

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 17, 2014**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 17, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Vice Mayor Todd Hall presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There were 2 members of the press and 21 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Ms. Sandra Morgan, Finance Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Westendorf.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the March 3, 2014 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed

PRESENTATIONS

Franklin Police Division Officer Awards

Chief Whitman presented the following awards for the Police Department.

- Dispatcher of the Year - Dispatcher Frances Shotwell
- Officer of the Year – Lieutenant Gerry Massey
- Distinguished Service Award – Sergeant Troy Wolf & Patrol Officer Jordan Colvin
- Meritorious Service Award – Patrol Officer Jordan Colvin, Patrol Officer Jesse Shannon & Patrol Officer Patrick Holland

Flag Presentation to Franklin Police Division

Chief Whitman introduced Mr. K. C. Barnett. Army Specialist Casey Barnett presented a flag to the Franklin Police Department and to the City that he had flown over the Afghanistan base on Veteran's Day

in 2013. Army Special Barnett stated that he had it flown for them for all they do. He added he lives in Franklin and just recently returned home from Afghanistan.

Vice Mayor Hall, on behalf of the City, thanked him for his service to our City and our Country.

Vice Mayor Hall also addressed the Police Officers & the Dispatcher who received awards tonight - that the awards are a sign of respect for what you do to be recognized by your peers. Vice Mayor Hall added we are proud of our Department. On behalf of the City, thank you for all you do.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

None tonight.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2014-01 AMENDING CHAPTERS 1103 AND 1107 AND SECTIONS 1109.07 AND 1111.08 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Ms. Fisher stated that this has been presented to Planning Commission and they recommend approval. Chapter 1103, Definitions, was amended to reflect changes in State law and deleted "Community Alternative Home" as it no longer exists under State law. Also, added a definition for "Real Property Services". Chapter 1107 changes eliminate "Community Alternative Home" from the residential tables and prohibit "Group Homes" in R-2; churches & cultural centers changed from permitted uses to conditional uses in C-3 District (downtown); in Industrial, minimum lot width for I-2 has been reduced from 300' to 200'; Light Industry will be allowed in General Industry; and Real Property Services added as permitted uses in I-1 and I-2. Section 1109.07, Highway Sign Overlay District, changes the requirements for landscaping & monument bases on pole signs. Section 1111.08, Signs, increases the allowable area on signs for electronic copy signs.

Vice Mayor Hall 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. Lipps made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-01; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2014-02 PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the permanent 2014 budget that replaces the temporary budget passed in December 2013. He added that there are not many changes from the temporary budget that was passed & noted the following:

- General Fund revenues - \$9,247,00 projected; expenditures \$9,390,000 projected
- Expect to have balance budget this year

- Being conservative in our income tax revenues projections; last year they came in higher than expected; looking good so far and will adjust them later in the year; we are living within our means and running our departments
- \$9.4 million General Fund balance, includes transfer of \$2,994,136 & Police Department budget of \$43,786,222
- Increasing Property Acquisition Fund to \$400,000; transfers to ODOT Escrow Fund \$200,000 (Urban paving project SR 123); Capital Improvement Fund \$125,00 (Police dispatch area upgrade & tornado siren upgrade); transfers also to Street Fund & Recreation Fund
- Decrease to transfer to Bond Retirement Fund; all short term notes have been paid off
- Water & Sewer funds are good as is the Street Department; will need to review the Sewer Fund later this year with the lost of Franklin Boxboard
- Our growth is coming from within as we thought it would

Mr. Lipps made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-02; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2014-07 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 335 S. MAIN STREET AND 449 S. MAIN STREET FROM WADE GATES

Mr. Lewis stated the purchase price for these two properties is \$120,000 - 335 S. Main Street for \$80,000 and 449 S. Main Street for \$40,000. We feel this is a good price for these properties, will be paid for out of the Property Acquisition Fund. We are trying to stimulate growth downtown and he recommends passage.

Mr. Faulkner complimented Mr. Lewis in his efforts.

Mr. Lipps stated he wished other owners were as good to work with as Mr. Gates has been.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-07; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2014-08 APPROVING A TAX EXEMPTION IN COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #3 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 130 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE (F&G Tool and Die)

Mr. Lewis stated that F&G Tool and Die invested in the City in the mid 1980's in the Industrial Park. They have just added an 11,000 sq. ft. addition to the property. We have worked with them to stay in

Franklin. The Council Economic Development Committee recommends approval. They are estimating to add 20 jobs in the next 5 years – have already added 10 jobs. This CRA is for 15 years at 100%.

Mr. Faulkner asked if the 15 years is too long.

Mr. Lewis stated no, they have been here since the 80's and they want to reinvest in our City.

Mr. Aldridge added he looks at this as keeping jobs here.

Mr. Lipps stated the Committee looked at that and that there are benefits for the city.

Mr. Wilcher stated he thinks this is exciting, we are business friendly again, the jobs are staying here and we are working with them to add jobs.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-08; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2014-09 AWARDING THE BID TO AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY
MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH RAUCH EXCAVATING FOR THE MOVING
OHIO FORWARD PROGRAM - PHASE II DEMOLITIONS PROJECT**

Mr. Lewis stated that this will be the last phase on the Ohio Forward Program. The bid opening was March 12, 2014 and the 8 demo sites are:

- 2 N. Main Street
- 524 S. River Street
- 529 S. River Street
- 534 S. River Street
- 206 E. Third Street
- 814 Anderson Street
- 407 Mulberry Street
- 138 Lynn Street

Also, 540 S. Main will be demolished but the City will pay for it.

Mr. Lewis also stated that he had been asked to find out what Springboro is paying for the ramp improvement at SR 73 – almost \$1 million. We've received several grants the last several years to help make the City a better place to live. We will pay for this out of the Trash/Demolition Fund and then be reimbursed by the Moving Ohio Forward program.

We are recommending to award the bid to Rauch Excavating at \$48,900.00, the low bidder.

There was some discussion on the bids received.

Mr. Lipps made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-09; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Vice Mayor Hall introduced the following legislation.

Ordinance 2014-03 Amending Section 1111.08 of the City of Franklin Unified Development Ordinance

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No report tonight.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Aldridge congratulated the Police Officers & the Dispatcher honored tonight and we appreciate all they do; been distributing information on the 1TIP program & Michael Rowe, Kingdom Sports, is excited about helping and marketing the program.

Mr. Lipps stated the City was well represented at the Warren County Chamber Alliance meeting & they had a good speaker who spoke about the economy. Also, the Franklin Chamber of Commerce meeting was held at Lebanon and was well attended.

Mr. Bray echoed Vice Mayor Hall's remarks about the Police Department. Mr. Bray stated that Mr. Johnny Lamb was at the Finance Committee meeting tonight and has asked for money for the bike show to be held October 4; asked for \$1,500, needs an answer this week as he wants to have "Wheelie Wizzard" at the event; talked about downsizing to one block, at the City Building. We need direction from Council on how you want to proceed.

There was discussion on the need to change the month; if any money was given to him for the June event last year - \$0 for June event, \$1,500 for the October event. Mr. Lewis stated that we talked to him about downsizing the event from 6th Street to 3rd Street to closing 4th Street and using the City Building parking lot. This will be very little cost to the City as it was last year for the June event. Discussion continued and the consensus of Council is to give him \$750 for the bike show and to down size the event.

Mr. Wilcher thanked everyone for coming tonight; passed out coupons for Bob Evans on behalf of the School Levy Committee; and lots of exciting things are happening.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming tonight; echo the comments by Mr. Hall about the Police Department; attended a Girl Scout event, on behalf of the Mayor, and it was a fantastic event.

Vice Mayor Hall stated the school levy is May 6th, if it doesn't pass, we (the community) are going to go backwards; can't let it fail, as it will affect us & our kids' education and we have a great school system.

Mr. Faulkner added that the school levy committee is doing a good job.

Vice Mayor Hall asked what is Duke doing in the Harpland area. Mr. Lewis stated that they are replacing the main and services on Harpwood Drive and they are going to repave the road. Vice Mayor Hall added that the area is a mess.

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

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

Motion passed.

Vice Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council