

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 15, 2013**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 15, 2013, 6:00 p.m., at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Scott Lipps presiding.

Roll call showed:

Denny Centers	present
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 5 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Ms. Sandra Morgan, Finance Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police 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 Mr. Matt Nolan.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the March 18, 2013 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

PRESENTATION MATT NOLAN - WARREN COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Matt Nolan, employee of the Warren County Auditor's office, introduced himself to Council and briefly explained the functions of the Auditor's Office. Mr. Nolan stated the office is in charge of the County's finances; that they work well with Ms. Morgan & staff and the City Schools. He added that he works in the Real Estate Department of the Auditor's office and that property values have declined, which have decreased the City's property value. He added that if there is anything that he can do for the City, to let him know.

Mayor Lipps added that the Chamber's Annual meeting is June 24th and that several State & County representatives will be attending.

Mayor Lipps and members of Council thanked Mr. Nolan for attending tonight's meeting.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Mr. Bob Bowman, President of the Franklin Area Historical Society, thanked the City for supporting the publication of the 1913 Flood Book. He presented a hard bound copy to the City. Mr. Bowman noted that copies are available to purchase; an Open house was held recently on the 1913 Flood and also a presentation was given at the Library. Tours of the exhibit are available, contact Mary Nenninger. Mr. Bowman added that they now have title to the building. Also, they have applied for a Historical Marker for the property. A dedication will be held and he will notify the City of the date/time. Mr. Bowman stated, in regards to the letter received from the City about any historical value of the places to be demolished, that they see no historical value. A letter will be sent to the City stating this.

There was some discussion on the cost of the hard bound book (\$35.00); possible grant for improvements to the building and thanked Mr. Bowman for attending tonight.

RESOLUTION 2013-13 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW VEHICLES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FROM WHITE ALLEN CHEVROLET THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Lewis stated we are replacing two vehicles at the Public Works Department – a 1993 Ford 250 truck and a 1982 GMC utility truck – with a Chevy 2500 Silverado 4-wheel drive truck and a one-ton Chevy 3500 Silverado truck. Both purchases are from White Allen Chevrolet through the State Purchasing program, at an estimated cost of \$26,085 and \$32,618.50 respectively.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2013-13; seconded by Mr. Centers. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2013-14 FINAL LEGISLATION FOR THE ODOT I-75/SR 123 SCENIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the final legislation required by ODOT for the I-75/SR 123 Scenic Improvement Project. The cost is split 60/40 - \$194,964/\$84,480 – our share will come from the CVT monies, no General or Street Fund money will be used.

Mr. Centers asked who will maintain the area. Mr. Lewis stated we will and we have some concerns about mowing the steep hillside. If it becomes an issue we may plant some pine trees to hold the soil but will have to check with ODOT before doing this.

Discussion followed what other cities are doing; possibility of a sign; concern about trucks parking on the ramps; start date (after May 24, probably in the Fall) and all legislation goes thru ODOT.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Resolution 2013-14; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Bray	yes

Mr. Aldridge yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. Centers yes
Mr. Faulkner yes

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Sent you an email about the 911 Funds: they decided to rescind the committee at this time – is a dead issue now

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher reported on the following:

- We've received the yearly renewal notice for liquor licenses and there are none that we have objections to
- No hearing date has been set on Daley's liquor license request; also, they haven't applied for a Conditional Use Permit yet (several noted that they are going forward with opening)
- Will be on vacation and won't be at the May 6th meeting; only 2 items are on the agenda so Council might want to cancel the meeting
- An executive session is needed tonight, with action afterwards

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Comments tonight include:

Mr. Hall thanked everyone for coming tonight and also thanked Mr. Nolan for attending tonight's meeting.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming tonight; thanked Mr. Nolan for attending tonight & appreciate his assistance with JEMS; asked about extending William C. Good Blvd. to Scholl Road, is worthwhile project that needs to be done (Mr. Lewis stated it is being looked at along with possible funding sources).

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming tonight; thanked Mr. Lewis for being proactive with the 911 issue; thanks for picking up the signs on Saturdays; and asked if anything can be done about barking dogs (is in township) – need to call Sheriff's office.

Mr. Centers thanked Mr. Nolan for attending tonight's meeting; agree with Mr. Aldridge about 911 issue, appreciate what you have done; asked when will the demolition project begin (May or June); and asked what Council wants to do for the Memorial Day Parade – walk or ride; and missed the send off at the High School – heard it went well.

Mr. Hall added that on Hill Street, around the corner by the blue house, a big box truck parks there all the time and you can't get two cars around. (will be checked)

Mr. Faulkner stated between the Pitt Stop and the first house, the fence is down. Mr. Lewis will check.

Mr. Bray stated that when the building is demolished on Main Street (Clip Joint), behind the pink house, it is a disaster – the back yard needs cleaned up as you will be able to see it after the building is torn down. (Mr. Lewis will be proactive about this); attended the send off at the High School, great event,

very emotional; saw the Beauty and the Beast play at the High School, it was very good and a lot of talent at the high school; Mr. Ed Dameron wants to make Franklin a Purple Heart City – a proclamation needs to be done in May, along with a ceremony and then we will receive a sign.

Mr. Wilcher thanked everyone for coming this evening; asked how often NIC is in the City (Mr. Lewis stated 2-3 times a week and as called) and about foreclosed homes, need to stay on them to keep the grass cut, etc.

Mayor Lipps thanked everyone for coming this evening; thanked Mr. Nolan for attending tonight's meeting; meeting last week about Court consolidation, clear to them they know where we stand, also talked with Lebanon representative and they agree with us; thanks Chief Whitman for working with me on an issue; have a new police dog and back as a member of the Drug Task Force; and complimented Mr. Lewis and Ms. Fisher on the minimal number of emergency legislation and executive sessions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - TO DISCUSS LITIGATION AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ISSUES

Mr. Centers made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss litigation and collective bargaining issues, with action afterwards; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	no
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Lipps	no

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps and members of Council entered into executive session to discuss litigation and collective bargaining issues with action afterwards.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to exit the executive session; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps added Resolution 2013-15 to the agenda.

RESOLUTION 2013-15 REJECTING THE FACT-FINDING RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT DATED APRIL 11, 2013 IN THE MATTER OF FACT FINDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO AND IAFF, LOCAL 3742

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2013-15; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes

Mr. Lipps yes
Mr. Bray yes
Mr. Aldridge yes

Motion passed.

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

Mr. Centers yes
Mr. Wilcher no
Mr. Faulkner yes
Mr. Lipps yes
Mr. Bray yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mr. Hall yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

Clerk of Council