

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 6, 2019

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 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 were three visitors and no press at tonight's meeting. Also present: Chief Westendorf, Fire & EMS Chief; Barry Conway, City Engineer; Karisa Steed, Assistant to the City Manager; Cindy Ryan, Finance Director; Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Lynnette Dinkler, Law Director; Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Westendorf.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the April 15, 2019 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. 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

Elizabeth Pryor stated she participated in the Flying Pig Marathon this past weekend. She would like to see Franklin host a similar marathon.

Mayor Hall stated that we do have a 5K run in the Fall and that she needs to talk to Chief Westendorf or Myra Haney, Forever Franklin.

Mrs. Pryor added that part of the money goes to organizations that help with the Flying Pig.

#### PRESENTATION 2020 CENSUS OVERVIEW – CAROLYN TEPE, PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST, U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

Mrs. Tepe stated that this counts people as of April 1 and is done every 10 years. She briefly noted the following: census data is used for apportionment, redistricting, funding & planning; canvassing to confirm address will begin in August; can do online or paper; results released to President 12/31/20 and to the States 4/1/21 for redistricting; began this process in 2018 and goes until 2020; she's responsible for four

counties, Warren, Butler, Preble and Dark; communities role is to have a census ambassador, serve on a complete count committee, work for the Census and follow 2020 census on Social Media. At this time, we're asking local governments to establish a volunteer committee made up of community leaders to increase awareness about the census and motivate residents to respond. We also encourage residents of the community to apply for jobs to assist with the count in their community. Information on data dissemination and training is available at census.gov/academy. Also, information is available on facebook, twitter, youtube, instagram, pinterest and on their website, census.gov.

There were some questions on how disabled persons are counted (counted by the facility or by address); if unemployment persons are included (done by another survey); immigrants counted in the State they are living in as of April 1; how college kids are counted (counted by college location); increase in population in southern states and April 1 is the official count day. (presentation attached)

**RESOLUTION 2019-24 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A 2008 ELGIN PELICAN STREET SWEEPER FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON GOV DEALS**

Mr. Inman stated that this authorizes the sale of the 2008 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper on Gov Deals as it is being replaced. Mr. Wilcher asked how much will we get for it. Mr. Inman stated we're hoping to get \$10,000 - \$15,000 for it.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-24; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. 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 2019-25 FINAL RESOLUTION FOR THE ODOT DOWNTOWN SIGNALS PHASE 1 (BARRY CONWAY)**

Mr. Conway stated that this is the final legislation required by ODOT for the Downtown Signal Project, Phase 1. The project reconstructs the traffic signals on Second Street at the intersections with River Street, Main Street and Riley Boulevard. The project is to be let for bid in June 2019 and work should be completed by August of 2020. The total project cost is estimated at \$1,174,000, OPWC share is \$167,400 and the City's estimated share is \$185,581.

Mr. D. Centers asked how many project phases are there and do we have to apply each time. Mr. Conway stated three phases and we don't have to, but we will.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-25; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. 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 2019-26 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE THREE-YEAR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE IAFF, LOCAL 3742

Mr. Lewis stated that this is to ratify the contract with the Fire Department. This has been discussed by Council in executive session and no decision was made. We are asking Council to approve the three year collective bargaining agreement. The pay schedule will be approved by the next Resolution. We also discussed fair share and an addendum to the marijuana policy in the contract.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to adopt; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. 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 2019-27 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-13 ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2019

Mr. Lewis stated that this includes the pay rates for the Fire Department as per Resolution 2019-26 just passed by Council.

Mr. B. Centers referred to Section 4 of Resolution 2019-27 and asked if performance evaluations are done. Mr. Lewis stated some departments do and some don't. Mr. B. Centers asked if this is subjective to the department head even without an evaluation. Mr. Lewis stated, yes, it is.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-27; 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 LEGISLATION

None tonight.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis referred to the handout given to Council. An individual has an agreement to purchase 8 acres at the end of Lakeview Drive, contingent upon annexation into the City. There will be 4 lots and the individual will extend water and sewer to the cul-de-sac. This needs to be supported by you (Council), before proceeding.

Mr. Wilcher asked if it will affect the water pressure. Mr. Lewis stated it will not and that he has talked with the person about this. Mr. Wilcher also asked about any drainage issues (back side of property). Mr. Lewis stated he wouldn't think there would be any, but he will make sure there's a buffer to address this. Mr. Wilcher stated he's not excited about this, think there will be problems, but has no objections.

Mr. Lewis stated there should be no problems. We will make sure grading is okay and that the person is aware of this.

Mrs. Fouts asked if there are any plans for the lots. Mr. Lewis stated the owner and 2 of his kids will have homes built and he's not sure what the plans are for the other lot. There will be 3 houses.

Mr. B. Centers asked if there is a letter of intent. Mr. Lewis stated no, he wanted feedback first before proceeding. He does have a tentative agreement to purchase the property, contingent upon Council being supportive of the annexation. Mr. B. Centers asked if we've contacted the Township. Mr. Lewis stated no, we've never done that before. Mr. B. Centers added he thinks we should. Mr. Wilcher asked if they will have to follow the Homeowners Association for that area. Mr. D. Centers stated he'd say no they don't have to, as this was not developed at that time. Mr. Lewis agreed and Mayor Hall stated he didn't think they would either. Mr. Wilcher asked what will be the size of the homes. Mr. Lewis stated we don't know, it will depend on the zoning of the area and it should be the same zoning of the area.

Mrs. Fouts added that the tree lines that were done to separate the homes should be talked about also. Mr. Lewis stated we'll make notes of the comments tonight and give the information to the Planning Commission. Drainage also needs to be addressed.

Mr. D. Centers asked if we can do a motion tonight. Mrs. Dinkler stated Council can make a general motion tonight. Mr. Lewis stated he just wants a general consensus, doesn't want a vote tonight. Mrs. Fouts stated we have a HOA, sure they will have concerns what they are doing. Mr. Lewis stated he has talked to the person purchasing the property, he will build nice homes and knows he will follow the rules.

Discussion continued. Mr. Ruppert stated for Council to give us a list of any questions and we will follow-up on at the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Lewis added we will tell them the conversation was favorable and that there were some questions about water run-off, etc. Mr. Aldridge added he doesn't want to restrict their building, but we have to protect the residents. There was some discussion on if the zoning will be changed from what the surrounding lots are. This will be considered by Planning Commission.

Mr. Lewis noted that the luncheon with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders is Friday; the laundromat building is down; abatement on Franklin Boxboard has started; the water main project (Franklin Woods) has started, W.G. Stang is the contractor and we have worked with them before; the swimming pool is painted & repairs are done and the Natureworks Grant will be for filters this year.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher had no comments tonight.

Mr. D. Centers had no comments tonight.

Mrs. Fouts asked if any decisions on what to do with the house we purchased across the street, have been made. Mr. Lewis stated no, but that it does need cleaned up, and thinks it is structurally sound.

Mr. Ruppert asked about the motor home, next to the laundromat. Mr. Coulton stated the owner is deceased, notice has been posted and we are waiting for a decision.

Mr. Aldridge stated we, the City and the HOPE Program, are in a partnership with the Schools for a guest speaker, Chris Herron, former college basketball player and Boston Celtic player, for students and residents. Mr. Herron is a motivational speaker on addiction to help others with recovery and aftercare counseling. More information will be coming.

Mr. B. Centers stated he didn't have anything tonight.

Mayor Hall stated that the Swifty gas station is getting trashed and looks like someone is living there. Mr. Lewis stated he will check it.

Mayor Hall also added that Travis Lykins is officially on the roster for the Boston Red Sox, pitcher, and needs to be recognized.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. 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 adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

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Todd Hall, Mayor

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Jane McGee, Clerk of Council