

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 2, 2012**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 2, 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 10 visitors and no one from the press at tonight's meeting. Also present: Ms. Sandra Morgan, Finance Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Police Captain; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by JEMS Chief Riddiough.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the March 19, 2012 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. 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

Mrs. Perry, 386 Thomas Drive, stated speeders are a problem on her street; several things have been tried, works for a while; getting worse with the gates to Emerald Edge opened; and that she has talked to several Council members about this problem.

Mr. Hall asked why the Emerald Edge gates are open. Mr. Lewis stated that they have been contacted to close them – are not suppose to be open, are for emergency exit only.

Mr. Wilcher asked if there is anything that can be done.

Mr. Lewis stated that he is beginning to get calls about speeders and the only thing that works is to write tickets. Enforcement will be stepped-up in that area.

Chief Whitman presented an award to Officer Lacon for recovering 5 stolen vehicles in 2011. Officer Lacon was presented with the Police Department's first ever "Ace" Award - a license plate saying "Franklin Ace Lacon with 5 lightning bolts" and, also a 'lightning bolt 2011' decal for his cruiser.

Mayor Lipps congratulated Officer Lacon.

LIQUOR PERMIT NEW D51 PERMIT - HRDP, LLC, AT 1111 WILLIAM GOOD BLVD. (RESTAURANTS SELLING SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ONLY, BEER, WINE AND MIXED BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES/OFF-PREMISES IN ORIGINAL SEALED CONTAINERS, UNTIL 2:30 A.M.)

Chief Whitman stated there are no objections for this application.

Mayor Lipps asked why there are no officers listed for the LLC.

Ms. Fisher stated that this is the same permit that you didn't have an objection to about a month ago. We explained that the owner was having some issues with the permit at that time. The permit he applied for didn't cover the entire area. It's been re-applied for under a different name - that's all that has changed. It covers the gas station, restaurant and entire facility. There are no officers because it is just one person.

Mr. Lyons asked about the permit covering any future buildings on the property.

Ms. Fisher stated the issue is we are out of carry-out permits. This permit, D51, will allow him to do carry-out at the gas station. It's my understanding there will be no alcohol sold at the restaurant. Mr. Hall added that there will be no alcohol sold at the banquet center either.

There being no motion requesting a hearing, this will be returned to the Ohio Department of Liquor Control that the City does not request a hearing.

RESOLUTION 2012-21 RECOMMENDING AND REQUESTING THAT THE PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 42 IN WARREN COUNTY, OHIO, BE DESIGNATED AS THE "WARREN COUNTY VETERANS' HIGHWAY"

Mr. Lewis stated that the Warren County Commissioners are asking all cities to support designating State Route 42 throughout Warren County as "Warren County Veterans Highway". They plan to do this on Veteran's Day this year. This is a resolution showing our support for the Warren County Veterans Highway.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt resolution 2012-21; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. 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 2012-22 AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT WITH BARRETT PAVING MATERIALS FOR THE SECOND STREET (SR 73), DEARDOFF ROAD TO I-75, IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. Lewis stated that this awards the bid to Barrett Paving for the Second Street Project (Issue Two project). The Engineers estimate was \$747,000. 00. Barrett’s bid was \$596,695.00. Also, Barrett Paving has been awarded the ODOT Urban Paving project on Second Street.

There was discussion on which project would be done first (Issue II project first); questions about Barrett Paving & Mt. Pleasant Blacktopping – both have done work in the City previously. Mayor Lipps added that we received a good bid.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-22; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. 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.

RESOLUTION 2012-23 DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AS PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, BEGINNING MAY 1, 2012, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE DEPOSITORY AGREEMENTS WITH THE SAME

Ms. Morgan stated that our current depository agreement expires this month. Three area banks have applied, Huntington National Bank, National Bank & Trust and WesBanco, and all meet the requirements. This authorizes the City Manager to sign depository agreements with all 3 banks and then a decision will be made on which bank will be the primary bank.

Mayor Lipps asked who we have agreements with now. Ms. Morgan stated we have current agreements with Huntington National Bank, National Bank & Trust Company, WesBanco and 5th Third Bank.

Mr. Centers asked if all the monies go to the primary bank. Ms. Morgan stated that we negotiate with all the banks and then pick a primary bank. We will have interim funds with all three of the banks. Currently, WesBanco is the primary bank.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-23; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. 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.

RESOLUTION 2012-24 SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUNDS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

Chief Westendorf stated that we have a good working relationship with the Career Center and the goal is to construct a free standing fire training facility. The Career Center wants to apply for Local Government Innovation Grant Funds to conduct a feasibility study for building a fire training facility and is asking for a Resolution of support from all participating agencies.

Mr. Centers asked what does support mean. Chief Westendorf stated that we endorse this & there are no additional costs or matching funds from us.

Mr. Faulkner asked if they will ask for monies later. Chief Westendorf stated that this is only a study - no discussions on that. Mr. Wilcher asked where we train at now. Chief Westendorf stated at Washington Township (propane fire facility), also have an in-house fire simulator, and at Colerain (closest live burn facility). Mr. Centers asked how many departments will use the proposed training tower. Chief stated there are 15 departments in the county that will use it.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-24; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Followed up on the comment made at the last Council meeting about Springboro doing Community Service. Talked to Springboro and they don't do that but that they do work with the high school on community service projects. There was some discussion on exploring the program; drawback is we have to buy workers compensation; community

service program would show the community we are being pro-active. Consensus of Council is to look at a community service program & Mr. Lewis will talk with Judge Ruppert.

- As of today, two new warning sirens are up at Community Park & Home Avenue, have battery back-up, more area coverage, (sirens at Clark, Minnick, Thirkield, Boys & Chestnut will come off-line & this area will be covered by the two new sirens), and going from 8 sirens to 5
- An executive session is needed tonight

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Aldridge stated the basketball team & cheerleader banquet was last Tuesday; basketball team had undefeated season & the cheerleaders were State Champs; Mr. Bray & myself represented the City at the banquet; each team was presented with a proclamation and Good Neighbor Awards presented to each participant; March 28th was designated as "Franklin Varsity Cheerleading Competition Squad Day" and March 29th as "Franklin Wildcat Basketball Day" in the City. The students were much appreciative of the recognition.

Mr. Wilcher thanked the Special Events Committee & Dr. Klosterman for the Easter Egg Hunt; thanks to Mrs. Perry for coming tonight; thanks to Mr. Lewis & Ms. Fisher for their time on Thursday; and the Park looked fantastic.

Mr. Bray stated the basketball banquet was well attended, highlight film was impressive; attendance down this year for the Easter Egg Hunt; and thanks for coming.

Mr. Centers asked about the policy for the weather sirens going off – sirens going off when a tornado warning has not been issued, but conditions are right for one. Chief Westendorf stated there has been some confusion, Warren County policy is a tornado warning is issued when the National Weather Doppler radar indicates a tornado or one has been spotted by emergency service providers; Hamilton County just changed their policy to match surrounding county policy; thanked Mrs. Perry for coming tonight; Officer Lacon, very impressive what you have done.

Mr. Hall thanked the Police Department for recognizing Officer Lacon; and attended the recent School Board meeting and not much happened.

Mr. Faulkner thanked Mrs. Perry for coming tonight; thanked everyone for attending; and congratulations to Officer Lacon.

Mayor Lipps thanked everyone for coming tonight; thanks to Mrs. Perry for coming tonight; and thanks to Chief Whitman for recognizing Officer Lacon.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending legal issues, with no action afterwards; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps and members of Council entered into executive session to discuss pending legal issues at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Hall made the motion to exit the executive session; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps reconvened the meeting.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adjourn; 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.

Mayor Lipps adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

Clerk of Council