

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 17, 2019

Members of the Franklin City Council met on Monday, June 17, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Todd Hall presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There were two visitors at tonight's meeting and one member of the press. Also present: Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mrs. Amy Miller, Secretary to the Finance Director; Sabrina Spence, Clerk of Courts; Barry Conway, City Engineer; Karissa Steedman, Assistant to the City Manager; Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Lynnette Dinkler, Law Director; Jane McGee, Clerk of Council and Sonny Lewis, City Manager.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Whitman.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the June 3, 2019 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks tonight.

ORDINANCE 2019-04 EMERGENCY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-01 TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

Mr. Lewis stated that this reallocates money in the Court Special Projects Fund, an additional \$1,545.00. This Ordinance, along with 3 Resolutions on tonight's agenda, are in regards to hiring a part-time Deputy Clerk in the Municipal Court.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-04; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mayor Hall	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes

Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Wilcher yes
Mr. D. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert absent

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2019-31 APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL PER MONTH COST DUE TO THE RECENT PASSAGE OF THE OHIO TRANSPORTATION BUDGET BILL

Mr. Lewis stated we've received notice from Rumpke that they are asking for an addendum to the contract which approves an additional \$0.09 per unit per month added to the City's monthly unit price. Mr. Dan Ferrier, Rumpke representative, is here to answer any questions. Mr. Ferrier stated Rumpke is asking all the municipalities that we have contracts with to do this. The State of Ohio recently passed the 2019 Ohio Transportation Budget Bill which requires Ohio drivers to pay an additional tax of 10.5 cents per gallon of gas and 19 cents per gallon of diesel fuel, beginning July 1, 2019. To continue to deliver reliable service to our communities, we realized the adjustment must be reflected in our rates. We reviewed the equipment, routing and resources required to service each customer; identified the average productivity per hour for each stop receiving residential service and multiplied it by the tax impact per truck hour. This provided the tax impact per yard, from which we determined the average impact per stop. Using this formula, the expense amounts to a few cents per month per stop. This is how we arrived at the cost of \$0.09 per unit per month. Discussion continued on possible future cost increases; costs are companywide, not specific to communities; contract has been amended in the past to cover costs (State tipping fees) and that the increase is the same for all.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-31; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2019-32 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2018-64 AUTHORIZING POSITION TITLES AND THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR EACH TITLE FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN PERSONNEL FOR THE YEAR 2019

Mr. Lewis stated that this provides for a part-time Deputy Clerk in the Municipal Court.

Mr. B. Centers asked why we are doing this.

Mr. Lewis stated we've always had a part-time person in the Court. In the past, it was a 1099 employee and the last audit said that this has to be a payroll position.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-32; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Wilcher yes
Mr. D. Centers yes

Mr. Ruppert absent
Mr. B. Centers yes
Mayor Hall yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2019-33 ADOPTING A POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR THE PART-TIME POSITION OF A DEPUTY CLERK IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the job description for the part-time Municipal Court Deputy Clerk position.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-33; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2019-34 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-27 ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2019

Mr. Lewis stated that this establishes the salary for the part-time Municipal Court Deputy Clerk at \$15.00 per hour. The person will be working 20 hours or less.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-34; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2019-35 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION'S STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AS REQUIRED, FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2021 (PY35) FOR THE DOWNTOWN SIGNALS PHASE TWO PROJECT AND THE WILLIAM GOOD BLVD. - SCHOLL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Conway stated that OPWC Issue Two operates on a two-year cycle. This is a pre-application for funding in Program Year 2021 and we're recommending the following projects to be submitted. The first project is the Downtown Signals Phase 2 Project and the second project is the William Good Boulevard-Scholl Road Improvement project. The Downtown Signals Phase 2 has an estimated cost of \$1,174,000 which would be paid as follows: 64.74% CMAQ funds (\$760,000); 21% local share/City funds (\$246,600) and 14.26% in OPWC funds (\$167,400). The William Good Blvd.-Scholl Road Improvement

project estimated cost is \$1,160,500 which would be paid as follows: \$51% local share/City funds (\$591,855) and 49% OPWC funds (\$568,645).

Mr. B. Centers asked if these projects should be separated into two motions, in case we don't want to proceed with one of the projects. Also, does he need to abstain from voting on the Scholl Road Improvement Project as he lives on Scholl Road? Mrs. Dinkler, Law Director, stated it doesn't have to be separated into two motions and he can vote on the resolution.

Mr. D. Centers asked, if it is separated into two motions, if it will affect the other project application. Mr. Conway stated that they are submitted as two separate projects, we have just included them in one resolution. Mr. B. Centers asked if we don't receive the grant, will we proceed with the project. Mr. Lewis & Mr. Conway stated it will depend at that time. Mr. Lewis added we are putting money aside for the projects. Mr. Conway added we've not been approved for either project at this time. Mr. Lewis added we are just applying for the grant.

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

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

Motion passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

RUSS WHITMAN, POLICE CHIEF

Chief Whitman presented his end of year 2018 report to Council. He stated we have partnered with the Franklin City Schools for Resource Officers. We are beginning the hiring process for a Police Officer. The average age of the officers is 42, 40 years for dispatchers and 15 years is average length of employment.

Chief Whitman went over the following information:

- Calls for service 2013 to 2018 have been consistent the last several years
- Time of day for crime reports has been consistent
- Day of week consistent
- Felony crimes have been consistent
- Misdemeanor crimes are slowly increasing
- Major crime comparison by year – auto thefts are up, others consistent
- Auto crashes are up
- K-9 Colt – deployments up in 2018 and have had more meth & cocaine finds
- S.C.A.R. team – conducted 5 saturation patrols focusing on drug problem areas & partnered with the Drug Task Force
- STEP/IDEP Grant – Impaired Driving Enforcement Program, \$29,937; Selected Traffic Enforcement Program, \$21,485 and 298 citations were wrote between October 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. Drug Drop Box 2017 & 2018 – in 2018, 260 pounds of medications and in 2017, 128 pounds of medications. Safety Town started today, have a.m. and p.m. sessions and had a great turnout. Everyone is invited to stop by, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Chief Whitman added that the aggressive drug enforcement has had a ripple effect on the supporting crimes that go with drug usage. We are now seeing the transition from heroin as our current drug of choice to methamphetamine. The supporting crimes of meth are usually more violent.

We continue to have one officer with the Warren County Drug Task Force full-time and one officer with the Regional Agency Narcotics and Gun Enforcement (RANGE) Task Force in Montgomery County part-time. Both Task Forces' have local, county, state, and federal officers on the teams. By working with both teams, we are able to stay up-to-date on the drug trends and train our officers accordingly both physically and mentally.

We would not be able to accomplish our mission without the continual support of our City Staff, our City Council and our Citizens. Chief Whitman thanked Council for the opportunity to do the job that our citizens have come to expect and deserve.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Met with the gentleman who was at the last meeting about his issues on Virginia Avenue. Captain Coulton went out and took care of the car issue. Mr. Lewis stated we take care of issues as soon as we know about them.

- A couple of months ago we talked about the pool, and we have met with the Township. The information has been sent out to you. What do you want to do – discuss it, wait or something else?

Mr. D. Centers asked if he has meet with them and were they okay with what we proposed. Mr. Lewis stated he talked to Traci, (Township Administrator) and she was okay with it. There's no contract yet, but they agreed with it and I think all your concerns were answered – 75/25 split of costs, five year contract and contract can be renegotiated if their revenues increase. Let him know if there's anything else that you want.

Mayor Hall stated if everyone agrees, let's go ahead with it. Mr. Lewis stated we discussed a 5 year contract and we both agree with it.

There being a consensus of Council, a contract will be brought back to Council.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher stated it's exciting to see Franklin Boxboard coming down and the new business coming to town. He emailed Mr. Lewis this morning about a property issue and it's being taken care of. Mr. Lewis stated we're looking at changing our code – reviewing it, will be updating and it will be presented to Council.

Mrs. Fouts asked about Mr. Bloom's complaints on Virginia Avenue. Mr. Lewis stated we are taking care of them. Mrs. Fouts asked about the house that burnt down, when will it be cleaned up. Mr. Lewis stated there are some issues and we are working with the owner to get it taken care of as soon as possible. He will update Council on the issue. The work done in Franklin Landing is awesome. Also, WG Stang, who's working in Franklin Woods, is a good company and the residents are saying good things about them. Also, are we looking at e-filing for City taxes? Mr. Lewis stated we talked about this earlier this year, have some issues and hope to make it easier for people to file. Also, everything is going well and concerts at JD Legends have been under control.

Mr. D. Centers thanked Chief Whitman for tonight's report. Do we know when they plan to start at the old Dayton Daily News Building? Mr. Lewis stated that they started a month ago moving equipment, etc. The Company is from Italy and REDI Cincinnati & JobsOhio handled most of the negotiations. Mrs. Fouts added that you and staff worked hard on this and it's a credit to you and your staff.

Mr. Aldridge asked if there is a rendering of the building. Mr. Lewis stated the outside of the building is not changing, may see a change in the signage.

Mr. B. Centers thanked Chief Whitman for his report tonight. Also, the Chamber of Commerce had their recognition banquet and the Carlisle Dairy Queen was the Business of the Year. Also, the following were recognized: Industry of the Year, Greenpoint Metals; Thirkield Award for Commercial Property Renovation – The Bank: Tattoos and Body Piercing; Eldridge Award for Historic Preservation – Bob Bowman; Perry Maxwell Award for Community Goodwill – Project HOPE; President's Award – Jim Mears; and Citizen of the Year – Tami Chamberlain.

Mr. Lewis stated he visited with Green Point Metals, along with Congressman Chabot today and it was good to have him here. He talked with the General Manager who had high remarks on the City's permitting process, ours being seamless and very helpful, and also the efficiency of the DMV – great for the City.

Mayor Hall stated we're small, do very well and work hard to bring business here. The house on 4th Street, 3rd house on left past David Blvd., a purple mustang has been parked there a long time, need to check. Also, it's not been a good year for the pool, weather has been bad, but on good weather days it's done well. Also, thanks to Steve on the Stadia issue being taken care of.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Todd Hall, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council