

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 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 was one member of the press and 5 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The pledge of Allegiance was led by Debbie Fouts.

Mr. Hall made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the August 17, 2015 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

None tonight.

RESOLUTION 2015-43 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND TAX RATES AS CERTIFIED BY THE WARREN COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION FOR 2016, AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE WARREN COUNTY AUDITOR

Mrs. Ervin stated that the tax budget was submitted to the County and these are the tax rates the City will receive. The General Fund, Local Government receipts and the Fire and EMS fund, all show small increases for next year. This is the final step in the process.

There was some discussion on how the local government funds are distributed.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-43; seconded by Mr. Bray. 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 2015-44 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE MODIFICATION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT AND MODIFICATION OF GROUND LEASE WITH VEOLIA WATER FOR THE OPERATION OF THE FRANKLIN AREA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Lewis stated that the City approved the new Service Agreement a couple of meetings ago. This is an extension of the current Service Agreement & Ground Lease while the new Service Agreement is being finalized.

Mayor Centers added that this is a 90 day extension – is almost complete.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-44; seconded by Mr. Bray. 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.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis had no report tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall stated he was very appreciative of the flowers from the City & Council for his Dad’s funeral, proud of our people as they have rallied around my family, appreciate and thanks to all; on Thomas Drive, there is a house with an extended gravel driveway with cut logs, looks trashy; and the paving looks nice.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Mr. Bray stated the finance report is in the packet, revenues are looking good; Mr. Mears does a lot of work for the Veteran’s, attended recent Military send off at the High School, they will be returning July 2016, lot of people attended and it was a good event; also met the Montgomery boy that was brought home, amazing and hats off to Mr. Mears for coordinating these events.

Mr. Lewis stated that two of the boys being sent off were college kids employed by the City, Matt Middleton & Jeremy Barker and hope to have a job for them on their return next year.

Mr. Centers stated that Mr. Mears complimented Mr. Bray on his work with the veterans.
Mr. Lipps stated that Gary Bates, Warren County Customs Car Show, stated that they are down to 12 members and may be dissolving the organization within the next 3 years – we need to look for an organization to take over the car show. Also, the Franklin Chamber of Commerce luncheon was today at the Public Works Building, good job done by the City.

Mr. Wilcher thanked everyone for coming tonight; on I-75/SR-123, the State left a pile of tires where they were working on the ditch; and good to see Mr. Faulkner back.

Mayor Centers stated that it's good to see Mr. Faulkner back tonight as he's had some medical issues.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming; Safety Committee meeting tonight about Fire & EMS plans for the next couple of years; as there was no discussion about police items, he asked for information about the possibility of the following: return of the Resource Officer, possibility of metro police division with Carlisle; and possibility of leasing police cars. Mr. Faulkner thanked Council and staff for the cards, help, meals and support – very grateful.

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 6:24 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council