

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL**  
**MAY 2, 2016**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on May 2, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There was one member of the press (Middletown Journal) and 8 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS 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 relatives of Mrs. Fouts.

Mr. Hall made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the April 4, 2016 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mr. Hall made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the April 23, 2016 special meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**PRESENTATION: SHERIFF SIMS AND MAJOR ARRASMITH, WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Sheriff Sims went over the handout 'Warren County Sheriff's Office 2015 year in Review' (attached). He outlined the following:

- 69,000 calls for service
- Processed over 10,000 inmates

- Conducting law enforcement training, training with schools and some government offices
- Carry & conceal permits are up
- At or over capacity most of last year at the jail
- Working with consultant on bed space needs for expansion, hope to have recommendation in the next several months

Sheriff Sims introduced Major Arrasmith, who went over the ‘Warren County Drug Task Force 2015 Annual Report’ (attached).

- Thanked the City for all the help & having an assigned officer to the Drug Task Force
- Is the only full-time organization in Warren County
- Stats up in 2016
- Heroin one of the biggest problems
- 60 Heroin overdose deaths in 2015; 18 heroin overdose deaths to date
- Doubled heroin seizures; target heroin sellers; a lot of the population in Warren County is addicted to heroin
- Prescription drugs continue to be problem
- Crystal methamphetamine use is increasing
- Found 17 meth labs in 2015
- A large amount of cocaine was found in an investigation at the truck stop and in Middletown

Mayor Centers asked if he needs anything for the Drug Task Force. Major Arrasmith stated information is needed – and they have that with us having an officer assigned to the unit.

Mayor Centers thanked Sheriff Sims and Major Arrasmith on the update.

#### RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Doug Greathouse, 41 W. Sixth Street, asked for an overview of the special meeting held April 23, 2016.

Mayor Centers stated that we had a different format this year as a slide presentation was presented. Council did not voice any ideas or solutions. Discussion items will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting of the month. Mr. Greathouse asked if improvements for downtown was discussed. Mr. Hall stated nothing was decided or discussed, just information. Mayor Centers stated there will be discussion at future meetings.

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS 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”

Ms. Fisher stated that this ordinance makes two changes: 1) clarifies the definition of peddler in Section 721.01 and 2) Section 721.02 (d) removes the exception for those selling newspaper subscriptions not needing a permit.

Mr. Aldridge asked how the resident knows if they have a permit. Ms. Fisher stated they should have the permit and show it to you or call the Police Department as they have the information also.

Mrs. Fouts stated she has had a couple of instances of people soliciting at her business and when she questioned them, they said they didn’t need a permit from the City as they had one from Warren County. She told to them to go the City Building as they did need a permit.

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. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-02; seconded by Mr. Brent Centers. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2016-22    DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2017**

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the first step in the street lighting assessments. Mrs. Ervin has estimated the total share is \$152,005.00; \$148,965.00 property owner's share and 2% City share \$3,040.00. This is for lighting the streets and is done every year.

Mayor Centers stated we do this every year and he'd like to do this less often. Mrs. Ervin stated she has spoken with the Warren County Auditor and his recommendation is not to do it for a longer period than one year.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-22; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2016-23    AWARDED THE BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT WITH W.G. STANG FOR THE 2016 CURB REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Mr. Lewis stated that this is for curb replacement of the streets that are included in the City's street paving project. The following bid was received:

W.G. Stang, LLC	\$89,375.00
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The estimated cost for the project is \$100,000 and recommend the bid be awarded to W.G. Stang. It is a good bid and we have worked with them before.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-23; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Mayor Centers yes  
Mr. Aldridge yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers added Resolution 2016-24 to the agenda.

RESOLUTION 2016-24 APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ AS COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD

Mr. Lewis stated he added this to the agenda as it was overlooked to appoint a Council member to this Committee. We need to have a committee meeting and this appointment will replace Mr. Scott Lipps (former Council member) and per the UDO, it can't be Mayor Centers or Mr. Ruppert, as both are on Planning Commission.

Mayor Centers asked if anyone would like to be appointed. Mr. Brent Centers stated he would like to be appointed.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-24, appointing Mr. Brent Centers to the Historic District Review Board; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- River Ride is in June
- Farmers Market begins June 4<sup>th</sup>
- Will be opening the bids on the sidewalk program

Mayor Centers asked Ms. Fisher and Mrs. Ervin if they had anything to report. Neither had anything.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall stated that Pacey has some missing fence (he's already been contacted) and welcomed back Brent.

Mrs. Fouts stated she enjoyed the work session, learned a lot and glad to see Brent back.

Mr. Aldridge also welcomed Brent back and asked if it would do any good to have the solicitors permit on the web site (it is on the website). Ms. Fisher stated if you have a question on anyone, to call the Police Department. Mr. Lewis asked if he means to list those approved on the website. Mr. Aldridge stated yes, that is what he meant. Mr. Lewis stated he doesn't know if we can do that. Mr. Hall stated maybe put information in the next newsletter that they can call the Police Department if they have any questions. Mr. Lewis stated he does send an email to Council letting them know when there is a solicitor in town.

Mr. Brent Centers thanked all for the support while he was gone and that he's glad to be home.

Mr. Rupert stated he received information that we were the 14<sup>th</sup> safest City in the State and another about the Historical District - we need to advertise this kind of information. Mr. Lewis stated we are working on an economic development packet and will include that information & also working on a brochure. Mayor Centers stated we need to include this information in the newsletter also. Mr. Lewis stated the next newsletter will be in June and will be used for the water report (which we are mandated to do). Chief Westendorf stated we will put it on the website.

Mayor Centers stated we need to put this information on the front page of the website and to update it monthly. Also, the video needs changed on the website as it still has Mr. Bray as Mayor. Mr. Lewis stated we are looking at that, the contract expired for the video, we are in the process of finding another company and we may just take it down. Chief Westendorf added to send any information to him and he will get it on the website. Mayor Centers asked if the Council committees have been updated – Mr. Lewis stated yes, they have.

Mr. Brent Centers stated he would like to schedule an Economic Development Council meeting.

Mr. Ruppert asked if we have a limit on the number of lenders in the City – Ms. Fisher stated we already have legislation in place.

Mayor Centers welcomed back Brent; web site needs updated; asked Council to send 4 questions for the next Council agenda to discuss. Mrs. Fisher asked to get your questions back to us by the end of the week and we'll put them together.

Mayor Centers stated to remember the Anthony Wayne student luncheon at the Fire House on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Also, he might be attending the Mayor's meeting and will get with Mr. Lewis.

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

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

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council