

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 2, 2015**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 2, 2015, 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	absent
Michael Aldridge	present
Todd Hall	present

There was no one from the press and 5 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Ms. Sandra Morgan, Finance Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Morgan.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the February 2, 2015 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Lipps. The vote;

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks.

**RESOLUTION 2015-08 ADOPTING A POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR PROBATION
SECRETARY FOR THE PROBATION DIVISION OF THE FRANKLIN MUNICIPAL COURT**

Mr. Lewis stated that this was discussed several months ago and legislation has been passed authorizing the position. This is the job description for the position and Ms. Fisher has worked with Belinda Hurley on this.

Mr. Faulkner questioned if this position is to handle additional work load for the Judge (drug court). Mr. Lewis stated yes.

Mr. Lipps questioned if this is approval to hire the positon. Mr. Lewis stated yes, and that the Judge is paying 1/3 of the cost at \$19,975, City share \$39,950, total cost of \$59,925.

Discussion continued on the cost; what if the Drug Court doesn't happen; have talked with Ms. Hurley, 7 currently enrolled in program; Warren County's position (they've made no decision); Mr. Gilly, Warren County Administrator, stated the County is not in favor of, but do favor a County Drug Court; if this still has to go to the State (probably not with the County not taking any action on this); questions about the Magistrate (Judge has said he will proceed with a Magistrate); and if we're putting the cart before the horse*. Mr. Lewis stated several things have to take place before it can happen.

Ms. Fisher explained the process and that we can proceed with the drug program through the Probation Department. Ms. Fisher added, legally, don't think you can tell him he can't hire the person – Council sets the position and salary.

Mr. Faulkner stated we need updates from the Judge on what he's doing – timetable. Mr. Lewis stated he told Ms. Hurley that we need quarterly updates.

Mr. Lipps stated he attended a meeting on the heroin problem lead by Judge Peeler and Judge Ruppert didn't attend.

Mr. Wilcher asked if we can stop him from hiring the position.

Ms. Fisher stated we can't stop him from hiring, Council only authorizes the position.

Mr. Faulkner asked about the salary. Mr. Lewis stated one of the Court Clerks will move over to this position, which will be a lateral salary move. Mr. Lipps questioned the position. Mr. Lewis stated the secretary position was always included in the plan.

Mr. Aldridge stated he'd like to have a timeline of what's happening.

Mayor Centers stated maybe the Judge can update us or come to a Council meeting.

Mr. Lewis stated we are doing nothing we haven't already agreed to do. This is the job description and the next Resolution is establishing the salary for the position.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-08; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-09 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2014-38, ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2015

Mr. Lewis stated that this Resolution makes three changes: establishes the salary for the Probation Secretary; a smart phone policy and increases the car allowance for the Fire & EMS Chief.

Mayor Centers asked about the car allowance increase for the Fire Chief and if we need to consider a City vehicle for him. Mr. Lewis explained he pays for his own gas and that he does a lot of other things besides those that are fire related, i.e. helping others and Special Events.

Mayor Centers asked Chief Westendorf if he wants a City vehicle. Chief Westendorf stated he has not thought about it.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-09; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis had no report.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher had no report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Lipps stated Congressman Steve Chabot held a summit at Franklin, well attended, Representative Ron Maag & Senator Shannon Jones attended, and the City Manager attended, and was hosted at the Fire Department.

Mr. Wilcher thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming; also attended the event with Congressman Chabot and he's been here several times.

Mr. Hall stated the Finance Committee met tonight and discussed the advertisements being thrown out at residences; Ms. Fisher will be looking at as there are lots of complaints and it is unsightly; and tell the Service Department they're doing a good job and thanks.

Mr. Aldridge stated he's received complaints about soliciting and about the advertisements being thrown in yards.

Mayor Centers asked about the status of the Park issue. Mr. Lewis stated it will be on the March 16, 2015 agenda. Mayor Centers stated that there is an executive session tonight and that he won't be at the March 16th meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss the Finance Director Position; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

Mr. Bray	absent
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Mr. Aldridge yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. Lipps no
Mr. Wilcher yes
Mr. Faulkner yes
Mr. Centers yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers and members Council entered into executive session at 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Centers and members of Council exited the executive session. Mayor Centers reconvened and adjourned the meeting.

Vice Mayor

City Clerk

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