

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 18, 2014**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 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	absent
Denny Centers	present
Carl Bray	present
Michael Aldridge	absent
Todd Hall	present

There were 4 visitors and no one from the press at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Ms. Sandra Morgan, Finance 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 Mr. Sonny Lewis.

Mr. Lipps made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the August 4, 2014 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks tonight.

LIQUOR PERMIT FRANKLIN SAVE-A-LOT, 110 E. SIXTH ST., NEW C-2 PERMIT (WINE & MIXED BEVERAGES IN SEALED CONTAINERS FOR CARRY OUT)

Ms. Fisher stated that we think the permit was previously held by Marsh Supermarket.

Chief Whitman stated that a background check was done and there is nothing outstanding.

There being no motion made requesting a hearing, this will be returned that a hearing is not requested by the City.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2014-09 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2014-02 TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014

Ms. Morgan stated a list of the additional appropriations is attached to the memo in the packet, and reads as follows:

Transfer to E911 Fund	\$100,000 set aside for radio upgrade in 2016
County Vehicle Tax Fund	\$124,100 reimbursement from CVT fund for beautification project
Unemployment Ins. Costs	\$8,000 general fund, carry over costs from 2013 plus potential 2014 costs
General Fund, Copy Machine	\$11,000 General fund - incorrect figures reported over three year period
Income Tax Refunds	\$30,000 General Fund - higher than expected refunds
Street Fund, Drainage Project	\$25,000 Street Fund
Court Special Projects, Public Defender	\$15,000 - Court Special Projects
Water Line Install across SR 73	\$32,000 - TIF fund, in connection with Kettering Hospital project
Beam Ditch Stormwater	\$230,000 - Storm water Fund
Gator plus Grant Money	\$20,000 - Fire Levy Fund (\$10,000 grant from the Eagles)

Mayor Centers asked what the drainage project is. Ms. Morgan stated that is for the drainage repairs at SR 123/I-75 (beautification project).

Ms. Morgan noted that also included but not listed on the list, is an additional appropriation for Special Events. This is needed as the Movies in the Park & Farmers Market expenses have been taken from this fund (they were not included in the original budget). Additional monies are needed to fund the Fall Fest, etc. Chief Westendorf added that the expenses for the Movies in the Park were not budgeted for (i.e. movie costs, concession equipment) and neither were the costs for the Farmers Market (yard signs & banners).

Mr. Hall stated that this was talked about at the Finance Committee meeting, knew there would be reimbursement costs, but didn't know the amount.

Ms. Morgan added that we have talked about next year, putting the expenses for the Movies in the Park, Farmers Market, etc., under the Park Department Fund.

Mr. Lewis stated that this has been talked about at the Finance Committee meeting and that we didn't have dollar amounts at that time. Mr. Lewis added that if that is an issue with Council, we can continue to fund in the Special Events Fund.

There was much discussion on the funding of Special Events; where the fireworks funding is; which events would be funded under the Park and which ones funded under Special Events. Mr. Lewis stated that the events that are done every year, i.e. Fall Fest, Car Show, the money has to be approved by Council; discretionary funds would be under the Park, i.e. costs for the movies, kayak launch, Farmers Market. Mr. Lewis added that Council has to approve the budget and the items are noted. There is a lot of good will from the events the City is sponsoring. These should be under the Park & Recreation budget.

Discussion continued on how it will work and Council is notified of any event/project that happens.

Mr. Bray stated he prefers to keep everything in the Special Events Fund so he can see and review the events. Mr. Lewis added if it is under the Parks it will be as we do now – will continue to be itemized and let you know of any purchases.

Mr. Lipps stated that you can spend up to \$25,000 without Council's approval. Mr. Lewis stated yes, and we thought it would be more efficient to list it under the Park budget.

Mr. Hall stated we get the budget, know what's in it; if under the Parks and need more money, we will know. We have safeguards in place – we know these things are coming and growing. Mr. Hall added that he agrees with Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Lewis stated that since the street paving bid came in lower than the estimate, we have used that money to fix manhole covers that are not level. There is new technology used now and we are going to start including this expense in our budget.

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

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2014-26 ACCEPTING THE GRANT AND DEDICATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM WALGREENS CO. AND THE GRANT OF TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS FROM WALGREEN CO. AND KENNETH JOHNSON FOR THE SECOND STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Ms. Fisher stated that this accepts the grant and dedication of right-of-way and temporary construction easement from Walgreen Co. and the temporary construction easement from Kenneth Johnson for the Second Street widening project. These will be filed with Warren County and then the project will begin.

Mr. Wilcher asked if Mr. Johnson was aware of this. Mr. Lewis stated yes, he agreed, we are doing some improvements to the entrance to Cazadores, and he has signed the agreement.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-26; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2014-27 AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT WITH SUNESIS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE SECOND STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. Lewis stated that bids were opened August 13, 2014 and came in under the engineer's estimate of \$305,000.00. Bids were:

Sunesis Construction	\$282,103.00
A&B Asphalt Corp.	\$327,892.30

Barrett Paving	\$329,704.01
L.J. DeWeese Co.	\$335,160.73

We are recommending to award to the low bidder, Sunesis, in the amount of \$282,103.00. They have worked in the City before & Mr. Conway has checked their references.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-27; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2014-28 ESTABLISHING THE RATES FOR SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION IN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2014 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Mr. Lewis stated that at the last meeting Council awarded the contract for solid waste & commingled recyclables collection and disposal services to Rumpke. This will establish the rates to charge residents from October 1, 2014 thru September 30, 2015 at \$15.21 per unit, per month (\$12.50 collection cost + \$2.71 administrative fee).

Mayor Centers asked if there is anything that won't be picked up.

Mr. Lewis stated the contract is the same as before, no construction materials will be picked up.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-28; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated that he received notification today from SWOPG4 (Southwestern Ohio Purchasers for Government Association) of the salt bid results - \$111.55 per ton this year compared to \$49.95 last year. Also, only 25,000 tons are available for the group, 285 tons available for each entity. There is a shortage across the Midwest and also, the State didn't get enough for all the counties. Our bins are full now.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher stated to remember that there is no meeting September 1 and thanked Council for being supportive of the Farmers Market.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Lipps had no comments tonight.

Mr. Wilcher asked, on behalf of Mr. Faulkner, where are we in the Finance Director's search; one resume has been received and is a committee needed. Mr. Lewis stated Ms. Morgan is going to be here until March – will start the process in October/November. Mr. Wilcher referring to the notice in the recent water bills about storm water illicit discharges, asked where residents can take anti-freeze, motor oil, etc. Mr. Lewis stated we will do a newsletter on this subject and will look at having a hazardous waste collection next year. Mr. Wilcher stated he heard the car show was good – he was unable to attend.

Mr. Hall stated to remember school starts Wednesday; car show was good and that Mr. Bates does a great job.

Mr. Bray stated that he had a call about the house on John Street, nothing has been done; trees at Beam/Millard need cut; and the grate outside HNB is about 4" above the sidewalk. Mr. Centers added there is also another grate across the street that is bad. Mr. Bray continued there is trash again at the house on SR 123, need to call the Township; car show was awesome & the JD Legends concert was too; have been told the Dollar General will be opening Friday or Saturday; need to start discussion about cameras downtown; and the dispatch center is beautiful.

Mayor Centers stated it's a great idea about the cameras; will be meeting with Judge Ruppert (Mr. Greathouse stated he put up cameras on the front of his building); need to do cameras and asked Council for their input. Mr. Lewis stated that this is going to the Safety Committee. Mr. Wilcher & Mr. Bray stated that we should do cameras. Mr. Lipps stated they have to be justified. Mayor Centers asked when is the next Finance Committee meeting (Mr. Bray will let him know); asked about the status of the Park (Mr. Lewis stated there's only been one meeting, discussed the use, next meeting is Wednesday); if the house at the end of town is in the City limits, needs cleaned up (it is in the Township), and asked about the possibility of annexing this area. Mayor Centers asked Ms. Fisher if the vicious dog ordinance needs reviewed – Ms. Fisher stated it needs to be discussed at the Safety Committee meeting; and an ordinance is needed addressing the windows of empty buildings. Mr. Bray stated he doesn't care for the one done at the Lakes Jewelry building. Mr. Lewis stated he agrees, didn't work out.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

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

Vice Mayor

Clerk of Council