

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 2, 2011**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 2, 2011, 6:02 p.m. at the Franklin Municipal Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

Scott Lipps	present
Jason Faulkner	present
Bob Knipper	present
Denny Centers	present
Carl Bray	absent
Michael Aldridge	present
Todd Hall	present

There were 2 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Officer Ross Coulton, Shane Centers, Franklin Planning Commission, Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager/ Public Works Director; and Ms. Rachel Stevens, Acting Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Matt Wilcher.

Mr. Knipper made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the April 18, 2011 meeting; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS: NONE

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2011-21 DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING CITY
STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2012

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the first step in the street light assessment process for the year 2012. Mr. Lewis said that the City has received \$62,000.00, the first of two tax installment assessments. The City pays for 2% of the assessed cost to cover the City's share of the lighting. The tax installments are paid in two installments, in April and September. The costs have been increasing about \$10,000.00 each year. Mr. Centers asked if Duke owns the lights and poles and Mr. Lewis stated that yes, except for the lights down River Street and Miami Avenue. Mr. Centers stated that the City was interested in replacing the ones in the downtown area with more decorative lights. Mr. Centers asked how much was spent on the actual power and how much was spent on the poles. Mr. Lewis said he would check previous bills to see if the breakdown was listed. Mr. Lipps asked how the money was distributed and Mr. Lewis stated that although the City only receives the assessment twice a year, the City pays monthly.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2011-21; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported that on a follow up to Kenny Combs complaint of the garbage cans on Highridge Court, that one notice was sent to the 24 offenders and that the next week there were only 7 violations. Mr. Lewis stated that one more notice will be sent and then citations will be issued. Mr. Lewis stated that the notice seemed to help dropping from 24 to 7 with the first notice. Mr. Lewis also stated that in regards to 833 Second Street, the owner was sent a letter regarding the vehicles at the location. The letter was signed for on Saturday, and that the owners have 5 days to comply.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Comments tonight include:

Mr. Hall stated to "Go vote." Mr. Hall also thanked Sonny Lewis and Jonathan Westendorf for all their hard work on the campaign. Mr. Hall urged people to get and hustle people in to vote.

Mr. Aldridge said he wants the same as Mr. Hall. Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mr. Lipps said that with the weather, and all of the rain, he was thinking there was going to be a low turnout at the polls, and he thinks that we have a good chance of winning.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming. Mr. Faulkner said that he thinks that the City is well positioned for the election.

Mr. Knipper stated that he wants everyone to support the vote.

Mr. Centers asked Mr. Tim Humphries, Carlisle Mayor, if he wanted to address Council. Mr. Humphries stated that the Franklin Fire Department helped the assisted living community by using their ladder truck to put up a new flag and thanked the Franklin Fire Department for their help. Mr. Centers then thanked Sonny for the house clean up at the edge of town, which is located in the township. Mr. Centers asked Mr. Lewis how a resident could get a recycle bin, and Mr. Lewis stated that there may be some at the City Building. He would check into how citizens could receive on. Mr. Centers asked if that information could be included in the next water bill.

Mr. Centers stated there was no reason to enter into an executive session. At 6:18 p.m., Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes

Motion passed.

Mayor

Acting Clerk of Council