkler stated the City can terminate if warranted, and the employee needs to inform the City of any kind of drug use. Mrs. Dinkler added these will be handled on a case by case basis.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-19; seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2019-20 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A COMBINATION SEWER CLEANER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FROM BEST EQUIPMENT COMPANY THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM**

Mr. Inman stated this authorizes the purchase of a Vac Con Combination Sewer Cleaner from Best Equipment Company on State bid for a total cost of \$270,928.63. This will be a 5 year lease/buy purchase at \$59,546.00 a year. The price includes a \$100,000 trade-in for our Combination Sewer Cleaner. Mr. Inman added that this equipment is used all the time, i.e. curb boxes, service lines, main breaks, etc.

Mr. Lewis added that the first one was purchased in 1996 for \$124,000.00. Discussion continued on how long we've had the current machine (10 years); why the trade-in is so high; life span of the equipment (10-15 years) and that maintenance is included.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-20; seconded by Mr. Wilcher.

The vote:

Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	absent
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 that he will be sending out information on the Chamber Alliance Breakfast – a lot of good information has been presented in the past.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher thanked everyone for coming tonight. Also, he's received good comments on the sidewalk repair program. Mr. Lewis stated that the program has gone very well this time around. Mr. Wilcher added that the Historical Society is having a trivia night at JD legends this Sunday at 4 p.m.

Mr. D. Centers stated that he hopes Franklin Boxboard follows through with the demolition on that corner. Mr. Lewis stated they're working on it and he will get an update later this week from them. We will need help to prepare the RFP, they are on track and are doing the abatement now. Mr. D. Centers added that he has talked to past Middletown officials who have said that Cohen is good to work with. Mr. Lewis added that we are staying in contact with them and they have been good to work with. Mr. D. Centers asked about the trash on the interstate ramps, can we put up 'no littering' signs and/or signs saying 'will be fined'. Mr. Lewis stated we'd have to have ODOT approval and don't think the signs will help. Discussion continued on how to handle the cleanup of the ramps. Mr. Lewis explained the process for grass cutting and will check to see what the City can do. Mr. D. Centers also asked about the advertising flyers being thrown in driveways, what the City can do about them. After some discussion, Mr. Lewis stated he will check with Carlisle to see if we can implement the program that they are using. Mr. Lewis added, he doesn't like it when the flyers are left at empty buildings. We are going to be proactive about this.

Mr. Ruppert asked about the plans for the laundromat/house on 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Lewis stated the laundromat is scheduled for demo on the 9<sup>th</sup> and then the house (DeBo's). Mr. Aldridge stated he's talked to a couple of people who would like the bar out of the DeBo building. Mr. Lewis stated he's been told that the bar is gone, but will check. Mr. Aldridge thanked Chief Whitman for his recent assistance.

Mr. B. Centers had no comments tonight.

Mayor Hall stated by the water tower on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, there's a truck, car port, etc. on the road that leads back to the house.

Mr. Centers made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Wilcher.

The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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Todd Hall, Mayor

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Jane McGee, Clerk of Council