

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 1, 2015**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 1, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There was one member of the press and 15 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kenny Scarce.

Mr. Bray made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the May 18, 2015 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

**PRESENTATION - WARREN COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE - COMMANDER JOHN BURKE & LT. STEVE ARRASMIT**

Commander Burke stated he's retiring in October and thanked Council for all their support. Commander Burke updated Council on some of the activities of the Warren County Drug Task Force from the past year. He noted that personnel has been expanded; part of Ohio HIDTA, a joint effort to combat high level drug trafficking organizations in the United States; a Police Officer from Franklin is on the Task Force and have a full-time prescription person and financial crime investigator. Commander Burke then introduced Lt. Steve Arrasmit who is his replacement, to begin October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Lt. Arrasmit introduced himself to Council and that he's been with the Sherriff's Department 23 years. He thanked Council for the continued support and added he will continue going in the same direction.

Mayor Centers thanked them for what they do and that we also appreciate the job they do.

**PRESENTATION - MIAMI CONSERVANCY DISTRICT 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Centers presented a Proclamation to the Miami Conservancy District in recognition of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on June 28, 2015 to Mr. Kurt Rinehart.

Mr. Rinehart thanked Council and we appreciate the support we receive from Franklin.

## RECEPTION OF VISITORS

None tonight.

## PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2015-07 AMENDING SECTIONS 923.01 TO 923.04, 923.06, 923.07, 923.09 AND 923.10, AND ENACTING SECTIONS 923.05, 923.08, 923.11, 923.12 AND 923.99 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO

Mr. Lewis stated that this adds a \$2.00 per month surcharge on the storm water user fee, per utility account. It is the resident's responsibility for curb, gutter and sidewalk repair. This fee will be used to repair curb and gutter during road paving projects, removing the resident's responsibility for this cost. The City will replace the curb and gutter as we do paving projects. The Utility Committee has reviewed and recommends approval.

Mayor Centers asked if the fee is enough. Mr. Lewis stated he thinks it will be, the City will cover any remaining cost, if it's not enough. We estimate that it will provide approximately \$100,000 per year.

Mr. Lipps asked what the current storm water user fee is. Mr. Lewis stated its \$3.50 per residential unit and there is a formula used for non-residential units.

Mr. Bray asked about the sidewalk replacement program. Mr. Lewis stated we have talked about it and will be coming back with this.

Mr. Lipps asked if there will be any increase in the \$3.50 fee. Mr. Lewis stated no, and that the fee was established in 2004.

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

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-07; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

## PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2015-08 AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS (333.11, 335.01, 335.02, 335.031, 335.13, 335.14, 335.23, 337.16, 339.10, 339.12, 339.13, 339.14, 339.31, 341.01, 341.05, 351.12, CHAPTER 353 AND 373.08) AND ENACTING SECTION 341.051 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN TRAFFIC CODE TO BE CONCURRENT WITH STATE LAW THROUGH JULY 1, 2015

Ms. Fisher stated that this is our twice yearly update to keep the traffic code concurrent with State law. The big changes are to requiring new residents to get a license; added exceptions to probationary license; financial responsibility; expired license tags; handicap parking; cleaned up Section 353 and there are not a lot of big changes.

Mr. Aldridge questioned the towing vehicles section. Ms. Fisher stated the biggest changes are placed on the towing companies.

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

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

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

Motion passed.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2015-09 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-06, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

Ms. Ervin stated per the ORC, Council has to approve any money before we spend it. This adds appropriations for the following: Income Tax Refunds; Engineering Costs; Joint Recreation Fund and Unclaimed Checks.

Mayor Centers stated he doesn't understand as the budget was approved for all of these items and that's approval for you to spend the money. Ms. Ervin stated these are items than went over the appropriations that were approved.

Mr. Lewis added that this went to the Finance Committee this afternoon.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-09; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Mr. Faulkner called and said his daughter is having minor surgery and that he wouldn't be here tonight. Mayor Centers stated that he heard from Mr. Wilcher that he wouldn't be here tonight.
- River Ride was this past weekend; Wes Banco also had Community Days; very good for the Community and well received
- Monday is the Franklin Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner for awards
- June 20<sup>th</sup> will be the first "Movie in the Park"

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher stated that the Farmer's Market starts Saturday and we have 22 vendors this year.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall stated that at the old Swifty, the grass needs cut (done today); in Laynecrest, lot of property owners take care of their property and others are destroyed, how do we get them to take pride in their property, do we need stricter enforcement & image is everything. Mr. Lewis stated he doesn't know the answer, some are in foreclosure, etc.

Mr. Aldridge thanked Mr. Mears for organizing the Memorial Day parade, lot of people showed up considering the weather; and congrats to all the FHS seniors – successful class.

Mr. Bray stated ditto on the parade – great parade and lots of people attended.

Mr. Lipps thanked the Scouts for being here tonight; don't want to lose the mural on the old Parker's Dry Cleaners building, need to find a way to save it. Mr. Lewis stated he doesn't know if it can be saved, lots of damage to it and have had it for 12 years. Mr. Lewis continued he will do whatever he can; will try and contact Eric Henn (he's out of State) to come and look at it; maybe it can be relocated to another building – will do whatever you want.

Mayor Centers stated the owner of the building wants to put a door in on the side of the building with the mural on it. We need to get hold of Eric and see if he'll look at it.

Mr. Lipps stated that the State mural is also in bad shape; maybe citizens would help financially; like for us to look at saving it.

Mayor Centers again stated, we need to get hold of Eric and see if he'll look at and he also didn't finish the mural on the Bell Building.

Mr. Greathouse stated that there is an artist at Pendleton that might be able to help.

Mayor Centers thanked Mr. Rinehart, MCD, for coming tonight; thanked the Scouts for coming; the speed meter sign on Beal Road worked well; one complaint on Legends this past weekend; how is the injured fireman (he is home); and what is the status of the bike trail. Mr. Lewis stated that project is a couple years out.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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Vice Mayor

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Clerk of Council