

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 19, 2014**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 19, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Vice Mayor Todd Hall presiding.

Roll call showed:

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 26 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tanner Biltz.

Mr. Bray made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the May 5, 2014 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**PRESENTATION: GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS**

Vice Mayor Hall and members of Council presented Good Neighbor Awards to the following for their work on the School levy campaign that recently passed and thanked them for all their efforts.

The Good Neighbor Awards were presented to:

Andy Bradley & Robin Bradley  
Josh Clifford & Ashley Clifford  
Paul Sutherland & Adryanna Sutherland  
Mike Wertz & Kirsty Wertz

**RECEPTION OF VISITORS**

None tonight.

RESOLUTION 2014-15     AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT WITH BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS, INC. FOR THE 2014 MUNICIPAL PAVING PROJECT

Mr. Lewis stated that this is for the 2014 summer street paving project as we promised money for our streets per our levy campaign. This awards the base bid and alternate 1(Farm Avenue) to Barrett Paving in the amount of \$323,639.60. Virginia Avenue was not included this year as Duke is in the area working and we also need to replace waterlines etc. before it is paved. Streets being paved: Alvin Court, Sandy Lane, Julia Drive, Beam Drive (Millard to 4<sup>th</sup> St), Martha Drive (Millard to end), Sherman Drive (Michaels to Apache St.), downtown alleys, Michaels Drive, John Street, Easton Street, Brown Avenue, Hudson Avenue & Thirkield Avenue. Alternate 1 is Farm Avenue.

Vice Mayor Hall stated he agrees we should wait until Duke is done before paving Virginia Avenue.

Mr. Lipps asked why alternate 2 & 3 aren't being done. Mr. Lewis stated with those two alternates, the project cost went over the amount budgeted.

Mr. Bray stated there is a pothole at Community Park that needs taken care of. Mr. Lewis stated it will be taken care, it has cold patch in it now and it will be replaced with hot patch.

Mr. Faulkner asked when will the paving start. Mr. Lewis stated he didn't know yet, but it would be finished by the end of August – before school starts.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-15; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

At this time, Dr. Sanders asked to address Council. He thanked the City for recognizing the committee that worked on getting the school levy passed. Dr. Sander also thanked Council for endorsing the levy and working for it individually and as a group. The entire Franklin Community got together and behind it, organizations, etc, and also thanked the School Board. Everyone working together made the difference.

RESOLUTION 2014-16     AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE OHIO BENEFITS COOPERATIVE, INC.

Mr. Lewis stated that this is in regards to the health insurance coverage. We have tried for years to get into a cooperative, but couldn't because of our bad experience. The OBC, Ohio Benefits Cooperative, has invited us in this year. Their bid is -1.76% over last year's rates. This has been discussed with the Finance Committee. We also received a bid from Anthem at -10% as a standalone bid. We feel it is important to get into this cooperative. In comparing the rates over the last 5 years, the City would have saved approximately \$190,000 in premiums. This is less insurance for the employees. The Insurance Committee recommends joining. This legislation is required by the Ohio Benefits Cooperative and recommend passage.

Mr. Lipps made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-16; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

#### RESOLUTION 2014-17 PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION GRANTING CONSENT TO ODOT FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION PROGRAM SERVICES

Mr. Lewis stated in the past, we have contracted with ODOT to provide this service. They have now agreed to do this and assume the costs – approximate \$8,000-\$12,000 per year will be saved by the City. Mr. Lewis stated we can't turn this down – recommend approval.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-17; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Vice Mayor Hall introduced the following legislation:

Ordinance 2014-04 Approving the Final Plat of the Major Subdivision Submitted by Patton Development Ohio, LLC, for the Property Located at 30 E. Sixth Street

#### WORK SESSION

- A. Presentation by Ramesh Malhotra
- B. Any Other Item

Vice Mayor Hall stated that the work session is cancelled.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No report.

#### LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher reported on the following:

- Farmer's Market will kick-off on June 14<sup>th</sup>; 5 vendors now; John Ramos food truck doing well and will be at the market

Mr. Lewis asked Council how many will participate in the parade – 4 yes and 2 no.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming tonight; thanked the School Levy Committee; recognized the School Board members and Dr. Sander in attendance tonight, tough job and appreciate what you've done, strong schools – strong community and appreciate all your work.

Mr. Lipps stated ditto on the school remarks, thanks for being here and we have worked together. Dr. Sander was at the Rotary Club meeting Friday and the Chamber meeting today, to thank everyone; Peggy gave an update on the Farmers Market and thanks to the Boy Scouts for being here tonight.

Mr. Wilcher thanked everyone for coming tonight; ditto on all remarks and thanks to the campaign family and the School Board.

Mr. Bray welcomed the Boy Scouts to tonight's meeting and thanks for your community involvement; we passed an income tax levy a couple of years ago and said we would earmark monies for street paving & we are getting them back in shape and with the passage of the School levy, the City is in good shape, will be reaping the benefits and thanks to everyone.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming tonight; fantastic to see Dr. Sander and the School Board members here; great job on the campaign and hope to see the Boy Scouts come back to a meeting.

Vice Mayor Hall stated at the upper part of David Boulevard, a resident started replacing their driveway, is all gravel now, need to check on it; thanks to Andy and the committee, for all they did; thanks to the School Board for attending tonight & we have an outstanding school system; and to Chief Westendorf and his department, last Tuesday had to be put in an ambulance & taken to the hospital, fire & ems personnel are outstanding, please tell them that & also thanks; thanks for coming tonight; and to the Boy Scouts, continue what you're doing and we have a good staff and relationship to get things done.

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

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

Motion passed.

Vice Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council