

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 19, 2012**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 19, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin Municipal Building, Mayor Scott Lipps presiding.

Roll call showed:

Denny Centers	present
Matt Wilcher	present
Jason Faulkner	present
Scott Lipps	present
Carl Bray	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Todd Hall	present

There were 12 visitors and no one from the press at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Police Captain; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Ms. Sandra Morgan, Finance Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lee Dunlap.

Mr. Bray made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the March 5, 2012 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were none tonight.

PRESENTATION: FRANKLIN POLICE DIVISION - CHIEF WHITMAN

Chief Whitman introduced Karen Nelson, newly hired full-time Dispatcher (previously a reserve dispatcher) to Council.

Mayor Lipps and members of Council welcomed her.

Chief Whitman stated that his 2011 End of Year Report is the packet & noted the following.

- Thanked the Community for the passage of the local income tax increase
- Hired additional personnel – 2 patrol officers, 2 reserve dispatchers & created a civilian volunteer position

- In 2011, responded to 24,810 calls for service (919 calls 7,919; 4,503 offense reports; 4,285 crimes investigated; 2,376 criminal charges; 2,003 people arrested; 44 juveniles arrested)
- Felony arrests were up; misdemeanor arrests were down; burglaries are down; b&e's are up; drug crimes are up; domestic violence is down and thefts of vehicles are down
- Traffic citations are down; auto crash reports are up
- Have one K9 – 205 calls
- Detectives have been actively combating drug sales locally
- 2 internal investigations
- Recently honored retired officers Bill Brumfield and Doug Hickey for their service & recognized several employees with years of service awards
- Assisted the Anchorage, Alaska Police Department & the US Marine Corps in presenting Lexis Wallace (daughter of slain Hoonah, Alaska Police Sergeant & Franklin native Sgt. Tony Wallace) with a \$30,000 scholarship
- Purchased the following items: 2 Chevy Tahoe's; covert camera, 4 computers, fax machine and evidence processor/printer
- Overtime up in 2011 but was down in the 4th quarter of 2011
- Sick time usage for officers was down and dispatchers usage was up
- Purchased 2 new cruisers; 4 cruisers removed from the fleet
- SafetyPup program donations totaled \$3,624.55
- \$9,012.67 to the City- monies collected from drug fines etc.
- Planning a reorganization of the department to save money; not filling a vacant Dispatcher, Lieutenant or Captains position (Captain Coulton will be retiring), adding a Sergeant & Dispatcher Supervisor, will save approximately \$200,000 a year
- Updating the Police Manuel during 2012
- Added a civilian volunteer – Rick Nunamaker, who is working on locating crimes on maps

There was discussion on sharing the map information & the need for a mapping program; DUI's being down; miles driven in 2011 up; the drug problem in the City and calls for service.

Mr. Faulkner noted that he likes having the Captain's position.

Chief Whitman noted that the dispatchers estimate 10,000 calls are handled that's not logged in.

Mr. Nunamker addressed Council about his work on the crime maps. Chief Whitman stated that Mr. Nunamaker is doing very well in locating the crimes on the maps and thanked him for his service.

ORDINANCE 2012-07 EMERGENCY PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Lewis stated that the temporary budget was passed in December 2011. This is the permanent budget that has to be passed by March 31, 2012. It is basically the same as the temporary budget passed. A few of the changes included are a 1% increase for workers compensation and funds for a new dispatcher. He noted monies transferred to the Capital Improvement Fund \$300,000; \$376,000 to the Issue Two Fund; \$400,000 to the Street Fund and \$300,000 to the Property Acquisition Fund (\$200,000 has been spent for VRI). A three year projection is also included in your packet. He noted that the Enterprise Funds are doing well and we may be back with possible projects for 2012. We are waiting to see the results of losing Franklin Boxboard. The Trash Collection Fund is in good shape & has \$65,000 for demolition of buildings. Mayor Lipps & Mr. Bray are working with Senator Shannon Jones to get us on the list for demolition monies. The Stormwater Fund is in good shape. When the fund was established, we did a big project on the West Side & we said we wouldn't over borrow what that fund could produce in revenues. Next year, we should be able to pay off the West Side

project cost. Possible next projects being considered are the Beam Drive ditch & Victoria/Morgan Court drainage ditch.

Mr. Lewis added that this has been to the Finance Committee and approved.

Mr. Lewis thanked Ms. Morgan for her help and preparation of the budget.

Mayor Lipps asked about the money set aside for the web page. Mr. Lewis stated yes, \$20,000 has been set aside, and we are working on – hope to have by the end of the year.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-07; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2012-20 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER METER RADIO REMOTES FROM NEPTUNE EQUIPMENT COMPANY

Mr. Lewis stated we have been doing this since 2008. This authorizes the purchase of \$125,000 of radio remotes from Neptune Equipment Company. We estimate that with the meters installed, that we have cut 8 days per reading cycle. The radios operate on batteries so we have staggered the installation of the remotes so they all won't go out at the same time. The goal is to read meters monthly.

Mr. Bray asked how many will be installed this year. Mr. Lewis stated that the easiest ones were done first – will do the oldest ones next – can't say exactly, will do as many as we can with the money available. There was discussion on the different types of meters available and the costs.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-20; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None tonight.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher stated that there is a timeline for the FIRE/EMS property tax levy in the packet.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Mr. Hall wished all a good evening.

Mr. Bray stated that a Monte Carlo on April 7th is being held at the Golf Course to raise monies for a Jacob Blevins Memorial Scholarship.

Mr. Centers noted that the trees are blooming on the last day of winter; has heard that Franklin Boxboard sold, also bought a facility in Middletown and wants to do recycling (Mr. Lewis will follow-up on); past weekend, saw Springboro Police with several people picking up trash along the highway – like the program and think we should do it also.

Mr. Wilcher thanked Chief Whitman for the presentation & also thanked him for all his & the department's efforts. Mr. Wilcher stated that he saw the new TeleSquirt fire truck.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for attending; thanked Chief Riddiough for attending; thanked Chief Whitman for the presentation; noted that JEMS was unable to staff shifts Saturday evening; and asked what we are doing for the group that we talked about recognizing.

Mr. Aldridge stated we talked about a Good Neighbor Award and also dedicating a day for the basketball team. Mayor Lipps suggested presenting the awards at the basketball banquet on March 27th. Consensus of Council is to designate a 'Franklin Basketball Day'. Mr. Lewis noted that the cheerleaders also need to be recognized as they are State Champs. Mr. Aldridge will coordinate and present the awards at the banquet on March 27th.

Mr. Faulkner thanked Ms. Morgan for her work on the budget.

Mayor Lipps thanked Chief Whitman and Mr. Nunamaker for their work on the presentation & let us know what kind of mapping program is needed; exciting news about the development of the new website; Council has received an invite to the annual Anthony Wayne lunch at the Fire Department – please respond to it; and the school's 'money work program' is tomorrow – teaches money skills.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council