

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 3, 2014**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 3, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin Municipal Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There were 2 members of the press and 5 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brian Graves.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the February 1, 2014 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### Duke Energy Foundation Grant - Mr. Tim Abbott

Mr. Tim Abbott, on behalf of Duke Energy, presented a \$10,000 grant to the City for an environmental project at Franklin Yards. Mr. Abbott added they feel it is a good fit through their foundation for economic development and that they have done several projects in the City.

##### Fire & EMS Division Year-End Report - Chief Westendorf

Chief Westendorf presented the 2013 year-end report for the Fire & EMS Division.

He noted the following from the report:

- Fire/EMS Incidents – total 2876: EMS 2089 & fire 787; numbers are what we thought, been able to handle all calls, low mutual aid
- Patient Disposition By Month

- EMS Response Time By Month – average response time of 3 minutes
- EMS Calls By Time Of Day
- Patient Age Month
- EMS Hospital Destinations – most transports made to Atrium Hospital
- Financial Summary - gross charges \$1,297,670; net payments \$289,337; collections, as we said, are taking time
- Patient Breakdown By Type Of Call – 70% of calls are for paramedic care

Chief Westendorf stated it's been an exciting year and thanked Mr. Lewis for the opportunity to present this tonight.

Mr. Faulkner thanked him for a fantastic job; projections are good and asked what he sees will be needed in the future. Chief Westendorf stated will need to address ambulances as we will need to replace one of them. We need the ability to keep 3 ambulances on duty, along with the ability to man them. Chief Westendorf added he's happy with what's been achieved to date; no complaints received to date and very pleased how everything has fallen into place.

Mayor Centers thanked Mr. Faulkner for pushing for this. Outstanding job has been done by you (Chief Westendorf) and your crews and we have not heard anything negative.

Chief Westendorf stated we had a significant fire around Christmas time and had the resources to draw from now because of the extra people available.

Mr. Lipps stated that, along with Mr. Hall, they have worked on this for the past 10 years – congratulations.

Mr. Wilcher added 'great job'.

#### RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Darlene Hicks, AVP Branch Market Manager of National Bank & Trust, urged Council to attend the "Think Regional" presented by Southwest Ohio Leadership, on April 10, 2014, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kings Island Resort & Conference Center. Participants will be from various counties in southwest Ohio. Mr. Lipps stated he's also involved with this and that regional issues will be discussed. Ms. Hicks added that she feels it is a very important for Franklin to attend.

#### RESOLUTION 2014-06                      AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE NEPTUNE EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER METER RADIO REMOTES

Mr. Lewis stated we started in 2008 installing radio read remotes. This should be the last remotes we have to install. This will enable us to do monthly reads of the utility bills and help us identify leaks sooner.

Mayor Centers stated this is paid out of the Water Fund and will help our citizens

Mr. Aldridge asked if have an agreement with Neptune as they are our sole source provider for the software.

Mr. Lewis stated yes, and there will be updates in the future.

Mr. Wilcher asked how long the battery life is. Mr. Lewis stated about 8 years and replacement/maintenance will be staggered since the installation of the remotes has been staggered.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-06; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Centers introduced the following ordinance:

Ordinance 2014-01 Amending Chapters 1103 and 1107 and Sections 1109.07 and 1111.08 of the City of Franklin Unified Development Ordinance

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated that an executive session is needed tonight.

#### LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher stated she attended the Farmer's Market Committee meeting today. They are seeking vendors, information is on the Chamber's and City's web page and it is scheduled to begin June 14, 2014, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall stated it is good to see everyone tonight; we need to work & vote for the school levy and asked about doing a Resolution of Support for the school levy (May ballot). Consensus of Council agreed to do a Resolution of Support at the April 7 meeting; great job on snow removal & by all the departments (police & fire) who are out in the weather.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming tonight; thanks to police, public works & fire employees; thanked Mr. Lewis and staff on recent retreat, very successful; the military homecoming event at the High School, great event and Mr. Mears does a good job on it; Brent Centers & myself did a presentation at the School Board meeting on the "See Something Say Something Program" (ITIP), they are supporting the program and congratulations to the basketball team on a great season.

Mr. Lipps thanked everyone for coming this evening; welcome to Mr. Richter; and the school levy is important, need to support.

Mr. Wilcher thanked everyone for coming tonight and ditto on all comments made tonight.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming tonight; thanks to the Street Department crew; been a group effort on EMS implementation, Police Department has had extra dispatching, and it's been fantastic to be a part of.

Mayor Centers stated that he read the Comprehensive Plan and that consolidating fire/ems services was part of it; asked if we are okay on road salt (Mr. Lewis stated we should be, have received some & have salt on backorder); will be handing out information on the “See Something Say Something” program downtown later this week and Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Brent Centers are covering the rest of the City. Mr. Coulton stated that 12 calls have been received to date, since January 2<sup>nd</sup> startup. Also, some one has drove through the landscaping at SR 123 and General Harris was very thrilled with the event at the High School for the returning military members.

Mayor Centers stated that an executive session is needed and there will be no action afterwards.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss confidential information related to a request for economic development assistance, with no action afterwards; seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

The vote:

Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Bray	absent
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	no
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers and members of Council entered into executive session at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Centers and members of Council exited the executive session; Mayor Centers reconvened and adjourned the meeting.

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Vice Mayor

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Clerk of Council