

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 6, 2012**

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

Roll call showed:

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

There was one member of the press and 22 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brendon Erwin.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the July 16, 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	absent

Motion passed.

PRESENTATION: STATE REPRESENTATIVE RON MAAG

Mayor Lipps introduced State Representative Ron Maag, who represents District 35, and welcomed him to the City. Mayor Lipps explained that he doesn't currently represent Franklin but with the redistricting, he is running for House District 62, which will cover Franklin and northern Warren County.

Representative Maag stated he is from Foster and knows this area. He added it will be an honor to represent this part of the County and is looking forward to working with the City. Representative Maag stated that he participated in the 4th of July parade and it was the best ran parade he's ever been in – did a great job.

PRESENTATION: GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

Mayor Lipps and members of Council presented a Good Neighbor Award to Holly Daniels for running the youth baseball program this year. Mr. Hall stated he nominated Holly for what she's done for the youth of our community.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

David Baker, 176 Charles Court, stated he has a complaint about JD Legends on concert nights – problem with the trash, beer cans, etc, from people parking in Charles Court area who are attending the concerts; feel Legends is responsible for cleaning up.

Mayor Lipps stated that JD Legends is aware of the problem, have been told about it and they started a trash detail to clean-up this weekend. Mr. Lewis stated he will check and tell them they need to do trash clean-up in your area also.

Joe Harris, 425 Mission Lane, thanked Council for what they are doing on Mission Lane. Also, people (attending the concerts) are parking on Millard, down to Ruth - JD Legends needs to include this area for trash pickup.

Representative Maag stated that at the parade he learned the Franklin cheerleaders are #1 in the State, and has invited them to the State House in December to receive a Resolution and everyone is invited.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2012-16 LEVYING ASSESSMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2013

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the last step in the street lighting process.

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

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-16; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER OF C1 AND C2 PERMITS (BEER AND WINE - CARRYOUT ONLY) FROM ROAD RANGER LLC TO SPEEDWAY LLC FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1295 E. SECOND STREET

Ms. Fisher stated that this is a transfer from Road Ranger to Speedway as Speedway has bought all of the Road Ranger stations.

Chief Whitman stated that there are no objections from the Police Department.

There being no motion made to request a hearing, this will be returned that the City does not request a hearing.

RESOLUTION 2012-42 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2012-31, AUTHORIZING POSITION TITLES AND THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR EACH TITLE FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN PERSONNEL FOR 2012

Mr. Lewis stated that we considered restructuring the Police Department. We have decided to return to 3 Lieutenants & 3 Sergeant positions. We will be promoting a Sergeant to Lieutenant. When this happens, we will amend the Sergeant position from 4 to 3.

Chief Whitman added that he feels it is not feasible to restructure and need to go back to the 3 Lieutenants and 3 Sergeants.

Mr. Faulkner added that this has been to the Safety Committee and recommend approval.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-42; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis noted the following:

- The following items are in your Council packet:
 - Warren County Health District Report
 - MVRPC Crash Date Report 2008-2010 – contains a lot of good information
 - August calendar
 - Monthly tax collection and revenues & expenditures report
- Open House & ribbon cutting Wednesday, 5 p.m. for Auto Works & Repair Shop (Dan Abner), behind the train station
- Blue grass music at the American Legion every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- A work fair is held every Thursday, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the Library, by Workforce One
- Knights of Columbus garage sale Thursday, Friday & Saturday
- Car Show is Saturday night

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall stated we need to support the levy tomorrow and apologized he hasn't been able to help more; thanks for fixing 4th Street; City wide garage sale August 8th thru 12th ; and thanks to Representative Maag for coming tonight.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming; thanks to Representative Maag for coming this evening; congratulations to Holly; thanks to the Mears family for all you do and he encountered noise issues in Nashville recently, glad we don't have noise issues anymore.

Mr. Bray stated congratulations to Holly appreciate your hard work; attended the downtown Merchant Association meeting, good group attended, they stated they would like to see the City get cleaner, need to clean-up buildings, need more Police presence downtown, some said they do see drug activity downtown and it was a good meeting.

Mr. Wilcher thanked Representative Maag for coming tonight; thanks to Holly for all you do; also attended the Downtown Merchant meeting and thought it was a good meeting.

Mr. Faulkner thanked all for attending; thanks to Representative Maag for coming; thanks to Holly for what you do; asked for SR 73 update (Mr. Lewis stated top coat away, sometime this week & also have underneath bridge to do); thanks Chief Riddiough for attending; Saturday's chicken BBQ was good; special election tomorrow, feel it is the right thing to do, and remember to vote tomorrow on Issue I.

Mr. Bray asked for an update on the Park turn lane. Mr. Lewis stated, hopefully, will start in next couple of weeks, and is a 3 week project.

Mayor Lipps thanked Brendon & Dan Darragh for coming tonight; thanks to the Mears family for all you do; thanks to Lee & Dorothy Dunlap for volunteering; thanks to Dave Baker for coming this evening; thanks to Joe Harris for attending tonight; thanks to Doug Greathouse for volunteering; thanked Ryan for helping tomorrow at the polls, first time volunteer; Downtown Merchant Association, Council wants to be involved, Brian Graves is spearheading (Franklin Tavern), congrats & welcome to downtown; support the car show Saturday night; thanks to Skip, Middletown Journal; announced that Lincoln College is closing; thanks to Patrick for all you do & taking pictures and Sally & Melissa for helping with Special Events; been difficult time communicating with the School Board & we are trying to work on it, Council is attending their meetings, Mr. Faulkner will be attending the August meeting; and thanks to Chief Riddiough and apologize for the position you are in.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council