

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 4, 2013**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Scott Lipps presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There were 12 visitors and no one from the press at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Donnette Fisher.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the October 21, 2013 regular meeting ; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Debby Fouts, 51 Waterstone, stated she's a candidate for City Council, it's been quite an experience and she's very excited about tomorrow & hopes to win a seat on Council. She thanked everyone for being professional and happy to be here.

Doug Greathouse, 41 W. Sixth Street, also thanked Council for how well the election has run this year. (Mr. Greathouse is also a City Council candidate).

ORDINANCE 2013-18 PUBLIC HEARING AMENDING CHAPTER 1107 AND SECTIONS 1111.08(G)(12), 1113.01 AND 1113.05(H) OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Mr. Lewis stated this amends several sections of the Unified Development Ordinance. Political signs are amended from 6 sq. feet to 16 sq. feet in Residential Districts and the Historic Overlay District, which is ½ sheet of plywood. Mr. Lewis added that he has checked the regulations of several cities and we were the most stringent, with some cities not having any regulations. Our current ordinance states that the signs must be down in 7 days from Election Day. Staff feels this is the right thing to do and we will

continue to pick-up signs which are in the right-of-way. This ordinance also adds electric fences as a conditional use for commercial uses in the Commercial & Industrial Districts. The current ordinance states that no electrical or barbed wire fences are allowed. This is a result of ADESA having problems with vehicles being stolen – people are cutting thru their current fence and removing the vehicles. This has been to the October 14, 2013 Planning Commission meeting and they recommend approval. Mr. Lewis added that he has meet with a representative of Guard Dog (manufacturer of the electrical fence) to see how the fence works and is satisfied with their explanation. It does provide a shock, won't kill anyone and it is monitored.

Mayor Lipps stated the representative from Guard Dog was really good and has helped many cities to understand how it works. Mr. Lewis added a presentation was made to staff and then to the Planning Commission. Everyone was comfortable with what they are doing.

Ms. Fisher explained the new regulations and the application process.

Mayor Lipps opened the Public Hearing and asked for any public comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for any Council comments. There were none.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-18; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Lipps introduced the following Ordinance:

Ordinance 2013-19 Repealing Ordinances 2007-42, 2007-43, 2007-44 and 2007-45 which established Tax Increment Financing on certain parcels within the City of Franklin, Ohio

Public Hearing will be held November 18, 2013.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None tonight.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher stated hats off to staff and the Special Events Committee on Fall Fest. Also, remember to vote tomorrow as there are big issues on the ballot: three Council seats, the library levy and support the school levy.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming tonight; hats off to Special Events Committee, it was cold, Fall Fest great event; congrats to the football team, won their league & made the play-offs, game is Friday night at home; and support the school levy.

Mr. Bray stated he echoes the comments made. He added that there has been a negative campaign against him. He has the letter, the person who sent it out, they know who they are and most of us know who they are; very bad tactics that you want to do a negative campaign against a wonder city. That's why people don't want to vote, because people like this send out unsigned letters, before the election, as they also did for the school, when the few people can't get out and tell the truth. This is a great town, want to tell the truth, and want to do in a positive manner. Unfortunately, we have people who want to go around and do it their own way for personal gains. I think it's going to stop after this election because it will be getting out. I appreciate everybody's comments, calls and everybody that sent me the letter. I also apologize for what happened with the 4x4 signs that were put out.

Mr. Hall stated Fall Fest was good, but cold; Halloween last Thursday night, couldn't believe all the calls about cancelling it, evening turned out okay; City is as good as our schools, need to support and remember to vote tomorrow; and wish everyone the best of luck tomorrow. Mr. Hall added he seconded Mr. Bray's comments; Franklin is a great town and we need to remember that when we are in this time of the year because sometimes it can become a big mess and it shouldn't.

Mr. Faulkner asked about an update on the turn lane in front of Cazadores (Mr. Lewis stated we have meet with a representative from Walgreens who is no longer with the company, waiting to hear who the replacement is); thanks to the Special Events Committee and all involved with Fall Fest and recognized Chief Westendorf for all his work done on the event; vote tomorrow and good luck to everyone.

Mayor Lipps stated to remember to vote for both the levy's; support our football team; glad we didn't cancel Halloween; received two of the negative letters as Mr. Bray referred to; asked about painting the Scout Hut (Mr. Lewis stated the base coat has been done and have some repair work to do); and Turner's is open and received a complaint that the mural on the side of the building is flaking off.

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

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

Motion passed.

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

Mayor

Clerk of Council