

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday November 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.at the Franklin Municipal Building, Mayor Carl Bray presiding.

Roll Call showed:

Mr. Scott Lipps	absent
Mr. Jason Faulkner	present
Mr. Bob Knipper	present
Mr. Carl Bray	present
Mr. Denny Centers	present
Mr. Michael Aldridge	present
Mr. Todd Hall	present

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Russ Whitman.

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2010 meeting made by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Knipper.

The vote:

Mr. Jason Faulkner	present
Mr. Bob Knipper	present
Mr. Carl Bray	present
Mr. Denny Centers	present
Mr. Michael Aldridge	present
Mr. Todd Hall	present
Mr. Scott Lipps	absent

There were approximately 45 visitors and no one from the press in attendance.

Also present : Ms. Donnette Fisher, City Law Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Department Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Department Chief; Mr. Jim Lukas, City Manager; Mr. Sonny Lewis, Public Works Director; Mrs. Jennifer Flinchum, Acting Clerk of Council.

#### RECEPTION OF VISITORS

The majority of the visitors were from Franklin City Schools 8<sup>th</sup> grade football team along with their coach and parents. Mayor Bray and Council members recognized the football team record for the past two years. The team was 8-0 this year and 7-0 last year. Mayor Bray advised that some of the team is also on the basketball team. Mayor Bray stated that the community is proud of them for a job well done. Council and the team had a photo taken and all congratulated the team.



will be approved by City Engineer, changes to the floodplain regulations and eliminating time limits on conditional uses.

Mayor Bray introduced:

Ordinance 2010-23

Amending Chapter 755 of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Franklin, Ohio titled "Hotel Tax"

Ms. Donnette Fisher, City Law Director advised that Chapter 755 of the Codified Ordinance has not been changed since 1973 and is in need of revisions. She advised this tax is currently being paid quarterly. The revision will require that the hotel/motel tax be paid monthly just as income tax is paid monthly. The penalty for late payment will be raised from \$1.00 a day to \$10.00 a day. The 2% reimbursement for bookkeeping is also being removed from the Ordinance.

#### CITY MANAGERS REPORT

Mr. Lukas had no report due to being on vacation the previous week.

#### LAW DIRECTORS REPORT

Ms. Fisher passed out to Council updated copies of the Personnel Policy Manual. She stated that all but two chapters have been approved by the Civil Service Commission. She expects this will be presented to Council within the next few months.

Ms. Fisher stated that the Franklin Yards project is being overseen by Mr. Sonny Lewis, Public Works Director. She advised that they have been working with the EPA to monitor the salt piles. She advised that there are three monitoring wells. Ms. Fisher advised that the site will likely be a model salt storage site for the State. Mr. Centers commented on the removal of trees from the site, the site is more visible than previous. Ms. Fisher advised that pine trees will be added back to the site for aesthetic reasons.

Discussion then began regarding the income tax levy being on the May ballot. Ms. Fisher advised the City has 75 days prior to the election to file with the County Board of Elections. The ballot language would need to be filed by February 17, 2011 Ms Fisher asked Council for direction on whether they wish this be placed back on the ballot.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Carl Bray, Mayor, advised that the Finance Committee recommends that the City cut \$700,000 from the budget. Mr. Bray stated that he came up with \$600,000 in cuts to the budget. He stated that part of the budget cuts would be from employees, salary cuts, the pool, parks and overtime along with salt. He stated the City needs to live within their means. He advised staff will meet to discuss cuts to the 2011 budget.

Mr. Todd Hall thanked Mr. Bray for his work on the budget. Mr. Hall advised Mr. Harris that his concerns with the Mission Lane driveway won't be forgotten.

Mr. Jason Faulkner advised that he is ready to put the levy back on the ballot. Mr. Jason Faulkner thanked residents for coming to the meeting.

Mr. Bob Knipper stated the City would need to cut services and let the streets go. Mr. Knipper thanked Mr. Lewis and employees for their assistance with the Franklin Fall Classic Event. He stated there were 52 teams of football players, the event gets bigger every year. Comments were made by those in attendance that this was the best tournament they have been to.

Mr. Aldridge congratulated the 8<sup>th</sup> grade football team and stated he feels the tax levy should go back on the ballot.

Mr. Denny Centers suggested that the Mission Lane interest get together and form a committee to figure how to best patch and clean-up Mission Lane.

Mr. Carl Bray gave a hats off to the hard work done for the football event. He thanked the Fire and Police Department for their help to the community during the Cast Plus fire.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Knipper.

The vote:

Mr. Jason Faulkner	present
Mr. Bob Knipper	present
Mr. Carl Bray	present
Mr. Denny Centers	present
Mr. Michael Aldridge	present
Mr. Todd Hall	present
Mr. Scott Lipps	absent

Mayor Bray adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council