

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
JULY 6, 2015**

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

Roll call showed:

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

There were two members of the press and 8 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Betsy Westendorf.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the June 15, 2015 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

None tonight.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ORDINANCE 2015-10 DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE
IMPROVEMENT OF CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING THEREOF FOR
THE YEAR 2015**

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the second of three steps in the street lighting assessment process that is done every year.

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. There were none.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-10; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes

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

Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2015-11 AMENDING CHAPTER 1103. AND SECTION
1107.05 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Ms. Fisher stated that this amends Chapter 1103 of the UDO, Definitions and Table 11 of Section 1107.05, Uses in the Industrial Districts. Planning Commission voted unanimously on these changes. The amendments include clarifications for gas stations, commercial motor vehicles, added definition for non-commercial motor vehicles, no new truck stops and an amendment to Section 1107.05, changes business services from a prohibited use to a permitted use in the I-2 Industrial District on Table 11.

Mr. Bray stated that he agrees with the changes.

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. There were none.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-11; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION 2015-32 ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR THE CITY
OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016, AND
DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT IT TO THE WARREN COUNTY AUDITOR

Mrs. Ervin stated that this is the annual tax budget which State law requires to be adopted by July 15th and filed with the County Auditor by July 20th. Finance Committee reviewed the tax budget earlier today at their meeting. This is the first step for the annual budget; looking at conservative increase in revenues and standard increase in expenditures; a lot of the numbers will change in the annual budget based on actual numbers.

Mr. Bray stated the Finance Committee reviewed, includes 2-3% increase for employees, several capital items and is very basic.

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. There were none.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-32; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Centers yes
Mr. Bray yes
Mr. Aldridge yes

Mr. Hall yes
Mr. Lipps absent
Mr. Wilcher yes
Mr. Faulkner yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-33 CONVERTING THE INTERFUND RECEIVABLE IN FUND 100 AND THE INTERFUND PAYABLE IN FUND 520 FROM AN ADVANCE TO A TRANSFER, AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS

Mrs. Ervin stated in our financial report this year, LGS found an outstanding advance to the Street Lighting Assessment Fund which should have been done as a transfer, and this Resolution allows for the adjustment.

Mayor Centers asked if this is how this is going to be done. Mrs. Ervin stated this is a onetime thing; it was recorded wrong in 2012 and this Resolution corrects that. Mr. Bray stated that the amount is \$2,200+ for streetlighting.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-33; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-34 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS WITH CSN1 AND EMERGITECH FOR THE POLICE DIVISION COMPUTER SERVERS UPGRADE PROJECT

Chief Whitman stated that this is to upgrade the computer servers. It was last done seven years ago; servers are outdated; not working correctly, in danger of losing data that may not be recoverable; and also upgrading the CAD system. CSN1 will install the servers and Emergitech will install the CAD system and he explained how it works. The total project cost is \$51,049.98. Maintenance and support agreement with Emergitech is \$19,451.37 per year.

Mayor Centers asked how we determine what software to use and if we should go with the same company as the County. Chief Whitman stated we use Emergitech for reporting & the CAD system; are happy with them; and the County uses a different company. Chief Westendorf stated changing the CAD system is a major change, Police has been with Emergitech for a long time, will be very expensive to change, and he doesn't recommend. Discussion continued.

Mr. Faulkner asked if any other quotes were gotten besides CSN1. Chief Whitman stated we have used them since moving into our current building and their cost is under the State bid pricing (State Purchasing Program). Mr. Faulkner questioned if they are up-to-date; don't hear of them much and if we are looking at a uniform IT system for the City – maybe we need one company that can be used in all the buildings. He encouraged Mr. Lewis to look at this.

Mr. Wilcher stated that is a good idea and we need to consider it.

Mr. Lewis stated he understands; have talked to staff about it; each department has specific software and we don't have enough to keep a full-time IT person busy.

Mayor Centers stated he agrees, need to look at that.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-34; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-35 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AS REQUIRED, FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2017 (PY 31) FOR THE STADIA/SKOKIAAN AND E. SECOND STREET INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND THE HEMLOCK ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. Lewis stated this authorizes applications for projects for 2017. Projects being recommended are: 1) Stadia/Skokiaan and E. Second Street Intersection Improvements project, didn't score very high; and 2) Hemlock Roadway Improvements, and scored #2. We are proposing a 51% match on each project: Stadia/Skokiaan & E. Second Street improvements, \$101,215.00, local match \$52,000; and Hemlock Road Improvements, \$232,500, local match \$120,000.00.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-35; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-36 REMOVING BOB TURNER FROM THE HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD, APPOINTING TOM COMBS AS A PROPERTY OWNER REPRESENTATIVE AND APPOINTING DAVID MCDANIEL AS A MEMBER-AT-LARGE TO THE BOARD

Mr. Lewis stated that this removes Mr. Turner from the Historic District Board and replaces him with Mr. Tom Combs, property owner; and appoints Mr. David McDaniel as the member-at-large.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

Mr. Lipps	absent
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Centers	yes

Mr. Bray yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mr. Hall yes

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Centers introduced the following legislation:

Ordinance 2015-12 Granting an Easement to Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., in Community Park For the Purpose of Installing and Maintaining Electric Lines

Chief Westendorf stated that this project updates the electric lines in the Park and also the lines to the concession stand; the electric lines have never been updated; with more activities in the park, i.e. movies, fireworks, etc., the upgrade is needed and it is complete.

The Public Hearing will be July 20, 2015.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated he had no report tonight.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mrs. Ervin stated she had no report.

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Fisher stated she had no report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher stated it was a great event, fireworks awesome, and thanked Special Events for letting the Franklin Historical Society sell raffle tickets, much appreciated and thanked the Special Events Committee for everything they do.

Mr. Faulkner stated he opposed the beer in the Park but did approve funding, fireworks were awesome; his nephew's friend who had been at the Park, stated "there were a lot of kids at the Park who were drinking that shouldn't be drinking" (Mr. Lewis noted that didn't happen in the beer garden)" and thanked Special Events and all the staff. On a personal note, on Thursday, he learned he has rectal cancer, needs all the support he can get and that he still plans on running for Council.

Mr. Lewis led everyone in prayer for Mr. Faulkner.

Mr. Hall stated at 520 or 530 David Boulevard, there is standing water, maybe a water leak and it needs checked; there is a Bronco parked in the yard on 4th Street by the handicap ramp, been there a while (Mr. Lewis stated did check, wasn't there, few days later saw it, will check with Captain Coulton to see if he has been in contact with the owner); and Saturday night was a great event, along with the parade & festival. Special Events did a great job, lots of positive comments, fantastic and need to continue and expand the event.

Mr. Aldridge stated Mr. Faulkner will be in his family prayers; 4th of July event/fireworks exceeded his expectations, congrats and thanks to the Special Events Committee.

Mr. Bray thanked the Orioles Organization on Second Street that donated money for the fireworks; parade was awesome; Park activities were fun and fireworks were great and excited about next year, lots of good comments; the USO, Columbus, Ohio, is having a military show at JD Legends Thursday night for the Wounded Warriors & he is working with them on the events planned for Thursday night, there are events over the weekend at Middletown and they will also attend the All Star Baseball game on Tuesday.

Mayor Centers stated he was very happy and impressed with the 4th of July celebration and thanked all those involved, Chief Westendorf and his family and the Special Events Committee; window coverings downtown look good (Mr. Lewis added we did all of the them, having some activity downtown and will change the paintings this Fall); and at Franklin Boxboard, inside the fence, it looks terrible.

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

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

Motion passed.

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

Mayor

Clerk of Council