

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 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 two members of the press and 5 visitors at tonight’s meeting. Also present: Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Mrs. Jennie Loxley, Income Tax Administrator; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Russ Whitman.

Mr. Bray made the motion to approve the Clerk’s Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the November 2, 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	yes

Motion passed.

**RECEPTION OF VISITORS**

There were no comments tonight.

**PUBLIC HEARING    ORDINANCE 2015-16    AMENDING CHAPTER 751 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TITLED “EARNED INCOME TAX”**

Ms. Fisher stated that this includes modifications to the current code per HB 5 for 2015 and before. It also includes the minor’s change that starts in 2016 - 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. There aren’t many changes except for adding ORC changes. Mrs. Loxley, Income Tax Administrator, is here to answer any questions. There were no questions.

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

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-16; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. 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.

PUBLIC HEARING    ORDINANCE 2015-17    ENACTING CHAPTER 753 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, TITLED “MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX”

Ms. Fisher stated that this is the new tax code per HB 5, beginning January 1, 2016. We will have two Income Tax Chapters in the Code book; not many options to change anything in HB5; one change is they changed how the Income Tax Board of Review will work, will become much more active, will have to appoint a new board in 2016 and the OML is trying to get the State to allow for a Regional Tax Board of Reviews, language has been added if a Regional Tax Board of Review is allowed and created, we could use them as our Income Tax Board of Review; and there could be future amendments.

Mrs. Loxley added that we won't see any results until 2016 is filed in 2017. Ms. Fisher added that the State is still discussing taking over our local collections.

Mr. Faulkner asked how long we have to keep the old code. Ms. Fisher stated with the statute of limitations, it will be at least twenty years.

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

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-17; 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.

RESOLUTION 2015-47    ADOPTING THE WARREN COUNTY 2015 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Mr. Westendorf stated that this updates the original plan adopted in 2007. It enables the City to recover funds thru FEMA as we are part of the plan. This plan covers natural hazards, i.e. extreme temperatures, winter storms, earthquake, wild fires, etc. We have filed & received monies under this plan.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-17; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. 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.

RESOLUTION 2015-48            PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION GRANTING CONSENT TO ODOT  
TO COMPLETE THE ROCK CHANNEL PROJECT ALONG STATE ROUTE 123

Mr. Lewis stated that this gives ODOT consent to work in the State Route 123 right-of-way, by the Park, the bridge that goes over Clearcreek, by adding rock to the channel that goes underneath the bridge and repair some of the scour marks.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-48; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Centers introduced the following legislation:

Ordinance 2015-18        Amending Sections 331.32, 331.33 and 353.04 and Enacting Section 311.18 of  
the City of Franklin Traffic Code to be Concurrent with State Law through December 31, 2015

Public Hearing will be held December 7, 2015.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Per Mr. Faulkner's request at the last meeting, the leaf pickup program is an 8 week process, \$60,000-\$67,000 for leaf pick-up, including men & equipment; leaves are dumped on the well field which is good for the soil
- Civil Service appointment will be on the next Council agenda for Sharon Gambill-Levine
- A Christmas Farmers Market will be held December 12<sup>th</sup> at the Deardoff Senior Center, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 12 vendors as of now will participate

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Ervin acknowledged Mrs. Loxley & Ms. Fisher for their work done on the new income tax ordinance.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Miss Fisher had no report.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Lipps thanked everyone for coming; Franklin Chamber of Commerce meeting was held at the Franklin Ridge Healthcare Center and they did a great job.

Mr. Wilcher stated he had no comments and thanks for coming tonight.

Mr. Faulkner thanked everyone for coming and asked if the email from a resident who had questions about the Police Department has been answered – yes, it was answered.

Mr. Hall had no comments.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Bray congratulated those who were elected/reelected; need to be thinking about the Mayor & Vice Mayor appointments; attended WC Veterans Day Breakfast at the Career Center, is growing and they did a great job, thanks to Ms. Hess and will be presenting some of the posters to various veteran's organizations in town; personnel reviews need to be done by the end of the month; and Council pictures are needed.

Mayor Centers congratulated the Council winners – looking forward to working with you.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council