

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 5, 2014**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 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 was one member of the press and 19 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Ms. Sandra Morgan, Finance Director; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Mears.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the April 21, 2014 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Lipps. 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.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Jim Mears, 365 Harpwood Drive, reminded Council that the Memorial Day Parade is coming up. As we are a Purple Heart City, there will be a Purple Heart ceremony; contacting Purple Heart recipients in the area to participate and also want Council to participate. Mr. Mears then told of an incident he witnessed recently while returning home on I-75; highway patrol in pursuit of a vehicle which was stolen in Texas; Franklin officers deployed stop sticks which helped end a dangerous situation; asked Council to recognize the Franklin officers involved. Mr. Mears continued we have good employees, need to commend them for what could have been a very dangerous situation. Mr. Mears thanked them and stated he will see everyone on Memorial Day.

Vice Mayor Hall stated we have Good Neighbor Awards, need to do something to recognize them and we have good people working here. Mr. Aldridge stated maybe we could do it quarterly.

PROCLAMATION "LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH"

Vice Mayor Hall welcomed Rhonda Rowland and her group to tonight's meeting. Vice Mayor Hall & Council presented a Proclamation proclaiming May 2014 as Lupus Month in the City of Franklin. At this time, Vice Mayor Hall stated that Resolution 2014-14 will be added to the agenda after Resolution 2014-13.

RESOLUTION 2014-13 DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2015

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the beginning of the street lighting assessment process. The City pays for 2% of the assessment; total assessment will be approximately \$144,000.

Vice Mayor Hall stated that we have to do this every year.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-13; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Added to the agenda:

RESOLUTION 2014-14 AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CONTRACTS FOR FRANKLIN'S EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER REMODELING PROJECT

Chief Whitman stated ten years ago, we had a state-of-the-art dispatch center. Now, we are sharing monitors and have outdated radio & computer systems. This will allow us to update the radios & monitors; will have two extra monitors; will have a radio with the school emergency frequency and the console will be updated to raise & lower, which will help alleviate some of the back problems the dispatchers are experiencing. The renovation will provide efficient service and will be the command center for any emergencies.

Mr. Faulkner asked how long this will take. Chief Whitman stated it will be done over 4 phases and will take 6-8 weeks for the equipment to come in.

Mr. Wilcher stated this is well worth the cost and asked if there will be any down time. Chief Whitman stated no.

Mr. Aldridge asked how it will work with the schools. Chief Whitman explained how the radios (the school will have a radio also) will work. All the schools will be on the same frequency in the County – this is a county wide project and is to be in place the first of the year.

Chief Whitman thanked Peggy for all her work and time she has put into this.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-14; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- SR 123 beautification project – meet with the State about the landscaping problem; one of the issues is a drain which they didn't know was there
- In your mailbox is info from the Franklin Historical Society about events relating to the Sesquicentennial Anniversary of the U.S. Civil War on June 8, 2014 and on June 9th Geoff Gorsuch will be speaking at the FAHS Annual Dinner meeting. Reservations need to be made by May 3rd.
- Also, in your mailbox is an invite from the Anthony Wayne students to attend their luncheon, please let us know if you can't make it
- Duke Energy Excavation – have contacted them, they are having problems with the project, told them they need to get it done and move it along

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Lipps thanked everyone for coming tonight; recognized the Boy Scout here tonight in the audience; welcome to the lupus group; thanked Mr. Lewis for helping the citizens who contact us; and vote tomorrow, vote for the school levy as it impacts everyone – residents & businesses.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming tonight; strong schools – strong community, vote tomorrow; thanks to Mr. Mears for organizing the Memorial Day parade; asked Debby Fouts about the issue of the trucks parking in the Marsh lot. Ms. Fouts stated she has talked to them, they have moved to the other end of the lot and she also contacted Chief Whitman about it.

Mr. Wilcher stated ditto about the school vote tomorrow; did a ride along with Officer Shannon, lots to learn and recommended that all of Council do; and the Franklin Area Historical Society needs members.

Mr. Bray thanked everyone for coming tonight; vote for the school levy and the candidates; thanks to Rhonda for what you've done for lupus awareness; asked about the Purple Heart City signs and if they will be up by Memorial Day (no signs yet, do have the flag); the Kettering Medical Center building is being built at I-75/SR 73; a new Dollar General Store is being built at the corner of 6th Street and Riley Boulevard; and the resident at 100 John Street, is questioning the court date of July 8th for a property maintenance violation (Mr. Lewis will check on).

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming tonight; ditto on Mr. Mears & Vice Mayor Hall's remarks about commending employees; acknowledged the email sent by Chief Westendorf recently on couple of great outcomes on recent non-breathers, great job & please pass on to the EMS personnel; vote for the school levy and remind people to vote; last year, talked about a sidewalk replacement program, need to address and do (Mr. Lewis stated he sent out an email, is too expensive for the City to do, sidewalks, curb & gutters are the property owners responsibility to do, can do a program and assess to the property owner), need discussion on. Mr. Lipps stated we have tried that before and there were problems. Mr.

Lewis stated if we do a program, need to keep it up. Mr. Faulkner asked about the E911 funds being lower. Ms. Morgan stated revenues have been decreasing over the last couple of years.

Vice Mayor Hall stated to vote for the levy as it is your right to vote, have a problem with outsiders telling us to vote no on the levy; we all have kids in the system; a vote for schools is also a vote for the community; and the school system is important to businesses. Mr. Mears stated he talked to a person on the scholarship committee and there are applicants with 36 & 35 act scores (36 is perfect) - tells you the tools are there if you want to learn, but we don't hear about this.

Vice Mayor Hall continued and thanked everyone for coming tonight; thanks and good luck to those who have lupus and welcomed the Boy Scout here tonight in the audience.

Ms. Fout asked about the Marsh Supermarket empty building. Mr. Lewis stated he has reached out to them; they have a realtor and are saying they don't know what they are going to do.

Mr. Lipps made the motion to adjourn; 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.

Vice Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor

Clerk of Council