

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 7, 2013**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 7, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Vice Mayor Todd Hall presiding.

Roll call showed:

Matt Wilcher	present
Jason Faulkner	present
Scott Lipps	absent
Carl Bray	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Todd Hall	present

Vice Mayor Hall stated Mr. Centers is not with us tonight and his name was not called during roll call as he has retired from Council, effective September 30, 2013. His retirement was necessitated by changes to the PERS system that will go into effect on January 1, 2014. Per the City Charter, Council has 60 days to fill the vacancy for the remainder of his term, which expires on December 31, 2013. Please consider who you would like to nominate for appointment and we will make the appointment at the next Council meeting.

There was no one from the press and 8 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Jonathan Westendorf.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the September 16, 2013 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Lipps	absent
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Wilcher	yes

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

None tonight.

PRESENTATION: FRANKLIN-SPRINGBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY LEVY – MARTHA BUSH

Ms. Bush handed out information on the Franklin-Springboro Public Library levy on the November 5th ballot. It is a 1 mill continuing levy that will replace the 1 mill 5 year levy passed in 2009, which expires at the end of 2013. Ms. Bush stated the Library has also had funding cuts and this summer has been the busiest in the history of the Library. She added that Council's support is much appreciated.

Mr. Faulkner asked if the cost will be the same. Ms. Bush stated yes, it is basically the same.

Vice Mayor Hall stated we wish the Library the best of luck and hope the citizens understand the importance of the library services.

RESOLUTION 2013-46 ACCEPTING THE QUIT CLAIM DEED FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 405 – 417 S. MAIN STREET FROM MALHOTRA FAMILY LLC

Mr. Lewis stated that these properties are located on Main Street. They were recently demolished under the Moving Ohio Forward program. The Malhotra family is giving the properties to the City in exchange for the cost of demolition. We are glad to accept and appreciate the family giving the properties to the City.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2013-46; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

Mr. Lipps	absent
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes

Motion passed.

Mr. Bray asked if this was part of the money received from the State. Mr. Lewis stated yes, and we had no money invested in the Moving Ohio Forward program.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated that he put the K-9 report in Council’s mail box – they were very busy in August.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher stated great job by the Police Department on the Speedway incident and the St. Rt. 123 beautification project looks fantastic.

Mr. Aldridge stated that the St. Rt. 123 interchange looks great and the School Superintendent was very complimentary of the Police Department.

Mr. Bray stated the bike show was this past weekend and had a low turn-out – little disappointed with it and we need to look at this event; new flower shop on Main Street bringing lots of foot traffic downtown; fund raiser last Saturday night at the American Legion for 8th graders going to Washington DC, raised \$2,000; and thanks to the Police Department.

Mr. Faulkner stated we had a Finance Committee meeting tonight and we are looking at future projects, City doing well; new web site is up; 2 complaints received about Fall Fest information included in water bills going to non-residents; and asked about curb & gutters for Hemlock & Harold Streets. Mr. Lewis stated we are looking at this (also looking at Issue Two funding for the Project).

Vice Mayor Hall stated everyone needs to go and see the St. Rt. 123 intersection, looks very nice and we need to support the Library Levy and the School levy.

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

Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes

Mr. Hall yes
Mr. Wilcher yes
Mr. Faulkner yes
Mr. Lipps absent

Motion passed.

Vice Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council