

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 2, 2015**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 2, 2015, 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

There was one member of the press and 21 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Hall recognized members of Boy Scout Troop 896 in tonight's audience and noted that they are working on their citizenship and community badges. Scout Tanner Biltz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the January 5, 2015 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks tonight.

PROCLAMATIONS - FRANKLIN AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Vice Mayor Hall and members of Council presented a Proclamation to the Franklin Area Historical Society in recognition of their 50th Anniversary on February 8, 2015.

Also, Mrs. Harriet Foley was presented a Proclamation designating her as the "Official Historian of the City of Franklin".

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2015-01 AMENDING CHAPTER 755 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TITLED "HOTEL TAX"

Ms. Fisher stated that this has been reviewed with the Finance Council Committee and they recommend approval.

This ordinance makes the following changes: reduces the number of rooms from 5 to 3 classified as hotel; this is an additional pass through charge; added language to allow a collections agency to collect any delinquent accounts and a penalty provision that mirrors the penalty for delinquent individual accounts. Ms. Fisher added most hotel owners in the City pay the tax but we are having problems with one owner – this adds more enforcement language.

There was some discussion on changing the number of rooms from 5 to 3.

Mr. Lipps added that he has attended meetings at the Warren County Convention Bureau, they support the tax, and 78% of the tax paid is by non-residents.

Vice Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing and asked for any public comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for any Council comments.

Mr. Lipps made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-01; 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 2015-06 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE WARREN COUNTY MUTUAL AID ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE POLICE DIVISION

Chief Whitman stated that this is a rewrite of the Warren County Mutual Aid Assistance Agreement and there are no major changes.

Ms. Fisher added that they did clarify how to add a new member.

Mr. Lipps noted that West Carrollton is contracting with Centerville for dispatching.

Mr. Faulkner asked how many calls are there for assistance. Chief Whitman stated there were several calls this past weekend.

Mr. Lipps made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-06; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. 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.

RESOLUTION 2015-07 ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF DORIS ROSS FROM THE CITY OF FRANKLIN CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND APPOINTING KELLY KRAMER TO FILL THE VACANCY

Mr. Lewis stated that this is to appoint Kelly Kramer to the Civil Service Commission to replace Doris Ross who resigned. Mr. Brent Centers, Chairman of the Commission, has talked to her and explained how the board works.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-07; 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.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated the Special Events Committee has announced their summer movie schedule: May – “Ferris Bueller’s Day Off”; June – “Guardians of the Galaxy”; July – “Home Alone”; and August – “Jurassic Park”.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher stated that the Farmers’ Market will be June 6th thru October 17th this year and will be adding craft vendors this year. Also, there is no February 16, 2015 Council meeting.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Lipps thanked the Boy Scouts for coming and proud of the work you do in our community; congrats to the Franklin Area Historical Society and that he is a life member; and thanks to the City Manager, Mr. Lewis, for meeting with Mr. Dan Danner, President of HFIB, Washington DC, who was in town recently visiting with Sleep Tite Mattress and also Hamilton Caster in Hamilton.

Mr. Wilcher thanked the Historical Society for the work they do; congratulations to Harriet Foley and thanks to the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Aldridge stated thanks for coming tonight; thanks to Doris Ross for serving on the Civil Service Commission; Luke Kennard named to the McDonalds All American Team, highest honor for basketball, this does a lot for the community and is a great honor for him, also selected to participate in the Nike Hoops Summit, this is a huge honor and proud of one of our local kids.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming tonight; thanks to Ms. Foley; remember to vote tomorrow for the school renewal levy and he will be attending the ribbon cutting tomorrow at Kettering Emergency Center.

Mr. Bray thanked the Franklin Area Historical Society for all they do; thanks to the Boy Scouts for coming tonight; and the area schools are also benefitting from our basketball team as the recent game at Monroe was sold out. Mr. Bray gave an updated financial report; revenues down approximately \$210,000

but overages in other revenue items helped to compensate the shortfall; yearend fund balances are in good shape and thanks for coming.

Mr. Hall stated he had to call the EMS squad Saturday night and they did an outstanding job; thanked the Boy Scouts for coming tonight; and thanked the Franklin Area Historical Society and Harriet Foley for caring about the community.

Mr. Wilcher stated that on February 9th, at the Deardoff Senior Center, Andy Hite will be speaking about the history of the canals.

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

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

Motion passed.

Vice Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council