

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 1, 2011**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 1, 2011, 6:00 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	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Todd Hall	present

There were 22 visitors and no one from the press at tonight's meeting. Also present; Mr. Don Woods, Chief Building Official; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager/Public Works Director and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Whitman.

Mr. Knipper made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the July 18, 2011 regular meeting & work session; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes & abstained for the first 10 minutes of the meeting as he was absent

Motion passed.

#### RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Members of Boy Scout Troop 632, Christ United Methodist Church, stated they are working on their Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. For a requirement, they found an issue at Beal Road/SR 123 – if turning left, there is a lot of brush growing there preventing you from seeing on-coming traffic. Mayor Centers asked exactly where they are talking about – turning from Beal Road to the left.

Mayor Centers stated that the City Manager, Mr. Lewis, will address this. Mr. Lewis stated for the boys to come in and see him and that he will get them a project to do. He doesn't think that this (Beal Road/SR 123) is a safe project for them to do. There are 8-9 boys working on various merit badges.

Austin Stevens & Jeremy Parker spoke on behalf of the Boy Scout troop.

Mayor Centers thanked them for coming tonight.

**PRESENTATION: INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS**

Chief Whitman introduced & noted the experience of the two newly sworn-in police officers – Officer Amanda Craig & Officer Jordon Colvin.

Mayor Centers welcomed them.

Mr. Faulkner also welcomed them and thanked them for coming.

**PRESENTATION: WARREN COUNTY ELDERLY SERVICES PROGRAM UPDATE - LAURIE PETRIE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR COUNCIL ON AGING OF SOUTHWESTERN OHIO**

Laurie Petrie, Director of Communications for Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio, and Karen Hill, Director of Warren County Aging Services, presented an update on the Warren County Elderly Services Program.

The Annual Report was handed out and Ms. Petrie noted the following:

- Taxpayers pay for the program which provides support services that help older adults remain safe and independent in their own home
- Approximately 2400 Warren County seniors were able to stay at home
- Program is administered by the Council on Aging and Warren County Community Services screens the participants
- Requirements are: Warren County resident; 60 years of age or older; unable to perform daily activities
- Program is cost effective for Warren County; 91% of the cost of the program is funded from levy funds
- Current levy of 1.21 mills expire at the end of the year – renewal will be on the ballot in November to continue services

Ms. Hill stated the clients in the program are typically 80 years old, female and living alone. Our clients need various types of assistance. They don't need a nursing home, but need help to remain at home. We provide services that support families in keeping the loved ones at home.

In 2010, 247 people from Franklin were in the program; 213,000 meals were delivered in Warren County and 74,000 hours of home services were provided.

She thanked Council for letting them update them, appreciate the Franklin Fire & Police Departments for their assistance – have a good relationship with them.

Ms. Hill also noted the levy kick-off is September 16, 2011, 1:00 pm., at Sherman Glen.

Mayor Centers stated that he is familiar with the program – his mother used the services – and thanked them for coming.

PUBLIC HEARING                      ORDINANCE 2011-13                      DECLARING A MORATORIUM  
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OR COMMENCEMENT OF OPERATIONS OF  
“INTERNET/SWEEPSTAKES CAFES” OR SIMILAR USES FOR A SIX MONTH PERIOD

Ms. Fisher explained that this was enacted on June 20, 2011 as an emergency. Emergency ordinances are repealed 61 days after adoption. This ordinance needs passed to keep the moratorium in place. HB 195, which has not been passed yet, will license these facilities. This moratorium will give us time until HB 195 passes and Planning Commission can review.

Mayor Centers opened the Public Hearing and asked for any public comments. Mr. Joe Harris, 425 Mission Lane, asked if this is a form of illegal gambling. Ms. Fisher stated that she thinks it is. This legislation puts this on hold until we can decide how to handle them.

Mayor Centers asked if video slot machines are approved. Ms. Fisher stated at horse tracks only.

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

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-13; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING                      ORDINANCE 2011-14                      AMENDING THE OFFICIAL  
ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, TO REZONE THE PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT 550 CONOVER DRIVE (PARCEL NO'S. 04252510060, 04252510070 AND  
04252510080) FROM C-1 “GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT,” TO I-1 “LIGHT  
INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT”

Ms. Fisher stated that this is the first rezoning we’ve had since the UDO was passed. This will rezone 550 Conover Drive from C-1 to I-1. Crane 1 Services bought the property in February 2008 and it has been used for light industrial purposes since they’ve owned it. They are planning to do a building expansion; can’t do under the current C-1 zoning; asking to be changed back to I-1 zoning to allow for the building addition. Planning Commission has approved the rezoning.

Mayor Centers added that the addition is at the rear of the building and there also is a tree line at the rear of the lot. Ms. Fisher added that Crane 1 representatives are present tonight.

Mr. Bray noted that I-1 zoning is at the other end of Conover Drive.

Mayor Centers opened the Public Hearing and asked for any public comments. Mr. Joe Harris, 425 Conover Drive, asked what the business does and if any jobs will be created.



Mayor Centers summarized that the Special Events Committee will remain at 15 members, that anyone that wants to, can participate and that a chairman & vice chairman will be elected.

Mr. Faulkner stated he attended the last meeting and more exciting things are coming.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2011-32; seconded by Mr. Knipper. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mr. Knipper introduced Ordinance 2011-15                      Levying Assessments for Improvements of City Streets and Public Ways by the Lighting Thereof for the Year 2012

Mr. Bray introduced Ordinance 2011-16                      Changing Name of Water Source Drive to Sonny Lewis Way in the City of Franklin, Ohio

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- The salt at Franklin Yards: is under tarp now; 32,000 tons of salt; they are protecting the ground water from the salt pile; we are the poster child of what the EPA wants done, Ms. Fisher helped with this; City volunteered to do monitoring wells; will start testing this week; testing paid by Franklin Yards & we will do testing & sampling; the owner agrees to this. Mr. Bray asked if any hazardous materials are stored in the building. Mr. Lewis stated we are not aware of any. Ms. Fisher added that Cargill products are stored in the building & explained how the water runs off the salt pile.
- The Buddy's Carpet building is down; if you see water spraying it is because of a problem with the water line, can't shut it off; a contractor is coming to put in a shut off
- The Park Board and the Rotary Club have partnered to buy a water fountain for the Park
- Anderson Funeral Home will be starting work this week

#### LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher stated that a Safety Council Committee is needed – to be scheduled for Friday, August 5, 2011, 7:30 a.m. at Bob Evans Restaurant.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Comments tonight:

Mr. Hall had none.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming this evening & thanked the Scouts for being involved.

Mr. Bray thanked all for coming, thanked the Scouts and welcomed back Mrs. McGee.

Mr. Lipps stated that the Finance Council Committee had a good meeting tonight and that several issues will be coming to Council at the next meeting & welcome.

Mr. Faulkner expressed thanks to Rachel Stevens for filling in as Acting Clerk of Council; welcome back to Mrs. McGee; and thanks for coming this evening. JEMS update – voted not to do the 3.4 mil levy, felt not the right time to do, is tabled until spring; afraid will get lost with this being an election year, need to work on this to discuss different scenarios. Mr. Lewis stated he agrees with Mr. Faulkner; need to visit this after the election and that he will work with him on this. Mr. Faulkner added that the board is looking at various cuts & discussed hard-billing– need help for financing at the end of the year.

Mr. Knipper left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor Centers stated that the weeds in the grates in the downtown need cut (will be done); status of Franklin Boxboard appreciation cookout (Mr. Lewis stated they have suggested August 10<sup>th</sup> to do something for them, will be done by volunteers & items have been donated; also, they are having a board meeting today in Newark, will know more after that); need to know their plans for the building & property (Mr. Lewis stated they are boarding it up, fencing and placing a guard when it is closed, plan to tear down the building, but no timeframe); commended them on the closing of the building and asked if we have received any calls from other companies wanting to come to the City (Mr. Lewis stated no, we are doing some retention work, having no buildings that are 30,000 to 40,0000 sq. ft in size hurts us, no one is building); asked if Henkle Schueler is willing to build (Mr. Lewis stated that to build is too expensive now, is cheaper to rent); thanks to the Scouts for coming tonight and the leaders for doing what they do and encouraged them to keep going on to become an Eagle Scout.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Knipper	absent
Mr. centers	yes
Mr. Bray	yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council