

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 16, 2016**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There was one member of the press and 9 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS Chief; Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Troop 78 from Eaton, Ohio.

Mr. Centers made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the May 2, 2016 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

PRESENTATION ORIOLES DONATION TO THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

This is being postponed to a later date as they could not be at tonight's meeting.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

None tonight.

RESOLUTION 2016-25 GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL 640 SQUARE FOOT PERMANENT HIGHWAY EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF FRANKLIN ON THE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF FRANKLIN AT THE SECOND STREET AND RILEY BOULEVARD INTERSECTION

Mr. Lewis stated that as part of Phase 1 of the Downtown Signal Management System project, the State is requiring the control box be relocated. The control box has to be in a designated right-of-way and the

City owns the land adjacent to the right-of-way. We are granting a highway easement to the City for the placement of this equipment on City property.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-25; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2016-26 AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT WITH ZIMMERMAN CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2016 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT

Mr. Lewis stated that bids were opened for the 2016 Sidewalk Repair Project and Zimmerman Concrete Construction is the low bidder at \$140,025.00. The City will do the remainder of work that has not been done by the resident. The company has done work in the City previously, does good work and we have no issues with the company.

Bids received:

Zimmerman Concrete Construction	\$140,025
Advanced Contractors & Estimators	\$241,645
W.G. Stang	\$242,250
Brown Construction & Paving	\$255,150

Mr. Bray stated that he talked with Mr. Conway and the estimated cost of repair is going to be less than projected. We have budgeted \$500,000 and the cost should come in lower.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-26; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2016-27 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 411 BRIDGE STREET FROM THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Lewis stated we've been working with HUD the past year to find a house to trade for the house on Third Street that is adjacent to the City's property. HUD has approved the trade and inspectors are there today. We will have to put some money into it to do some upgrades. The purchase price is \$38,750.00.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-27; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

WORK SESSION: DOWNTOWN

Mr. Lewis presented a slide presentation on downtown redevelopment that comes from the Comprehensive Plan done by the City with citizens also involved. He then asked for Council comments.

There was much discussion on the following: apartments downtown; the City purchasing property; need focal point downtown with green space; maybe having the amphitheater at the Park instead of downtown or some other place; limitations on what can be done at the Park because of School events; problem with power poles at end of Fourth Street by the river if the amphitheater is placed there; making Main Street 2-way; need to continue with clean-up and buying properties downtown; alleys downtown will create green space; need support of community for events; need places to eat downtown; need a focal point downtown; need a plan and budget and get moving on demolition; and need to make people accountable for their properties. Discussion continued. Need to look for grants; possibility of the City renovating or building a building downtown; out of town owners are a problem, need to make them accountable to clean-up their properties; need to clean-up downtown, i.e. decorative crosswalks, lights on the bridge; need to clean-up entrances to downtown off I-75. Also, we need to sell our City, get the kind of business we want and need to market the City. It will be costly bringing empty buildings up to code and the bike path has no signage with eating places listed. Mr. Lewis stated, yes we do have bike path signs, but we don't have places to eat listed on them. Mr. Lewis added that Eric will be town in August to work on the murals.

Mayor Centers asked if Council wants to continue this discussion and he would like to see a fountain with flowers downtown as the focal point instead of the amphitheater. Mr. Aldridge stated we need to have multiple ideas and what can we do now.

Mr., Lewis stated he would like for staff to put a couple of things together and make a presentation to a Council Committee. Mr. Bray asked if all of Council should be involved. Mr. Lewis stated he'd like to start with a Council Committee, might have to go into executive session if presented at a Council meeting.

Mayor Centers stated that this discussion will be continued at the next meeting on June 6, 2016.

There were no Council comments tonight.

Mr. Lewis reminded Council of the River Ride and Farmer's Market on June 4th; Memorial Day Parade on May 30th at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Bray stated that Council will walk and hand out flags. The theme of this year's parade is "Your Furry Friend".

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

Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. B. Centers yes

Mr. Ruppert yes
Mr. Bray yes
Mayor Centers yes
Mr. Aldridge yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council