

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 15, 2019**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 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	present
Matt Wilcher	present

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the April 1, 2019 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks at tonight's meeting.

PRESENTATION WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF LARRY SIMS

Sheriff Sims thanked Council for the opportunity to be at tonight's meeting. He provided Council with his 2018 Year in Review Report (attached). He noted that an additional School Resource Officer was assigned to Kings Local School District and added two police dogs. He showed a rendering of the new Jail/Sheriff's Office and the relocation of Justice Drive. Sheriff Sims stated we continue to battle the heroin issue, seen some decline in overdoses but seeing an increase in the use of crystal meth. The current jail is at capacity and neighboring jurisdictions are assisting with jail space. Sheriff Sims thanked Council for their support and to let him know if they have any questions.

There was some discussion on other jurisdictions having jail overcrowding conditions. Sheriff Sims stated that Butler County has some bed space and most everyone else is full. Other jurisdictions are looking at expanding space, is a struggle everywhere.

Mayor Hall and Council thanked Sheriff Sims for coming to tonight's meeting.

RESOLUTION 2019-21 DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2020

Mayor Hall stated that this is the beginning of the process for 2020.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-21; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. 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 2019-22 AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF UP TO \$3,000 TO WARREN COUNTY KUSTOMS FOR THE 2019 FRANKLIN DOWNTOWN SATURDAY NIGHT CAR SHOW

Mayor Hall stated that Warren County Kustoms (Gary Bates) is asking for the City to reimburse the same amount for this year as last year. Mayor Hall asked Mr. D. Centers if this went to the Finance Council Committee.

Mr. D. Centers stated that this is an awesome event and the Finance Council Committee has not met on this.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-22; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. 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 2019-23 AWARDING THE BID FOR THE FRANKLIN WOODS WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Conway stated the bid opening for the Franklin Woods Watermain Replacement Project was held on April 10, 2018.

The following bids were opened and we recommend the bid be awarded to WG Stang, LLC, in the amount of \$1,101,992.00.

WG Stang LLC	\$1,101,992.00
Brackney, Inc.	\$1,125,127.80
Sturm Construction	\$1,162,602.00
Smithcorp Inc.	\$1,314,960.41
Smith & Brown Contractors, Inc.	\$1,352,684.88
Fillmore Construction, LLC	\$1,419,711.50
Majors Excavating	\$1,515,720.00

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-23; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

No legislation introduced.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Coulton stated the Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, 11:30 a.m. at the Park. Also, the demolition project of the laundromat on Sixth Street has started.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no Council comments at tonight's meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND PENDING LITIGATION REGARDING NEW YORK NEW YORK WITH NO ACTION AFTERWARDS

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation regarding New York New York with no action afterwards; 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.

At 6:23 p.m., Mayor Hall and members of Council entered into executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation regarding New York New York with no actions afterward.

At 8:00 p.m., Mrs. Fouts made the motion to exit out of the executive session; seconded by Mr. Wilcher.

The vote:

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

Motion passed. Mayor Hall reconvened the meeting.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Todd Hall, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council