

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 1, 2014**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Saturday, February 1, 2014, 9:00 a.m. at the Franklin Fire & EMS Division Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding. (The February 3, 2014 regular meeting was rescheduled to February 1, 2014)

Roll call showed:

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

There were two members of the press and two visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Ms. Sandra Morgan, Finance Director; 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 Whitman.

Mr. Bray made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the January 6, 2014 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks.

RESOLUTION 2014-05 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE WARREN COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE & EMS DIVISION

Chief Westendorf stated that the Warren County Fire Chief's Association has been working on updating the current mutual aid agreement. Each community will have to authorize the agreement. This agreement allows a responding entity to bill the patient who has received treatment and transportation services (EMS), in the same manner as the requesting entity bills for those services. It also establishes a similar system for fire services. The current agreement does not allow this.

Chief Westendorf also thanked Ms. Fisher for her help as she worked with the Warren County Prosecutor on the agreement.

Mr. Aldridge asked if all communities will have to pass legislation. Chief Westendorf stated yes, all who are part of the agreement, have to pass legislation.

Mr. Bray asked who does the billing. Chief Westendorf stated the entity that provides the service. Ms. Fisher explained how the billing works.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-05; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

COUNCIL 2014 GOAL-SETTING SESSION

Mr. Lewis began the discussions by presenting an update on the following departments. He noted that Mr. Inman is not able to be here this morning as he has been on a water main break over night.

Water Division

11 main breaks
57 water service line repairs
755 radio meters installed
74 hydrant repairs
878 line locates
Daily checks of pressure reducing valves

Water Treatment

741 million gallons – 1 mil gal per day
Water quality tests – meet EPA standards, 3,159
500 kw generator

Sewer Division

Collection System – cleared 4 stoppages; installed 732 ft of new sewer pipe; cleaned 8,513 ft of sewer
Checks – daily check of 4 lift stations; weekly sewer checks of 30 problem areas

Street Division

Winter – 930 tons of salt in 2013; January 2014 1,228 tons
Summer – 150 tons of blacktop; Police Department parking lot

Storm Water & Miscellaneous

Storm Water – 70 outfalls checked for EPA compliance; 42 catch basins repair
Miscellaneous – 150 residential properties mowed (high grass); leaf pick-up; kayak ramp; Christmas lights; constructed Special Events Stage

Police Division

Chief Whitman gave a brief summary of his 2013 yearend report. He noted that calls for service are remaining steady.

He presented statistics for:

Offense Reports/Calls for Service

- # of Violations each hour of each day for past 3 years – remaining consistent with peak hours between noon & 3 a.m.
- # of Violations each day of each week for past 3 years
- Arrest Statistics for 2013 – high level of activity during last 5 years: felony & misdemeanor arrests, felony crimes, misdemeanor crimes
- Drug/Burglary/B&E/Domestic Violence - Chief Whitman presented a brief summary of several of the cases handled by the Department in 2013. He also noted that overall crime has dropped over the last three years as we had more officers on the street in 2012 and our aggressive enforcement of street drug dealing

There was discussion on the police workforce. Mayor Centers asked the Finance Committee to discuss additional manpower for the Police Department.

Chief Whitman continued:

- Dispatch remodel is behind schedule, will be bringing to Council in near future
- He will be attending the Warren County Leadership Program in February
- New program “Project Child Safe” will be implemented

At 10:15 a.m., Mayor Centers called for a short break; he reconvened the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

- See Something/Say Something Program - spearheaded by Mr. Brent Centers & Mr. Aldridge, has started. Chief Whitman introduced Mr. Brent Centers. Mr. Centers gave a brief summary of the program; showed posters of the logo, pamphlets & cards. The 1TIP phone line is activated. He also stated that they (Mr. Aldridge & himself) have met with the School Superintendent, Dr. Sanders, about getting the information out to the students & teachers. He also explained how the public will be informed.

Special Events

Chief Westendorf reviewed the following 2013 events:

- Egg Hunt
- River Ride
- Car Show
- Thunder on the River
- Fallfest

Additions for 2014:

- Kayak Experience
- Outdoor Movie nights
- Fireworks – Chief Westendorf asked if this is the year that we do fireworks. He stated he feels if we are to proceed with fireworks for this year, it should be a two year commitment as the 4th is on Friday this year & Saturday next year. We need to do it big to compete with the current communities providing fireworks, with the first year to get the word out, and the second year

should be the big year. He outlined their plans of moving the parade to 4 p.m., encouraging everyone to follow to the Park, with activities, games, food. We are getting a late start in planning for this year, will seek sponsors and have approximately \$3,500 in donations. He asked for an additional \$25,000 for funding the fireworks. There was some discussion.

Mr. Hall made the motion to provide an additional \$25,000 for the 4th of July fireworks; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers thanked everyone involved with Special Events.

Fire & Ems Division

Mr. Lewis stated that the Fire & EMS report will be in March as we are behind schedule this morning.

Parks

Mr. Lewis stated that the center of our community is the Community Park. In addressing the need for additional park land, he noted the following areas to be considered:

- Back section of the Community Park, currently not being used by Pee Wee Football
- City well fields
- Joyce Powers Park (off SR 123), we don't own
- Eichholz Park – off of Decker Road
- Warren County Park District - 90 acre farm, off Shaker Road
- Hazelwood Farm – purchased by Springboro & we are talking with them about a joint park; also discussing a capital improvement park levy
- Future recreational activities – possible dog park; skate park

Mr. Lewis added he feels we need to explore the Joyce Powers Park again, because of its location to the Community Park. The Council Park Board will meet to discuss.

Downtown

Mr. Lewis stated that we have a Comprehensive Plan which addresses the downtown:

- Redevelopment
- Mixed use development
- Success – dreams bigger than excuses
- Utilize the Great Miami River
- Redefine the Great Miami River
- Open air amphitheater
- Splash pad & picnic area

Mayor Centers stated that he has met with a Realtor/Real Estate Developer, about the downtown development. He wants to help develop the downtown, but needs some commitments from the City.

Mr. Lewis continued:

- Streetscaping is needed
- Façade updates for the buildings downtown
- Implementation strategy
- Conceptual downtown redevelopment

Mr. Lewis stated we will start this year but it will take time. Also, he's glad to hear about the realtor Mr. Centers has talked to.

Mr. Bray stated that he has read the Comprehensive Plan and that we have done about 75% of what it recommends.

Mr. Lewis added we have started by purchasing buildings downtown, demolishing buildings downtown and that he needs to talk with the realtor to see what he is proposing.

Chief Westendorf added we have done a lot the last 3 years, passed a levy, added EMS, finances are good, now is the time to do.

Mr. Lewis stated let's keep doing what we've done, keep focused and believe it will come to us.

Mr. Aldridge stated that the Economic Development Council Committee needs to start meeting monthly.

Mr. Bray added that we need to look at getting the house that recently burned down. Mr. Lewis stated he thinks we will get it.

Mr. Lewis stated we've done more than what we think we've done. He asked Council if they like today's format and how often they want to do this.

Mr. Bray asked if the focus for this year is on the downtown and parks. Mr. Lewis stated, yes, and that staff is also working on other things.

Mayor Centers thanked Mr. Lewis and all those involved in today's meeting. He added we need to be proactive; need to keep talking about our goals and asked about having work sessions on Saturdays. Ms. Fisher stated that since Council has two meetings a month, one of those meetings could be used as a work session. After some discussion, consensus of Council agreed to change the format of the meetings, one meeting a month for legislation and one meeting a month as a work session. Mayor Centers also stated he appreciates the work Brent Centers & Mike Aldridge have done on the 1TIP program; the Park Council Committee needs to start meeting as there is a lot going on (Mayor Centers & Mr. Bray will contact Mr. Dallas Powers about the land on SR 123); senior citizen housing is also important, the land the City owns on Deardoff Road would be a good location; and the 4th of July will be a great event.

Mr. Faulkner thanked the firefighters for hosting this morning's meeting.

Mr. Hall asked Mr. Lewis to relay our thanks to the public works employees for their work last month, also to the fire & police employees.

Mr. Wilcher thanked staff and the firefighters for their work and hosting the meeting; need to keep focused and make our goal.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone.

Mr. Aldridge stated he hopes that staff knows that we appreciate all that they do; has been good transition for EMS and thanks to everyone.

Mayor Centers also thanked everyone.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council