

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 20, 2016**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 20, 2016 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 one visitor at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS Chief; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Centers.

Mr. Bray made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the June 6, 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. B. Centers	absent

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor comments tonight.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2016-04 DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2017

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the second of three steps in the street lighting assessment process that is done every year. The total cost is \$152,005.00 and the City's share is 2%, \$3,040.00 and the remainder is assessed.

Mr. Bray asked if the City is doing the street lights on SR 123. Mr. Lewis stated no, ODOT is.

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 2016-04; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION 2016-29 ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017, AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT IT TO THE WARREN COUNTY AUDITOR

Mrs. Ervin stated that this is the annual tax budget which is done yearly. It is the first step in the process for next year's budget. The Warren County Budget Commission uses this to issue a Certificate of Estimated Resources, which gives us the amount of property tax and local government funds the City will receive next year.

Mayor Centers asked about the projected 2017 decrease in taxes. Mrs. Ervin stated that is because of the extra payroll for this year and the new income tax ordinance will be in effect.

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. Aldridge made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-29; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mrs. Ervin left the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2016-30 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITH PIERCE MANUFACTURING, INC. FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE FIRE & EMS DIVISION'S 1995 PIERCE FIRE ENGINE

Chief Westendorf stated that this has been in our plan for a while. The 1995 custom Saber Pumper, which is over 20 years old, will be refurbished, extending its life significantly which is cheaper than purchasing a new pumper. We don't expect any problems. Renovations include: mechanical inspection (dyno test) before proceeding; upgrades to major systems including the chassis; interior CAB & seating configuration (adding EMS compartments); removing & reconfiguring the rear of the truck adding

compartment space & ladder racks, repairing a 4” body lean and removal of water tank; inspection & rebuilding pump systems; transition electrical system to low voltage lights, installation of scene lighting all around the vehicle and upgrade of emergency warning systems to comply with NFPA requirements and paint the entire vehicle. The total cost is \$248,786.00. By prepaying the full amount, we will save \$8,034.00, which makes the total project estimated cost at \$240,752.00. Chief Westendorf noted that we don’t have a large number of volunteers anymore, so when we go to a scene, the vehicle will have ems supplies. It will be the end of this year, or next year, before we get the vehicle back.

Mr. Hall asked what you will do while it’s gone. Chief Westendorf stated that they will feel the absence and are doing maintenance on all the equipment before this is sent for refurbishment and we can call the Township for assistance if needed. Mr. Ruppert asked what the cost of a new one is. Chief Westendorf stated a lot more than this, refurbishing is much cheaper.

Mayor Centers asked about the lighting on the truck. Chief Westendorf stated it has to be updated to current specs. Discussion continued doing this verses purchasing new equipment. Chief Westendorf added that there is a master plan and he will be coming back for new equipment.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-30; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2016-31 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AMENDED AND RESTATED WARREN COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS CONTRACT

Chief Whitman stated we are part of the Warren County Drug Task Force Council of Governments and this amends the contract to include the Attorney General’s Bureau of Criminal Investigation, City of Loveland and City of Monroe.

Mr. Lewis asked if all of Monroe is included or just the part that is in Warren County. Chief Whitman stated he will have to find out.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-31; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Centers introduced the following legislation:

Ordinance 2016-05 Amending Section 1109.07(e) of the City of Franklin Unified Development Ordinance

Ordinance 2016-06 Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Franklin, Ohio, to Rezone 6.4049 Acres of City-Owned Land on Deardoff Road from O-I, Office Institutional District, to R-1B, Suburban Residential District

Ordinance 2016-07 Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Franklin, Ohio, to Rezone a 10-acre tract at 708 South Avenue from O-I, Office Institutional District, to I-1, Light Industrial District

Public Hearings on Ordinance 2016-05, 2016-06 and 2016-07 will be held at the Monday, July 18, 2016 Council meeting.

WORK SESSION: PARKS AND COMMUNITY POOL

Mr. Lewis stated that this is a continuation of the discussion from the last meeting and handed out a proposed drawing of the Park (including the new Park land purchased) with estimated costs. Mr. Lewis stated that this is only a proposed drawing & changes can be made. At the last meeting, there was discussion on the pool area; the cost of the project; how we are going to finance the project; how we want to proceed; and would like to continue with that discussion. Mayor Centers asked if we are going to start with clearing out the new Park land. Mr. Lewis stated yes, we (the City) will start to clean out brush/trees at the new Park – will be one of the first steps taken.

Mayor Centers asked if moving the soccer fields to the new Park is final. Mr. Lewis stated we thought it was better to move the soccer fields there to open up areas in the current Park. Additional parking will be added to the current Park as one of the biggest concerns with people is the current parking in the Park. Mayor Centers also asked if the School and the Park Board are okay with this. Mr. Lewis stated he has talked with the School, and so far they are on board with the new Park, their main concern is their costs. Mr. Bray asked what is the estimated cost of the bridge going from Hampton Bennett to the soccer fields. Mr. Lewis stated estimated cost is \$200,000.00. Mr. Bray then asked if there is any way to add additional parking at the soccer fields – if people complain now about the parking they will also complain about having to park and walk to the soccer fields. Mr. Lewis stated that he didn't think parking can be added safely at the area of the new proposed soccer fields. Mr. Lewis added that we are going to try to get a grant for the multi-use paths (on the proposed plan) and might be able to add parking areas to it. Discussion continued on putting parking in the new Park; reconfigure soccer fields to allow parking; to eliminate the bridge and if there will be room to have soccer tournaments. Mr. Aldridge asked if the new road being proposed to connect the Park with the School property, if there will be a traffic light. Mr. Lewis stated yes, and that he has talked with the School about refiguring their road that goes into Hampton Bennett. Mayor Centers stated there is land adjacent to new Park land we just purchased that we might want to consider purchasing. Mr. Hall stated that land slopes and would not be useable. Discussion continued on how the road will be designed; how to get more parking, practice fields; may be able to get grants for playground area; lacrosse fields may also be needed; questions on the size of the pee wee fields. Mr. Lewis stated he thinks this is a good preliminary plan for the Park; re-positioned the adult softball field and also provides parking area for the busses in the back of the Park. Mr. Ruppert stated may be good idea to put a stage at the softball field. Mr. Lewis stated we are trying to get grants and include parking areas, bike paths and walking paths. We need to decide the time frame to get this done; is a proposed \$2.6 million project, \$340,000 a year our cost if we do a note, interest of \$500,000; think we can get creative on submitting grants for the bike path and eventually, it will connect with Springboro & Middletown. Mr. Bray stated the \$550,000 cost of phase one that when it's done, the soccer fields could be used. Mr. Lewis stated that cost doesn't include the parking lots, but you could use the fields. Discussion continued. Mr. Lewis stated this is needed; there is no money available to build any kind of

fields; but money is available for walking & bike paths, physical fitness stations. Discussion continued on how to get the land prepared for the fields. Mr. Lewis stated we will do whatever we can to save money. Mr. Bray asked if we get started on tree removal will we be moving dirt & growing grass within the next year. Mr. Lewis stated when Springboro did their Park, it was two years before fields were ready to play on. Mr. Hall stated he'd rather take our time and do it the right way. There are some issues in the current Park with the fields and flooding issues.

Mayor Center asked if the \$2.5 million is the entire project costs. Mr. Lewis stated yes. Mrs. Fouts asked if that is an accurate cost. Mr. Lewis stated it was in 2014. Mr. Aldridge asked how much land is in the back and if disk golf is included. Mr. Lewis stated there is 6 acres and yes, it is included.

Mr. Bray asked about the high school baseball field, possibility of moving it over to Hampton Bennett. Mr. Lewis stated that it is used more than you think and it is rented out for tournaments. Discussion continued on the baseball fields. Mr. Aldridge stated he was contacted by a Park Board member about the need for new scoreboards with advertisements on them and on the fence and were told Council was against it. Mr. Lewis explained that was the Park Board, the current scoreboard was donated to the School a long time ago and they maintain it. Mr. Aldridge asked about having advertisements on the scoreboard. Mr. Lewis stated it's not allowed now and don't know how we can do it. Discussion continued on banners and need to take advantage of advertising. Mrs. Fouts asked if estimated cost includes a splash pad. Mr. Lewis stated yes, but he will check to see if it is included. He noted that Kettering built a splash pad for \$350,000 and cost to maintain it is \$30,000.00 - \$40,000.00. Mr. Aldridge stated if we do a splash pad we also need to do something with the pool. Discussion continued on the need for a splash pad.

Mayor Centers stated he'd like to discuss the pool now and where the pool in Miamisburg is – is on Henkle Road. Mayor Centers stated we need to decide if we are going to include the pool in the new Park plan, that he'd like to see the pool part of this project; if not, need to get rid of it. Mr. Hall stated Miamisburg got money from the Mound, it isn't your typical pool; has a walk-in entrance on one side; diving well; rock wall; 2 slides; also includes a volley ball area, 2 ½ wading area with water structures & play area. He was there this past weekend for a party and the rental cost was over \$600. Mrs. Fouts added that the pool is closed on Sunday's to the public and family (4 people) pass is \$150. Mr. Ruppert added he thinks we have a great opportunity to do something for our Community in helping underprivileged kids. Discussion on contacting schools for help with this and a lot of people don't know we have a pool. Mr. Hall added a lot of people from the surrounding area is coming now. Mr. Bray asked if it meets our needs now. Mr. Hall stated it meets our needs, but it is old, is a lot of maintenance now, building needs painted (paint bought last year), City workers do a good job of keeping it running; concrete is in need of being replaced (been patching it), the junior pool is in need of repair, something needs done and we have been maintaining. Mr. Ruppert asked if any consultant/engineer has looked at the pool to give us a list of what needs done. Mr. Hall stated, no. Mr. Bray asked if we need an Olympic size pool. Mr. Hall stated he likes the size of the pool, don't like how it is configured; YMCA uses it and Kettering swim team uses it. Discussion continued on having a consultant give us a cost for a pool, need Olympic size. Mrs. Fouts stated maybe Council should visit the Miamisburg pool & get the costs for their pool. Mayor Centers asked Mrs. Fouts if she would get that information. Mrs. Fouts stated yes, she will get the info and report back to Council. Mr. Lewis stated he will also get some information. Mayor Centers asked what our vision is. Mr. Hall stated he wants to keep our pool – if we close the pool, Miamisburg is the only other public pool around here; people from surrounding area come to our pool; and our residents do go to the pool; Middletown has a splash pad which is good for kids. Our pool needs upgraded – pools don't make money, but is a benefit to our Community.

Mr. Bray stated the estimated cost for the soccer concession stand is \$350,000.00 – maybe upgrade what we have. Discussion continued.

Mr. Lewis stated the pool is a joint venture with Franklin Township and need to talk with them also.

Mayor Centers asked for consensus of Council about the pool – consensus is to keep the pool.

Mr. Bray asked what the time line is for the new Park. Mr. Lewis stated the City will start clearing it off; will start working on grants and also try and include the bridge.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis asked if Council needs anything for the 4th of July parade. Mayor Centers, Mr. Bray, Mr. B. Centers, Mr. Ruppert & Mr. Hall have vehicles to ride in. Mr. Bray will check with the golf course for golf carts to borrow.

Mayor Centers asked Chief Westendorf to send parade information out to Council members.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ruppert had no comments tonight.

Mr. Bray stated great job this past Saturday with the Movie in the Park and thanks to the Special Events Committee; called NIC about high grass at the old Truck Stop, they put up a sign but nothing has been done yet; attended Ground Aviation Grand Opening (former RL Drake building) and it was very impressive.

Mayor Centers added that he also made a lot of good comments about working with the City.

Mr. Hall stated at the corner of Stadia/Arlington, looks empty, has high grass and siding is coming off.

Mrs. Fouts asked what is going on at the old Boxboard as they were towing cars out of there today. Mr. Lewis stated they have been using it as an impound lot, that’s not allowed, and we told him to remove the cars and if not, we will take action against him. Mrs. Fouts stated she attended the Chamber Annual Meeting today, Mr. Lewis did an awesome job and the Chamber does a lot of good things. Dr. Rick Chamberlain was the Citizen of the Year and Ms. Fisher for the Farmer’s Market also received an award.

Mr. Aldridge thanked staff for taking care of the property at Deardoff/Second Street and asked Ms. Fisher with the recent vandalism going on in town, if we can set fines for that. Ms. Fisher stated the vandals have to be over 18 years of age to go to Court, under State law and juveniles go to Juvenile Court.

Mayor Centers stated that Charles Wood Photography took pictures of the fly over at the Memorial Day Parade and would like to have prints made and have Council sign one of them to give to the pilots of 180 and then have them sign one for us. Also, people are still throwing out pamphlets in yards, are permits required to do this. Ms. Fisher stated no permits for that, is 1st amendment right and have to be careful and that she is working on regulations.

Mrs. Fouts stated that someone is going door to door for education materials and she’s receiving complainants on them.

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

Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	absent
Mr. Ruppert	yes

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council