

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 3, 2019

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 3, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Todd Hall presiding.

Roll call showed:

Denny Centers	absent
Paul Ruppert	present
Brent Centers	present
Todd Hall	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Debbie Fouts	present
Matt Wilcher	absent

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

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

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the May 20, 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	absent
Mr. D. Centers	absent

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Mr. Richard Bloom, 103 Stadia Drive, stated there's an issue with a residence on Virginia Avenue. He has called the police several times about loud music, also doing drugs and about 10 people live there. Also, vehicles are laying rubber on the streets and there's a car at 102 Virginia with flat tires. Code enforcement not doing their job and he's been told by the police that they are checking on the complaints. Something needs to be done. Mr. Bloom added that he has talked to the Chief about this and the police don't come unless something happens. Mr. Bloom continued that they revive up vehicles in the driveway, think they have a police scanner so they know when the police are coming, High Street is also bad and several of the residents are upset.

Mayor Hall stated we appreciate you coming in to let us know. Mr. Bloom added that there are also parked cars with flat tires and he has called NIC and left a message. Also, at the house at Skokiaan/Stadia, they have a gravel driveway.

Mayor Hall thanked him for coming.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2019-03 DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2020

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the second of three steps that Council has to do yearly.

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

Mrs. Fouts made the made to adopt Ordinance 2019-03; 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 absent
Mr. Ruppert yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2019-29 ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT IT TO THE WARREN COUNTY AUDITOR

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Lewis stated that this is done yearly, is required by State Law and has to be filed with the County Auditor by July 20th. This will be used by the County to issue a Certificate of Estimated Resources which tells us the amount of property tax and local government funds we will receive for the next year. Also, the pension funds will be added to the budget.

Mayor Hall closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-29; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2019-30 AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH FILLMORE CONSTRUCTION LLC FOR THE 2019 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT

Mr. Conway stated that bids for the 2018 sidewalk repair project were opened May 29, 2019 and the following bids were received:

Fillmore Construction LLC	\$117,640
Dance Excavation	\$119,000

R.A. Miller Construction	\$119,550
Prus Construction Company	\$124,800
Adleta Construction	\$127,305
WG Stang LLC	\$142,250

We are recommending to award the bid to Fillmore Construction Company.

Mayor Hall asked if they have done work in the City before. Mr. Conway stated yes, they did work last year in the City.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-30; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

FIRE & EMS UPDATE

JONATHAN WESTENDORF, CHIEF OF FIRE & EMS

Mr. Lewis stated we are removing this from the agenda as Chief Westendorf had to leave town unexpectedly.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis had no report tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ruppert asked about the work going on at the Park. Mr. Lewis stated we are getting free material for the Park. Mr. Ruppert stated that the City is looking great. Also, he will miss the next meeting. Mr. Ruppert thanked Mr. Bloom for coming tonight.

Mrs. Fouts stated with the figures coming in on the pool, she recommends a committee, as we did before, with the Township. She would like to be on it, needs to be in place for next year and would like for Karisa to be involved also. Mr. B. Centers stated that Mayor Hall and he was on the Committee before and would like to be on it also. He does think doing it next year will be more beneficial.

Mr. Aldridge asked if we advertise any sports. Mr. Lewis stated we do advertise baseball, put it on Facebook and tell new residents. Mrs. Fouts stated she's only seen one post on Facebook, need to do more, and she shared the page. Also, the laundromat that's been taken down, vehicles are parking there. Mr. Lewis stated he will check on it. Also, what is the projected date for the demolition of the house on the corner? Mr. Lewis stated that is a County project and they will put it out to bid. Mrs. Fouts thanked Mr. Bloom for coming in and letting us know what's going on.

Mr. Aldridge stated the new City sign on Second Street looks great. Thanks to Mr. Mears and all involved with the Memorial Day Parade. The Chris Herron event on 5/21/19 – he's a great speaker and it was an outstanding event. Thanks to Chief Westendorf as he did a lot behind the scene. Also, they are looking at having this event during school hours. He spoke to Mr. Herron about our program and he said

he may be able to help with it. Mr. Ruppert added if you get a chance to hear him, do it, the presentation was incredible. Mr. Aldridge added it was very impressive.

Mr. B. Centers thanked Mr. Bloom for coming tonight. The parade was outstanding and the Park looks nice.

Mayor Hall asked who takes care of the bathrooms at the concession stand as they were vandalized this week. Mr. Inman stated they worked on them today and are good to go. On Stadia, a house mid-way from Second Street, rebuilt the retaining wall in front and now it's taped off due to so much water there. Mr. Lewis stated we're having lots of issues this Spring and we will check it out. Mayor Hall added, also, on the right side going towards Harpland, is an issue. Mr. Lewis added that this will be checked also. The Memorial Day Parade was fabulous and we will need to assist with it. Mr. Lewis stated that we do.

Mr. Aldridge made the comment of seeing Gordon Ellis, past Police Chief, on the TV before the Indianapolis race – proud of him.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Todd Hall, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council