

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 4, 2016**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 4, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

Brent Centers	absent
Paul Ruppert	present
Carl Bray	present
Denny Centers	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Debby Fouts	present
Todd Hall	present

There was one member of the press and 2 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Ms. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works 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 Ms. Fisher.

Mr. Bray made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the March 21, 2016 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. D. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	absent

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor comments tonight.

RESOLUTION 2016-20 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE WARREN COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WARREN COUNTY JOINT SALT PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the second year that Warren County has offered the salt purchasing program to all jurisdictions. The City will get a bid cost for salt and it will be delivered to us. Last year we used 1,477 tons; cost of \$73.50 ton and we are hoping for a better bid this year.

Mr. Hall questioned the new salt dome losing its top. Mr. Inman, stated yes, happened in the recent storm.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-20; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. D. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	absent
Mr. Ruppert	yes

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Centers introduced the following legislation:

Ordinance 2016-02 Amending Sections 721.01 and 721.02 of Chapter 721 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Franklin, Ohio, titled "Peddlers, Solicitors and Itinerant Vendors"

Public Hearing will be held Monday, May 2, 2016.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Over the weekend, with the storm, lots of damage around town - salt dome tarp torn off, wires down, traffic signal down, (2nd & Main), trees down - we are helping out and will allow trees/limbs from the storm to be taken to the Public Works Department. Mr. Hall noted need to contact Boxboard as they have roof damage from the weekend storm. Mr. Greathouse stated railroad signs on 6th Street blew off, happens frequently. Mr. Lewis stated that the railroad is responsible for their signs.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ruppert congratulated the committee on the Easter Egg Hunt and thanked the Fire & EMS Department for their contributions also – very nicely done.

Mr. Bray stated at the Finance Committee tonight, had an update on Ohio Checkbook, there is a lot of participation and we're going to proceed with it; income tax revenues good to date; asked if the road, where the truck went off the side of the road, has been looked at. Mr. Lewis stated he has looked at it, looks minor, and will get with Mr. Inman and make a report on it for future reference, looks like a tankard came off and scarred the road up.

Mr. Aldridge stated on Deardoff Road, tree trimming is being done and they aren't cleaning-up. The work is being done in the Township and the debris, etc. is coming onto City property. They have cut down trees, left brush & tree stumps and people are now using the area as a dump. Mr. Hall added on the hill, beside the old Marsh building, they trimmed in that area and didn't clean up. Mr. Aldridge added he contacted the Township and it is a Duke job. Mr. Inman stated that Duke has been called and will follow-up with them. Mr. Lewis stated to make them (Duke) aware it is causing problems inside the City limits.

Mrs. Fouts stated thanks for fixing the hole at Millard, at the turn. Mr. Ruppert added that police cruisers have also been set up on Second Street. Also, the speed limit sign has been used on Second Street. Mr. Lewis added in regards to her question from the last meeting, as to how many of the letters sent out for the sidewalk replacement program were to rental properties, 536 letters sent out, with 282 of them going to a different mailing address than the property, indicating those are rental properties. Mrs. Fouts added that she has received comments about how nice it looks with the sidewalk repairs. Mr. Lewis added that about 23% have taken out permits to do their own sidewalk repairs. Mr. Lewis also noted he had a recent meeting with MCD officials and they stated how clean the City looked coming into the City.

Mayor Centers stated he had sidewalk to replace and replaced more than what the City marked because it was needed and maybe next time add to the letters that the resident may want to consider replacing more sidewalk than what is marked, if it also is in need of repair. Also, the downtown looks good with the trees in bloom, etc. Mr. Lewis stated that Mr. Inman came up with the idea, to remove the grates (except for one which has a plaque on it), put in rubber mulch, and have received calls on how nice they look. Mr. Inman stated we actually have 4 grates that haven't been replaced yet because of having a plaque.

Mr. Hall stated the murals are starting to fade and the one on the AT&T building needs finished. Mr. Lewis stated that it will be done this year – cleaned, clear coat and finish the one at the AT&T building and touchup others, as needed. This is included in the Capital Improvement projects.

Mayor Centers stated the fence line at Vandalia Rental, with ODOT's okay, was cleaned up, need to go further back, will open up the area and need to see if the property owner will partner with us to do. Consensus of Council agreed for Mr. Lewis to pursue this. Mayor Centers also asked what the status of the new park land is. Mr. Lewis stated it needs cleared off, will meet with the Park Committee on how to fund as it is over a \$1 million project. Mayor Centers questioned the Park Committee meeting. Mr. Lewis stated that's the Park Committee (Council) and will also meet with the Park & Recreation Committee because they have some money that can be used on the project. Mayor Centers asked how much authority does the Park & Recreation Board has to spend on park projects. Mr. Lewis stated they have 100% authority on what you approve along with the Dial Trust. The Park & Recreation Budget this year is \$368,000, with \$106,000 carryover; transfer from General Fund was lowed this year; their budget is mostly for equipment and facilities maintenance and also includes Special Events monies. Council will approve the concept for the new park land.

Mayor Centers asked about the retreat. The retreat will be April 23, 2016 and the April 18, 2016 meeting will be cancelled.

Mr. Ruppert asked about a 25 cent auction at the Park last weekend. Mr. Lewis stated we've had problems with this in the past, didn't know there was one last weekend, can't find out who is in charge of it and it is done online. Mr. Ruppert added he has heard it moves around. Mr. Lewis added that it is hard to find any information on it – looking into it.

Mayor Centers asked if there is any progress on the house swap. Mr. Lewis stated we've looked at two houses, but neither worked out.

Mayor Centers asked when the Farmer's Market starts. Ms. Fisher stated it begins June 4th.

Mayor Centers added for Council to get their ideas ready for the meeting on the 23rd and don't know if Brent will be back for it.

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

Mr. D. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	absent
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Ruppert	yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council