

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
JULY 20, 2015**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There were 4 visitors and no one from the press at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Doug Greathouse.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the July 6, 2015 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Hall.

The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

None tonight.

PUBLIC HEARING 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 allows the City to grant an easement to Duke Energy for upgrades to the electrical lines in the Park. We discovered last year during the Movies in the Park, that the electrical service was inadequate. As we planned for the 4th of July fireworks and wanting to host other events, the electrical service needed upgraded. Mr. Faulkner questioned the location of the easement. Chief Westendorf explained the work done by Duke and the easement location. Chief Westendorf noted the School District also has to consider legislation granting Duke an easement.

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

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-12; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-37 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF DE-ICING SALT FROM CARGILL INC. DEICING TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE WARREN COUNTY ENGINEER'S JOINT SALT PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Lewis stated we bid our salt purchase through the Warren County Engineer's Joint Salt Purchasing program and received the bid of \$73.15 per ton from Cargill as the low bid. We estimated 4,000 tons as our need for bidding purposes but will probably only purchase 1,500 – 2,500 tons. Mr. Lewis noted that salt is supposed to be available this year and that we're building a new salt dome. Last year's price for salt was \$111.00 per ton.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt resolution 2015-37; seconded by Mr. Lipps. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Centers introduced the following legislation:

Ordinance 2015-13 Levying Assessments for the Improvement of City Streets and Public Ways by the Lighting Thereof for the Year 2016

Public Hearing will be held on August 3, 2015.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Referred to an email about high grass – did speak to this person, we are behind because of the rain and to let him know if you receive any complaints and he will contact them
- Just learned late this afternoon, we received the SAFE Routes to School Grant, not sure of the amount
- Completed the water line on Virginia; seeding and restoration yet to be done
- Summer paving – contractor behind because of the rain, no date yet

- SR 123 turn lane – don't know if it will start this week, grinding & paving will be done at night
- At May 4, 2015 Utilities Council Meeting, we discussed the \$2 per customer stormwater fee, which we have implemented, to be used for the cost of curb replacement (relieving the resident of this cost). Also, discussed sidewalk and approach replacement to be done by assessing the property owner. If you want to do this, we need to get started as the assessment process is lengthy. Also, need to get letters out in September and want to make sure you (Council) want to proceed with this.

Mayor Centers asked if there is any reason not to do this. Mr. Lewis stated no, need to do as it will help the City. We will do this the same way as we did the last time. We will hire an outside person to mark the sidewalks (intern maybe) and this will take time to do. Mayor Centers asked if Mr. Conway could do this. Mr. Lewis stated no, he's too busy but will oversee the project. Mr. Lewis went over the process and timeline, and Ms. Fisher added that the first letter is information about what we will be doing. Mr. Lewis noted the City will do the curb replacement and the project is only for sidewalks and approaches.

Mr. Aldridge asked about the downtown sidewalks. Mr. Lewis stated that's a different situation.

Mr. Lewis added this will be done over 4 years, City divided into quadrants, and then the 5th year, and the entire City will be done.

Mr. Faulkner stated to make sure we communicate well.

Consensus of Council is to proceed with the sidewalk and approach replacement.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Lipps, Mr. Wilcher, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Hall, Mr. Aldridge, and Mr. Bray had no comments tonight.

Mayor Centers stated that he asked Mr. Lewis to contact Franklin Boxboard about the high weeds.

Mr. Bray stated that the ramps at Interstate I-75 & SR 123 look good.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council