

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 5, 2015**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 5, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There were 8 visitors and no one from the press at tonight's meeting. Also present: Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scouts Matt & Aaron Lacefield, Troop 896 from Hunter, who are working on their merit badge.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the September 21, 2015 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Mr. Eugene Rose, Executive Director of Warren County Community Services, and Ms. Angie Tapogna, Marketing Director Warren County Developmental Disabilities, introduced themselves to Council. They are participating in the Warren County Leadership 2015 class. Mr. Lipps offered some background info on the Leadership Class and stated that this is part of their assignment to attend a Council meeting.

ORDINANCE 2015-14 EMERGENCY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-09, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

Mrs. Ervin stated that this will adjust appropriations for housekeeping items and was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting tonight. The following funds are being adjusted: General Fund, +\$325,778; Issue II Fund, +\$278,373; Recreation Fund, +\$11,400; In-House Monitoring Fund, - \$9,100; ODOT Escrow II Fund, +\$1.00; Miami Conservancy District Fund, +\$9,390; Water Fund, +\$100,000; Trash Fund, +\$96,000 and the F.C. Dial Trust Fund, - \$17,400. Mrs. Ervin noted, with these changes, if we

receive all the money's we anticipate and spend everything that's approved – which neither will happen – we should end the year with \$5.2 million.

Mr. Faulkner asked if the water, trash and sewer funds were under performing. Mrs. Ervin stated the water fund is okay but the sewer & trash funds need watched.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-14; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- On October 9, 2015, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., there is a coffee with Shannon Jones at the Anderson Life Celebration
- On October 9, 2015, noon, ribbon cutting for the Great Miami Levee Deck Bicycle and Kayak Club, 133 S. River Street
- 1104 S. Main Street – had a fire over a year ago, the owner said he wanted to give it to the City, but have had no contact from him. If there are no objections, he'd like to contact Habitat for Humanity to see if they would want to build a house on the lot if we can obtain it– think this would be good project for the community. Need to know if you are interested in the City pursuing this, to get the lot and see if we can work with Habitat for Humanity. Mayor Centers added that the Warren Career Center may also be interested in building a house. Consensus of Council agreed with Mr. Lewis and Mr. Lewis will keep Council updated.
- October 16, 2015 at the Warren County Administration Building, at 10 a.m., Shannon Jones will discuss the House Policy Institute of Ohio for the 2014 Health Value Dashboard that has just been adopted by the State
- Thanks to Ms. Fisher for following up on the judgement for the reimbursement for salt costs, we received \$10,958 from the State
- Street paving, including the Urban Paving project are done; did excellent job this year and some striping, manholes, valve boxes to be done yet, 95% - 98% complete. Mr. Wilcher noted that the striping on SR 123 looks messy – Mr. Lewis will check.
- The tires on SR 123 are gone and letter was sent to the owner about the untidiness of the property

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Lipps thanked Gene & Angie for being here tonight, the Warren County Leadership program is one of the finest, 2016 program enrolling now, if interested to let him know and he will send out info; Franklin Township had a Octoberfest last weekend – was cold, windy & wet; and October 19, 2015 is the Franklin Chamber of Commerce luncheon being held at the Carlisle Lions Club Building, 11:45 a.m., need to support.

Mr. Wilcher stated thanks for getting the tires removed.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming tonight; compliments to those at the ribbon cutting ceremony as he won't be able to attend; received a complaint about the property at Hemlock/Virginia (with the

chain link fence) some work has been done there previously and is where the road equipment was parked – yard is torn up and the paving looks great.

Mr. Bray stated the water issue at SR 123/I-75 needs looked at (Mr. Lewis will check) and asked about the status of the PH Bistro property. Ms. Fisher stated that tax foreclosure was threatened and they started paying taxes, per the County, they are going to reinstate the foreclosure; part of the problem there are many State & Federal tax liens on the property so it may take longer. Mr. Bray continued that he visited Ramish’s Museum of Spiritual Art, it’s unbelievable and amazed at it all, lots of people were there, it is very nice and the building is beautiful.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming tonight and asked when Beggar’s Night is – it is Saturday, October 31, 2015, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Mr. Hall thanked everyone for coming tonight – good to see everyone.

Mayor Centers stated he will be at Shannon Jones event and the ribbon cutting. He added he will be gone next week and wouldn’t be available for the Wastewater Treatment Board meeting. Mr. Lewis will try and get it rescheduled. Thanks to Matt & Aaron for attending tonight and continue to work on your Eagle Badge; asked if the Proclamation or letter for Huhtamaki was done, Mr. Lewis will prepare a letter from all of Council; and if we are having a planning work session after the first of the year. Mr. Lewis stated yes, and we may do it at the February 16th meeting.

Mayor Centers stated that an executive session is needed to discuss land acquisition, with no action afterwards.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss acquisition of property, with no action afterwards; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers and members of Council entered into executive session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss acquisition of property.

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

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| 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 reconvened the meeting.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council