

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 20, 2019

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 20, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Vice Mayor Brent Centers presiding. Vice Mayor Centers stated that Mr. Aldridge will be late as his daughter is receiving an award tonight, 7<sup>th</sup> grade ‘Wildcat of the Year’.

Roll call showed:

Denny Centers	present
Paul Ruppert	present
Brent Centers	present
Todd Hall	absent
Michael Aldridge	absent – arrived at 6:15 p.m.
Debbie Fouts	present
Matt Wilcher	present

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to approve the Clerk’s Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the May 6, 2019 regular meeting; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

#### RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks.

#### PRESENTATION DAVID MCCANDLESS - DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE, OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN STEVE CHABOT

Mr. David McCandless, District Representative for Congressman Steve Chabot, stated he’s been in the Warren County office since 2011. He added that Congressman Chabot is on the Judiciary Committee, Small Business Committee and the Foreign Affairs Committee. Also, he’s the Chairman of the Small Business Committee.

Mr. McCandless added that his office assists constituents with federal agencies, Social Security & Medicare, Department of Veteran Affairs, and all branches of the Armed Forces, CIA & FBI. The

Cincinnati office offers assistance with IRS & immigration issues and emergency passports. His office also assists small businesses, is active in the communities and handles the service academy nomination process.

Mr. Lewis asked how many candidates for service academy nominations are from Warren County. Mr. McCandless stated 55-65% of the applications are from Warren County. There was some discussion with Mr. McCandless.

Vice Mayor B. Centers thanked Mr. McCandless for attending tonight's meeting. We appreciate Congressman Chabot's as he's been very receptive to Franklin and Warren County and please let him know.

RESOLUTION 2019-28            AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A NATUREWORKS GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN

Mr. Conway stated that this authorizes the City Manager to apply for a NatureWorks Grant to install a new pump and filter system for the pool. The estimated cost is \$66,000 and the City's share will be \$16,500. If we receive the grant, the City will pay upfront the cost and then be reimbursed.

Mr. Ruppert asked if this will be done by opening day. Mr. Conway stated no, this is for next year. Mr. Wilcher asked if we anticipate the Township to contribute towards the cost. Mr. Lewis stated no.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-28; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mr. Aldridge arrived at 6:15 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Vice Mayor B. Centers introduced the following legislation:

Ordinance 2019-03        Determining to Proceed with the Improvement of City Streets and Public Ways by the Lighting thereof for the Year 2020

Public Hearing will be at the June 3, 2019 meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE     STEVE INMAN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Mr. Inman briefly outlined his 2018 annual report (attached). He presented information on the Water Department which includes distribution and water treatment; Sewer Department which includes collection system; Stormwater; Street Department, roadways & miscellaneous; Parks Department, facilities & grounds; and major projects for 2018 and 2019.

Mrs. Fouts stated she spoke with some of those working in Franklin Woods and they said Franklin is good to work with.

Vice Mayor B. Centers asked if there is anything different from last year. Mr. Inman stated that main breaks are up, service lines down and that last year new reporting for main breaks was started.

Mr. Aldridge asked how many college kids are being employed this year. Mr. Inman stated four.

Mr. Wilcher added that this is a great report.

Mr. D. Centers stated it's a nice job in summarizing.

Vice Mayor B. Centers stated we appreciate all you do.

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Memorial Day Parade is Monday, 5/27/19, 9 a.m. lineup and it starts at 10 a.m. We will have flags to be handed out and to let him know if you need anything else. Also, thanks to the Fire Department for helping to organize – it will be a great parade.

- Remember the Chris Herron event tomorrow, 7 p.m. at the Franklin High School and it's free to the public.

- Mayor Hall and I met with Franklin Township about the pool, with Tracy Stivers, Administrator and Matt Jennings, Township Trustee. Mr. Jennings stated that they are having financial issues and that their third highest expenditure was the pool last year. Their finances are not as good now and they made a proposal which was presented at the Finance Council Committee's last meeting. Also, we paid for the grant share last year. They proposed a 75/25 split, and never pay any more than \$25,000.00. Mayor Hall presented this to the Finance Council Committee. Mr. D. Centers stated the maximum they will pay will be \$25,000; Finance Council Committee agreed and want a consensus of Council. Vice Mayor B. Centers asked what it has been. Mr. Lewis stated it's been over \$25,000 for about 10 years; will get exact amounts. The City did do the Township's share of the grant, repaired cracks and painted the bottom of the pool, approximately \$36,000 and this had to be done.

Mrs. Fouts asked what has changed on their part to go to that amount, is this forever and asked if they will contribute money towards the Drug Task Force.

Mr. Lewis stated that the Township has paid more than \$25,000 the last several years and they agreed with the letter that we sent. Mrs. Fouts asked why they didn't contribute to the Drug Task Force. Mr. Lewis stated they didn't have enough money. Mrs. Fouts stated she'd like to see how many Township residents attend the pool and doesn't think this agreement should be forever.

Mr. Lewis stated we'll see if we can track it. Mr. Ruppert asked if we have any idea of why their revenues are down. Mr. Lewis stated he doesn't know. Discussion continued on why their revenues are down; what revenues they receive (property taxes) and if they receive any extra monies from levies. It was noted they get 2 money draws for property tax assessments from the County. Mrs. Fouts stated that there is a lot of construction in Carlisle and Springboro, that is high dollar and don't want to do this for a long period of time. Mr. Lewis stated that there has been a contract, but hasn't been renewed the last couple of years. The agreement is 50/50 split of costs. Mr. B. Centers stated that property taxes don't bring in that much money. Discussion continued on the money they receive, the amount and where it comes from.

Mr. Lewis stated that Mr. Hall and he didn't agree to do anything – said we had to take this to Council.

Vice Mayor B. Centers asked how should we proceed? Mr. Wilcher stated he'd like to think about it. Mr. Aldridge stated it needs to be a formal agreement with terms. Mr. D. Centers asked if the contract that

hasn't been signed, is an annual contract. Mr. Lewis stated up until the last 3-4 years, we have followed the original contract. Mr. D. Centers stated he'd like a copy of the contract. Mr. Lewis stated they've always held up their part of the contract. We've paid for the grants the last several years. He will send out the original contract to Council.

Mr. Wilcher thanked Mr. McCandless for the information he presented tonight; thanks to Mr. Inman on his report and congrats to Mr. Aldridge's daughter, on her award tonight

Mr. D. Centers agreed with Mr. Wilcher comments and congrats to Mr. Aldridge's daughter, Sophie on her award – great parents.

Mrs. Fouts stated she appreciates the pool information on the Facebook page; laundromat site looks good; and it's exciting to see what's going on at that corner. Mrs. Fouts added that the City looks great.

Mr. Ruppert stated at the recent Planning Commission meeting, Sunstar stated they have an estimated 40,000 cu yards of top soil that they need to move and asked if they have been in to talk with Mr. Lewis about it. Mr. Lewis stated he called their business manager about it. He was gone last week and hasn't talked to him yet.

Mr. Aldridge thanked Mr. Inman for the report, he does a lot and has a great staff. Also, thanks to Mr. Lewis and a reminder that the Chris Herron event is tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the High School. This is a great partnership with the School, glad to be able to do this. Also, thanks to Chief Westendorf for working on this.

Vice Mayor B. Centers thanked Mr. Inman for his report and thanked Mr. McCandless for coming tonight. We joined the Warren County Chamber Alliance for the DC fly in. We have met with Congressman Chabot twice, Mr. Lewis and him, along with the Chamber, many different federal agencies and discussed bringing skilled trades to the area. Also, how to get our students involved, infrastructure, opioid problem and etc. It was very beneficial, definite value for the City and please let the Congressman know that.

Mr. Lewis stated the HOPE Program, at the Chamber Award Dinner, won the Perry Maxwell Award, for their work on the opioid problem. They have worked very hard and proud of the program.

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

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

Motion passed.

Vice Mayor B. Centers adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

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Todd Hall, Mayor

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Jane McGee, Clerk of Council