

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2012

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 17, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City 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	absent
Todd Hall	absent

There was one member of the press and 15 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Don Woods, Zoning Official; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Ms. Sandra Morgan, Finance 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 Tony Abston.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the August 20, 2012 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Mr. David Sargent, 420 Mission Lane, thanked Council and all involved, for the paving of Mission Lane.

PRESENTATION KLEINGERS & ASSOCIATES - I-75/SR 123 BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT

Ms. Lynne Nischwitz, Architect, Kleingers & Associates, presented the concept drawing for the I-75/SR 123 interchange project. (attached)

Mr. Bray asked about the steep hills at the interchange. Ms. Nischwitz stated they are 3:1 slopes and she is looking at flattening them out. She also noted that the area is not irrigated so hardy plants are being used.

Mr. Wilcher asked when the project will begin. Ms. Nischwitz stated the project is scheduled for 2013. Ms. Fisher noted that ODOT preliminary legislation will be on the next agenda.

Mr. Lyons asked who will maintain it. Mr. Lewis stated that the City will provide maintenance for the area.

RESOLUTION 2012-45 ORDERING WITHDRAW OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN FROM THE JOINT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (JEMS) AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Mr. Lewis stated that the levy was passed August 7th for EMS service. The next step is the Resolution to withdraw from JEMS. We will begin providing service January 2, 2012 at noon and we are hoping for an easy transition.

Mr. Bray asked if the levy will be prorated for that one day. Mr. Lewis stated that he doesn't know, it is the best time to begin and we will do whatever. Ms. Morgan added that she also wasn't sure but we can check with the Auditor at our Thursday meeting.

Mayor Lipps added that we will work together and figure it out. This has been a long process and we will continue to work together.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-45; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2012-46 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY BY THE DIVISION OF FIRE

Mr. Westendorf stated we are asking authorization to sell the Fire Safety House. It has been used by a number of children in the region the past seventeen years. The use of the Safety House has decreased (more involved with public education programs within the school system) and there are a number of maintenance issues now. We expect \$3,000 to \$3,500.00 for it.

Mr. Bray asked if he had any use for the trailer. Mr. Westendorf responded no.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-46; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2012-47 DESIGNATING HALLOWEEN BEGGARS' NIGHT IN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN FOR 2012

Mrs. McGee stated that this Resolution designates beggar’s night on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 between 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. per the Greater Dayton Mayors & Managers Association recommendation. The surrounding communities of Carlisle, Springboro and Franklin Township have also designated this day & time for beggars night. Ms. McGee stated that the Dayton Mayors & Managers Association issues their recommendation for a five year period, and asked Council to consider adopting their recommendation when we receive it for the years 2013-2017.

Mr. Faulkner asked why it is on October 30th and not October 31st, as that is Halloween. Mrs. McGee stated that Wednesday is church night – recommendation is for the night before.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-47; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2012-48 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2012-34, ESTABLISHING ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES, AND VOLUNTEERS FOR 2012

Mr. Westendorf stated that this establishes the pay for the EMS positions. This was presented to Finance Committee tonight. It creates a step system as follows:

	<u>Step 1</u>	<u>Step 2</u>	<u>Step 3</u>	<u>Step 4</u>	<u>Step 5</u>	<u>Step 6</u>
Firefighter	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.24	\$ 8.49	\$ 8.74	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.27
EMT Basic	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.76	\$ 9.02	\$ 9.29	\$ 9.57	\$ 9.85
Paramedic	\$ 9.75	\$ 10.04	\$ 10.34	\$ 10.65	\$ 10.97	\$ 11.30
Firefighter/ EMT	\$ 10.45	\$ 10.76	\$ 11.09	\$ 11.42	\$ 11.76	\$ 12.11
Firefighter/ Medic	\$ 12.84	\$ 13.23	\$ 13.62	\$ 14.03	\$ 14.45	\$ 14.89
Lieutenant		Per Hour/		\$ 0.25	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.75

Our current volunteer firefighters are being incorporated into this at step 4, \$11.42, which is their current pay rate. It also provides lower steps of pay. Mr. Westendorf added that information on salaries for surrounding areas is in the packet. These rates will be used for 2013.

Mr. Faulkner stated that Chief Westendorf, Mr. Abston and Mr. Perry did a fantastic job presenting this information to the Finance Committee tonight and that he feels the rates are fair.

Mr. Bray stated that this was talked about at the Finance Committee tonight. We need to establish the pay so we can advertise as we need to hire 18 positions now. The Finance Committee did approve.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-48; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Lipps introduced: Ordinance 2012-17 Amending in Part, Repealing in Part, and Enacting New Sections of the City of Franklin Traffic Code

Ms. Fisher stated that this was given to Council at the last meeting to review – the proposed updated traffic code. This will bring the traffic code current through September 28, 2012. The Prosecutor and Police Chief have reviewed it.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Remember the Mixpo tomorrow night at JD Legends, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- The bathroom issue at the Park has been resolved (per Mr. Bray’s request)

LAW DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Fisher stated she had nothing tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher noted, at the fire house on election night, how hard the firefighters worked; and thanks to Chief Whitman and Mr. Coulton for meeting with him.

Mr. Bray stated he attended the Downtown Merchant Group meeting & they are focusing on downtown issues - very positive - and thanks to them for bringing issues to our attention; status of the demolition of buildings (Mr. Lewis stated it is on track and thanks to Mr. Woods for his work on this; 5 buildings will be paid for by the County; will have \$45,000 from the State fund available; and hoping to have them torn down this year).

Mr. Faulkner asked if the church, on Hill Street, is included. Mr. Lewis stated, no, but we are taking care of it.

Mr. Wilcher asked what will be done with the empty lots downtown. (Mr. Lewis stated they will be planted with grass or maybe used for parking).

Mr. Bray asked the status of cleaning off the painting on the I-75 wall. (Mr. Lewis stated it is on the contractor’s list to be done).

Mr. Bray asked what the status is of the u-turn for Cazadores. Mr. Lewis stated the restriping has been done; it is still hard to make the u-turn, but is doable; talked to Mr. Johnson at the last Planning Commission meeting; and it will be an agenda item on the October 8, 2012 Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Bray also noted that the bar on Main Street is reopening and he is upset that we weren't able to purchase it.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming; the City Manager and he attended the open house at Andersons Funeral Home for their new Celebration of Life Center; thanks to Chief Riddiough for attending tonight, you've represented us well, thanks for your service and look forward to working with you to make the transition as smooth as possible; and there's a lot of work to do to get to January 2nd; and Chief Westendorf did an excellent job in presenting the plan – it's going to be exciting to see this come together.

Mayor Lipps stated to remember the Mixpo at JD legends tomorrow night; School Board meeting is September 24th and he will be attending; noted that Councilman Aldridge is in Chicago (work related), Councilman Centers is ill and Councilman Hall's wife is in the hospital, as to why they are absent tonight; need time to see how the traffic goes on 2nd Street for Cazadores; KP Properties presented a site plan to Planning Commission at their last meeting – adding a major reconstruction/development project at a Franklin business; thanked Mr. Hopper, Chairman, for what he does on the Planning Commission; Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting today was hosted by the Franklin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant- lunch & tours; and the road construction has started at the Community Park.

There being no further business, Mayor Lipps asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council