

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 7, 2014**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

Scott Lipps	present
Matt Wilcher	present
Jason Faulkner	present
Denny Centers	present
Carl Bray	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Todd Hall	present

There were 2 members of the press and 8 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims.

Mr. Hall made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the March 17, 2014 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

#### RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Dave McDaniel, 522 Victoria, Franklin, Ohio, thanked Chief Whitman for participating in Project ChildSafe.

Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims presented a brief summary of his 2013 report. He noted the following:

- Over 73,000 calls County wide
- 228 sex offenders live in Warren County; 41 work in the County
- Over 9,000 carry & conceal permits in the County
- Created a Crime Scene Investigation Unit last year
- 3 canine units
- Court Services Unit very busy
- Jail overcapacity 148 days last year; discussing adding jail space
- Added a self defense class for women
- Partnered with Camp Joy for under privileged children to attend the Camp
- We have done an excellent job working with the other agencies in the County
- Active Shooters training for schools; School Resource Officer added at King's High School

- Have had a number of retirements – lots of new employees
- Drug Task Force – been going non-stop and being successful

There were questions from Council about the number of new hires (no additional people, just replacing) heroin overdoses on decline, need to get that information out; carry & conceal permits can be tracked by zip code; Resource Officer at Kings High School funded by County for about 2 months, School District funds the remainder of year; how is the DARE program funded, grants available, County & some schools fund and Mr. Lipps added that Sheriff Sims is very accessible and attended the leadership program last year.

**PUBLIC HEARING    ORDINANCE 2014-03    AMENDING SECTION 1111.08 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE**

Mr. Lewis stated that this changes the height and size of monuments signs in the Industrial Districts. This has been to Planning Commission and they recommend approval (6-0). The height has been increased from 6 ft. to 8 ft. and the maximum sign size increased from 36 sq. ft. to 72 sq. ft.

Mayor Centers opened the Public Hearing and asked for any Public comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for any Council comments. There were none.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-03; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers stated that he talked with Phyllis Clark, Clarks Tax Service, about a problem with her sign. She wants to change it to a digital sign and he doesn't see a problem to do that. Mr. Faulkner stated he talked to her also; she's changing the sign size – contractor wanting to change the structure of the sign. Mr. Hall stated he feels Planning Commission needs to review the regulations.

Ms. Fisher explained what has happened – sign she has is bigger than required, told her she can have digital sign if kept the same size.

Mayor Centers stated need to reconsider – have no problem with it. Mr. Wilcher stated we owe it to the business to work with her. Discussion continued on the need to look at the sign regulations, Second Street is a Business District, need to work with her, and we have to do what is right.

Mr. Lewis stated we offered to meet with her and the contractor to discuss the sign issue, she said she couldn't meet right now, will be in after the tax season.

**RESOLUTION 2014-10    APPOINTING DAVID A. MCDANIEL TO THE BOARD OF ZONING, BUILDING & HOUSING APPEALS AND JAMES MACKAY TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

Mr. Lewis stated that there are vacancies on the Board of Zoning, Building & Housing Appeals and the Parks & Recreation Commission. This Resolution appoints Mr. David McDaniel to the Board of Zoning,

Building & Housing Appeals, term expiring 12/31/17 and Mr. James Mackey to the Parks & Recreation Commission, term expiring 12/31/17.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-10; seconded by Mr. Lipps. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2014-11 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW CASE BACKHOE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FROM SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT COMPANY, THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING A TRADE-IN TO BE APPLIED TO THE PURCHASE PRICE**

Mr. Lewis stated that this will be used in the Water Department. It will replace a 1995 Case 580 Super L Backhoe that is 19 years old. It is being purchased from Southeastern Equipment Company under the State Purchasing Program, \$67,944.80 with trade-in of \$13,000; total purchase price is \$54,944.30.

Mr. Lipps made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-11; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2014-12 SUPPORTING THE FRANKLIN CITY SCHOOL LEVY**

Mr. Andy Bradley, on behalf of the Levy Campaign Committee, thanked Council for their support and the Resolution of Support. He briefly explained what the committee is doing: articles in the newspapers, letters, emails & face book, signs out next week, town hall meetings and fund raisers at Bob Evans Restaurant & Pisanello's Pizza.

Mr. Wilcher thanked him for all he has done.

Mr. Lipps made the motion to adopt Resolution 2014-12; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Chief Westendorf is in Washington DC, with the Dayton Coalition, representing the City
- It's that time of year we receive lots of calls on trash & speeders, etc. - these will be addressed

## LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher reported on the following:

- Farmers Market Committee – 2 vendors are committed, beginning 6/4, info on web page, at the City Building and at the Chamber of Commerce
- Moving Ohio Forward demolition has started, 529 S. River has additional asbestos that has to be removed

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall stated that the school levy is important, if it doesn't pass it will also affect the City; and the State needs to fund education properly as it has been ruled unconstitutional by the State.

Mr. Aldridge echoed Mr. Hall's comments; on April 26, 2014, the Franklin Wildcat Scholarship Foundation is having a fund raiser at Shaker Run Golf Course.

Mr. Bray thanked Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Mackey for volunteering to serve on the committees and asked Mr. Lewis if he had any feedback on the house (no).

Mr. Lipps stated Mr. Bradley is communicating very well about the school levy, the business community wants good schools, need to pass, don't want to be another Little Miami; saw Mr. Johnny Lamb and he is very excited and committed with the Bike Show.

Mr. Wilcher stated to vote on the school levy, very important, will affect all of us, those with kids and those with no kids, and need to pass the levy as it is investing in our future.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming tonight; thanks for volunteering; thanked Mr. Bradley for the good job he's doing on the school levy; spoke at the recent rally for the school levy and said that Council was committed to the levy; asked if there is an update on the hole at Virginia/Hemlock (Duke project, Mr. Lewis will check on); asked why are we changing how we appoint Pool Board members (Mr. Lewis stated, yes, it is changed, Park Board made appointments last week, we've been doing it wrong. Ms. Fisher added that the Charter transferred those powers to the Park Board and they make the appointments).

Mr. Centers stated we have an obligation to support the schools – we supported our kids and we need to do for our future kids; thanks to Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Mackey for volunteering; the next meeting, will be a work session & the first meeting of the month will be for legislation; items for work session are: Parks discussion; Finance Director's position and any other item. Mr. Bray asked for a list from the last work session on what we need to discuss. Mayor Centers stated he met with Mayor Argenbroad about the new SR 73 ramp beautification & he will be contacting Mr. Lewis; appreciate the ramps being kept clean; and asked if the SR 123 ramp will be repaired (Mr. Lewis stated yes, it will be repaired and he explained what had happened ).

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council