

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 15, 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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Darlene Hicks.

There was one member of the press and 4 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: 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.

Mr. Lipps made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the August 18, 2014 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

PRESENTATION: WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER - MS. MAGGIE HESS

Ms. Maggie Hess, Superintendent of Warren County Career Center, asked Council to consider supporting the 3.5 mill replacement levy on the November ballot for the Career Center. She explained this will replace the 3.5 mill original 1979 continuing levy. If the levy passes, it will be on 2014 home values – replacing 1979 values. The levy is needed for the following:

- Renovations of the original building constructed in 1974, which requires major infrastructure improvements, i.e. fire suppression systems, upgrades to electrical, HVAC and plumbing.
- Ohio School Facilities Commission has found that more than 50 percent of the building is undersized based on the space requirements for classrooms, Career tech labs and current student enrollment
- Need to secure access at all entrance points, improve lighting and security cameras for parking lots, and building wide communications/intercom system
- Update lab equipment and instructional materials

Ms. Hess also noted:

- Cheaper to renovate than rebuild
- Need to meet safety & security issues
- Traffic control update needed

- Out of space
- Offer satellite programs

Ms. Hess asked Council to consider endorsing the 3.5 mill replacement levy

Mr. Faulkner stated he supports the school; asked how many programs are offered and how many schools are served by the Career Center. Ms. Hess stated the Career Center offers 27 programs and serves 6 schools.

Mr. Lipps stated he has always been impressed by what the Career Center has done and the programs are fantastic.

Ms. Hess introduced Ms. Lori Raleigh who is on the Career Center Board and also a member of the Franklin School Board.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks tonight.

RESOLUTION 2014-29 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND TAX RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE WARREN COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION, AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE WARREN COUNTY AUDITOR

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the final step in the tax budget process. The Tax Budget was passed July 14, 2014 by Council, then the County certifies back to each jurisdiction the amounts and rates for inside and outside property tax levies. The General Fund shows a \$13,000 increase and Fire & EMS Fund increased \$49,000. This is done every year.

Mr. Lipps made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-29; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. 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.

RESOLUTION 2014-30 AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF DE-ICING SALT FROM NORTH AMERICAN SALT COMPANY THROUGH THE SWOP4G PROGRAM

Mr. Lewis stated that bids were opened on August 6, 2014 through the SWOP4G program and bids received were:

- American Salt Company no bid
- Cargill Salt no bid
- Central salt no bid
- North American Salt \$111.55
- Morton Salt no bid

The low and only bid received is from North American Salt at \$111.55. We have been told we may not get any salt as there is a shortage all throughout the Midwest. Our bins are full now and we hope we don't have to use it.

There was some discussion on how much we actually have on hand (2400-2500 tons); looking at installing another salt bin and alternatives to use in place of salt (slag).

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-30; seconded by Mr. Bray. 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.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Been working with the Warren County Chamber the last couple of months on switching to REDI Cincinnati to represent the County on new business development and retention. We feel we will get a better response than we have gotten from the Dayton Development Coalition – but we will still work with them also
- Met with the School last week about the “Safe Routes for School Grant” as we have received engineering monies for the grant; is 80/20 match per ODOT, and this year ODOT will fund the 20%, so there will be very little cost to the City and will be looking at the SR123 area in addition to other areas in the City

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher stated she had no report tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Aldridge* asked who enforces the ‘dogs in the Park Policy’ as dogs are everywhere in the Park; and October 16th is the 2nd Franklin Wildcat Scholarship Fund raiser.

Mr. Lipps thanked everyone for coming tonight; thanked Ms. Hess for all she does & they have a face book page for supporters; welcome back to Ed Richter (Middletown Journal reporter); Franklin Chamber lunch today sponsored by Franklin Ridge Nursing Home; and the Chamber’s annual Mix Po is tomorrow night at JD Legends.

Mr. Wilcher thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Mr. Bray asked Ms. Fisher what do we need to do for recognizing the Farmer Market Committee (Ms. Fisher stated we are looking at recognizing them at the October 6th meeting - working with Mr. Lewis on this); complaints about people living under the bridge; asked about the proposed store and lock at the north end of town (don’t know anything about, think the deal has fallen through) and at the pee wee game last weekend, people were asking where to park, cars were parked everywhere on the grass, and the front parking lot was not full.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming tonight; asked if there is an ordinance restricting parking of recreational vehicles on the street (yes, there is) as there is one parked on Hemlock which blocks the sign; the Vineyard Church is inviting everyone to their 25th year anniversary, will be a pig roast on Sunday and good luck to Mr. Lipps on his marathon run this weekend.

Vice Mayor Hall stated it is good to see Ed and Lori (School Board member) here tonight and asked about the tactical store (on 2nd Street, front of the Store & Lock), selling merchandise outside, need to check.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Lipps. 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 6:40 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council