

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 6, 2011**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 6, 2011, 6:02 p.m. at the Franklin Municipal Building, Vice-Mayor Bob Knipper presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There were 11 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Officer Ross Coulton; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager/ Public Works Director; and Ms. Rachel Stevens, Acting Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the visiting Boy Scout Troop.

Mr. Hall made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the May 16, 2011 meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS:

Mr. Gary Harrison addressed Council in regards to City workers picking up signs in his yard. Mr. Harrison said that last Thursday he had a few signs in his yard that belong to his nephew, who doing some repairs to his building, and that a City worker stopped by and picked them up. The worker informed Mr. Harrison that the signs were being removed because they were in the City's right-of-way. Mr. Harrison said he came to the meeting because he wanted to know if they City had a law stating this and where would he find a copy of it. Mr. Knipper asked Ms. Fisher if the City had an ordinance to do this and Ms. Fisher replied that yes, the regulation is contained in the UDO, which is available online. Mr. Harrison asked about the right-of-way location and Ms. Fisher said that typically, the right-of-way is the area between the street and sidewalk or, if there are no sidewalks (as in Mr. Harrison's case) it is approximately 10 feet from the road. Mr. Harrison's concern is that since he is running for election, he wanted to know where he would be able to put his election signs. Mr. Hall said that the City will notify anyone running for office as to where signs could and could not be placed. Ms. Fisher said that the City workers will pick up violating signs that they see or if a citizen makes a complaint. Ms. Fisher said as long as Mr. Harrison keeps the signs in his yard, they will not be removed. Mr. Lewis confirmed that as long as the sign is in compliance, it will not be removed.

Mr. Doug Greathouse addressed Council regarding the new tax increase. Mr. Greathouse wanted to know how the tax increase would be divided on the City's Income Tax form, as the current one does not address the issue of a 1.5% tax for January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011 and then a 2% tax from July 1, 2011 through the remainder of the year. Ms. Lewis assured Mr. Greathouse that the Tax Department and David Fouch, the Income Tax Administrator, would be more than willing to assist any citizen with questions. Mr. Bray said that most self-employed people pay their taxes quarterly, which would be a clean dividing line for the payment of the old rate and the new one.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER- Franklin Marathon, 6901 State Route 123

Chief Whitman passed this on to Ms. Fisher who stated that this was an existing permit being transferred from one family member to another. Chief Whitman checked and found no reason to object to the transfer. Council had no objection to this transfer.

RESOLUTION 2011-24 APPROVING THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE WARREN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Mr. Lewis introduced Ms. Susan Mason of the Warren County Solid Waste District to Council. Ms. Mason stated that the EPA requires the Solid Waste Management Plan be updated every five years. The District Policy Committee has recommended continuing with the existing plan with a few minor changes. Ms. Mason said that the main change is with the trash haulers and recycling; the trash haulers will be monitored more closely to ensure they are complying with the Plan. The new plan would also offer recycling services by means of "drop-off" sites throughout the community should the haulers stop offering curbside recycling. Mr. Lipps asked Mr. Lewis if he had read the Plan, and if so, then he was confident with Mr. Lewis' recommendation to adopt it.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2011-24, seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2011-25 ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ANNE RIDDIOUGH FROM THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE AND APPOINTING CAROL MONTGOMERY TO FILL THE VACANCY

Mr. Lewis said that if there were any questions, Mr. Westendorf would be able to address them. Mr. Westendorf said that Ms. Montgomery has been helping with the Special Events Committee for over the last two years, and this Resolution will make her appointment official. Mr. Lipps asked Mr. Westendorf why Ms. Riddiough resigned to which Mr. Westendorf replied that it was a timing conflict.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2011-25, seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

Mr. Lipps	no
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 2011-10 DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF
CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING
THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2012

Mr. Lewis stated that as discussed at the last meeting, this was the second of three steps in the process of implementing the annual street lighting assessments.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported that the Police Department had their LEADS audit and received a favorable review. Because the Police Department was current on its LEADS access payments, we received three free months of access (March, April and May), which saved \$700 per month.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher had nothing to report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Comments tonight include:

Mr. Hall said to Chief Whitman that there were some parked car issues that he wanted him to look at and that he would get with him after the meeting.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Lipps thanked the Boy Scout troop for joining in tonight's meeting. Mr. Lipps also said that the Finance Committee had their first meeting since the passing of the levy and that they were in the process of restoring positions and special events for the City. Mr. Lipps said that information would be available to Council at the next meeting, June 20, 2011.

Mr. Bray congratulated the Class of 2011.

Mr. Knipper also thanked the Boy Scout for joining the meeting. Mr. Knipper thanked Mr. Lipps and the Finance Committee for their hard work. Mr. Knipper told Mr. Lewis that there was a property on Arlington that the grass needed attention.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bray made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the employment of a public employee or official with no action afterwards, seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	no
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes

Motion passed.

At 6:30 p.m. Vice Mayor Knipper and members of Council entered into executive session to discuss the employment of a public employee or public official.

Mr. Lipps made a motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes

Motion passed.

Mr. Hall made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes

Motion passed.

Vice-Mayor Knipper adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Mayor

Acting Clerk of Council