

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 7, 2015**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 7, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There were two members of the press and 16 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager; Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council and newly elected Council members Mr. Brent Centers, Mr. Paul Ruppert and Mrs. Debbie Fouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Maggie Hess.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the November 16, 2015 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

PRESENTATION WARREN COUNTY CAREER PRESENTING VETERANS' DAY POSTER TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 149

Ms. Maggie Hess, Warren County Career Center Superintendent and Mr. Gary Patton were introduced. Mr. Bray welcomed them to tonight's meeting and stated he attended the Veteran's Day Breakfast put on by the students. He introduced Taylor from Kings High School, Kristen from Lebanon High School, Lilly & Hana from Springboro High School, and they presented Veteran Day posters they made to the Franklin American Legion. Mr. Patton thanked the students and stated he is proud of their effort. Ms. Hess also thanked Council for recognizing the students.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

None tonight.

PUBLIC HEARING 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

Ms. Fisher stated that this is the twice yearly update to the traffic code and that there aren't many changes. The following sections are being amended: enact 311.18, amend 331.32, 331.33 and 353.04.

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 2015-18; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2015-19 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2015-14, 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 is the year end supplemental for the 2015 budget. She highlighted the following: Income Tax being increased; Special Appropriations, Economic Development & Building Inspection being decreased; and transfer to the Joint Recreation Fund and Buildings & Grounds increased. Payroll also increased due to an additional pay this year. The In-house Monitoring Fund and FC Dial Trust Fund also decreased.

Mayor Centers questioned the Economic Development Fund being reduced. Mrs. Ervin stated just for the year-end, will be put back in the budget.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-19; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2015-20 PROVIDING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2016

Mr. Lewis stated that this is done every year, a temporary budget to get us through the first few months of the year so we can pay the bills. The final budget is due by March 31, 2016. This has been to the Finance Committee and they approve.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-20; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-49 AUTHORIZING POSITION TITLES AND THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR EACH TITLE FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN PERSONNEL FOR THE YEAR 2016

Mr. Lewis stated that this authorizes the positions and the number of personnel to be hired in 2016.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-49; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-50 APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF STEVE INMAN AS THE CITY OF FRANKLIN'S PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Mr. Lewis stated that this was discussed at the Finance Committee. The appointment for Mr. Inman will be effective January 1, 2016 with a salary at \$78,060.00 – he does a great job.

Mr. Lipps made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-50; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-51 ADOPTING A POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR UTILITY BILLING ADMINISTRATOR AND REPEALING THE POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR CHIEF UTILITY CLERK IN THE UTILITY BILLING DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Lewis stated that this was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. This adopts a new job description for Utility Billing Administrator. It will replace the current Chief Utility Clerk job description, which is Wanda Howell's position. Mrs. Ervin, Finance Director, recommends the change. Mr. Lewis added that this is well deserved and should be done. We have added additional steps to the salary position.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-51; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-52 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A HEART MONITOR FOR THE FIRE & EMS DIVISION THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Westendorf stated that we have done this several times in the past and this is the third purchase for a Life Pack Monitor. We have received a \$10,000 grant from the Middletown Community Foundation to help fund this purchase, total purchase price is \$30,405.94.

There was some discussion on the life packs, where they will be placed and if any other upgrades are needed. Chief Westendorf noted that a new squad will be needed and they have been very careful to extend the life of our current equipment.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-52; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-53 APPOINTING SHARON GAMBILL-LEVINE TO THE CITY OF FRANKLIN CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Lewis stated that Ms. Gambill-Levine has expressed an interest to serve on the Civil Service Commission, that he has talked with her and she attended their last meeting.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-53; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2015-54 AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION CONTRACTOR FOR THE BEAM CREEK BANK STABILIZATION PROJECT

Mr. Lewis stated that we have tried to get a grant several times for this project. The houses along Foster Street are losing their back yards and this will stop that – the worst part of the creek. We are only doing part of the project and will be back in the future to do the remainder. Mr. Lewis added that he did call their references and they come recommended.

Bids received at the December 2, 2015 bid opening:

Environmental Remediation cont.	\$153,296
WG Stang	\$159,515
Smith Construction	\$177,540
Barrett Paving	\$183,802
Outdoor Enterprise	\$207,795
Ford Development Corp.	\$233,040* (exceeded the engineer's estimate by more than 10%)

We are recommending to award the bid to Environmental Remediation Contractor in the amount of \$153,296.00.

Mayor Centers asked where the funding is coming from. Mr. Lewis stated from the Stormwater Fund.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2015-54; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis had no report tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Lipps had no comments tonight.

Mr. Faulkner asked who is responsible for fixing the guard rail on SR 73 (the State is) and thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Hall stated the Christmas lights around the City look fantastic and need to start looking at pool issues as something needs to be done.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Mr. Bray stated that the City looks good and about a 150 people attended an event at the Park for 2 year old Kinsley Kinner, who recently died.

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Fisher reminded everyone of the Christmas Farmer's Market this Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Deardoff Senior Citizens Center.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mrs. Ervin had no report tonight.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL (EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION)

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel (employee compensation) with no action afterwards; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers and members of Council, entered into executive session to discuss personnel, with no action afterwards, at 7:45 p.m. *Mr. Lipps left the meeting and did not attend the executive session.

Mayor Centers reconvened and then adjourned the meeting.

Mayor

Clerk of Council

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