

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 19, 2015**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 19, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There were 2 members of the press and 15 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS 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 Chief Russ Whitman.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the October 5, 2015 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

PRESENTATION - GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS

Mayor Centers and members of Council presented Good Neighbor Awards to Gail Reed and Cindy Clark, 5th grade teachers at Anthony Wayne School. Their project, an event that brings fifth graders together with elected officials, will be spotlighted at the Ohio School Board Association Capital Conference Student Achievement Fair in Columbus. Mayor Centers added that all the community leaders attend the luncheon and that the City also wants to recognize what they do for our community.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were none tonight.

RESOLUTION 2015-45 SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE MIAMI VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (STP) FUNDING FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2017

Mr. Lewis stated that this authorizes the City to apply for federal funding through MVRPC for street resurfacing projects. Projects we are submitting: 1) South Riley, from 2nd Street to Main Street; 2) South Dixie Highway, from Main Street to our southern corporation limits and 3) North Dixie Highway, from Koons Blvd to our northern corporation limits. Funding is 75%/25% (City match) and the project would be completed in 2017.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-45; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Centers introduced the following legislation:

Ordinance 2015-15 Amending Section 1103.250 and Section 1111.08 of the City of Franklin Unified Development Ordinance

Public Hearing will be held November 2, 2015.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- The Franklin Area Historical Society is having a trivia night at JD Legends this Sunday night
- FallFest this weekend
- A tentative agreement for the land purchase on SR 123 has been reached

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher reported on HB 5, municipal income tax reform. She noted that it has to be in effect January 1, 2016 and will be presented to Council for introduction at the next meeting and voted on at the 2nd meeting in November. There is one item that Council needs to consider - Taxpayers under the Age of Eighteen - which are currently exempt; need to decide whether to continue this exemption. After House Bill 5 takes effect, we can't make any changes to how we treat the income of individuals under eighteen. There are three options: 1) Keep the exemption; 2) rescind the entire exemption; or 3) rescind part of the exemption. The Finance Committee has been discussing this and at tonight's meeting, discussed amending the ordinance to follow federal taxing and exempt that portion of income for which the individual could claim the federal standard deduction for an individual. This means if the individual does not owe taxes to the federal government, they will not owe taxes to the City. In 2015, the deduction is \$6,300. If a minor earns more than the federal standard deduction, tax would only be owed on that portion of income that is over the deduction amount.

Mr. Bray stated that the Finance Committee has been discussing this, not a lot of money and didn't want to take money away from the kids. We recommend to go with option 3.

Mayor Centers stated that he likes that option. Consensus of Council agreed.

Ms. Fisher noted that we will also have to make that change in our current ordinance as we are one of a few cities that exempt taxpayers under eighteen years of age. We will have the new tax ordinance, effective in 2016 and will still have to keep our current ordinance, will have two separate tax ordinances.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall asked about the status of Box Board (Mr. Lewis stated that they did come in when contacted last); remember to go to FallFest and to Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Reed, you both do a wonderful job with the luncheon, a good event for the community and remember to be careful at Halloween.

Mr. Aldridge echoed Mr. Hall's comments about Mrs. Clark & Mrs. Reed; look forward to FallFest; and the Duke Basketball kickoff was last weekend, exciting to see Luke from Franklin introduced.

Mr. Bray stated to remember FallFest – great time.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming tonight; acknowledged Mrs. Reed & Mrs. Clark on the community luncheon; at a couple of meetings ago, asked some questions, haven't heard anything, need feedback on them; recently talked to Gordon Ellis and will help with reviews for Council employees.

Mayor Centers stated that Randy Oda wants to do a bike show in 2016 and will get the info; need a list of work session items (Mr. Lewis stated looking at having it in February), consensus of Council wants a Saturday meeting and welcomed the Council candidates to tonight's meeting.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council