

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 21, 2016**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2016, 6:04 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
Debbie Fouts	present
Todd Hall	present

There was one member of the press and 2 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Tim Abbot.

Mr. Hall made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the March 7, 2016 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Bray. 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.

PRESENTATION: TIM ABBOTT, DUKE ENERGY

Mr. Abbott presented a plaque to the City in appreciation of the City's cooperation with Duke's 15 year gas main replacement program. He continued that the project is finished, also updated service lines and thanked the City for their cooperation and the work that the City does. Mayor Centers thanked him for his help – we have worked well together for a long time.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

None tonight.

ORDINANCE 2016-01 EMERGENCY PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Mr. Lewis stated that in November a temporary budget was passed. This is the permanent budget for 2016. The Finance Committee met at the last meeting and approved it. As we said in November, the items that have changed are the transfers and couple of capital items added.

He noted the following:

- 16 funds are in the General Fund
- Total transfers approximately \$8 million + (Police, Municipal Court, Probation & transfers, see attached sheet)
- Street Department - budget of \$1,647,850 – includes sidewalk replacement program, summer paving, curbs and ¼ of the cost of a dump truck. Mrs. Fouts asked about the sidewalk replacement program. Mr. Lewis stated that letters have been sent to the property owner. Mayor Centers asked about the cost of the sidewalk replacement. Mr. Lewis stated that we provided an approximate cost and the City will inspect the work done. Mr. Ruppert stated he's heard that a minimum load (concrete) being more than what is needed.
- Mayor Centers asked if the money in the Property Acquisition fund has been spent. Mr. Lewis stated, no, this is new money and we are working on finding a house to trade with HUD to get the house on the corner of 3rd/Riley Blvd.
- Fire & EMS - budget has increased 31%, most capital outlay items, building repairs and concrete ramp; \$70,000 towards new ambulance and have applied for some grant money.
- Recreation Fund - budget of \$387,550. Mayor Centers asked how much is budgeted for Special Events - \$75,000 (4th of July and Fall Fest). Mrs. Fouts asked how much is spent on July 4th - \$50,000 is budgeted.
- ODOT program – increase is for the Riley Boulevard project from South Main to 2nd Street. \$1,073,000 budgeted and we will be receiving grant money for \$741,000 or 80% of the total bid cost.
- Water Fund - budget of \$2,744,312 - good balance. Also includes ¼ of cost of dump truck, replace filter at Water plant and auxiliary power for Well #5.
- Sewer Fund - budget of \$2,805,124 – carry over balance should be better than projected at \$488,766; also ¼ of cost of dump truck included.
- Trash collection - 4% increase and have one more year on the contract.
- Stormwater is in good shape; \$2.00 per account has been added for curb repair and we are expecting to receive a CDBG grant of \$150,000 for the curb repair project.

Mayor Centers stated that revenues are \$1.2 million less than last year. Mr. Lewis stated it is actually \$656,378 less than last year; transfers can be removed if need be, but the projects are in the process to be done. Mayor Centers added that we rely on you. Mr. Lewis stated he's okay with the budget, revenues are projections and hoping they will be more and we are working on economic development

Mr. Bray stated when he saw this he had concerns; we will be receiving money on the projects (grants); feel good about the projects and the Court budget is more than what he thought.

Mayor Centers asked if we have received any information from the Judge. Mr. Lewis stated he has asked the Judge to attend the retreat to update Council. Mayor Centers stated the retreat will be April 23, 2016, if Council can attend, as Brent doesn't know for sure when he will be back.

Mr. Lewis added that he and Mrs. Ervin will review the budget mid-year and that some of the transfers may not be needed.

Mr. Hall stated we've always budgeted conservative, always have done well with our money and we won't know until October.

Mr. Bray added that we are not borrowing any money – paying for the projects.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-01; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. 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.

RESOLUTION 2016-16 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FREIGHTLINER DUMP TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Lewis stated that this is included in the budget that was just passed. It is for the purchase of a Freightliner dump truck from Stoop Freightliner of Dayton through the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program. The cost of the truck is \$72,108.00 and \$38,900.00 to equip the dump truck (KE Rose Company). This will replace a 1991 International dump truck. Mr. Aldridge asked how much will it sell for. Mr. Lewis stated that is unknown at this time.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-16; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2016-17 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN EMS EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE & EMS DIVISION THROUGH THE OHIO DAS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Westendorf stated we have received the Assistance to Firefighters Grant which will fund 95% of the purchase of 2- Lucas 2 Chest Compression systems, a Life Pak 15 Monitor/Defibrillator and 2 power-load cot fastener systems. Total equipment cost is \$109,073.14; 95% grant of \$103,619.48; and City cost is \$5,453.66.

There was some discussion on equipment needed (will review) and how many ambulances are on call.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-17; 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
Mr. D. Centers yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2016-18 AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF UP TO \$3,000 TO WARREN COUNTY KUSTOMS FOR THE 2016 FRANKLIN DOWNTOWN SATURDAY NIGHT CAR SHOW

Mr. Lewis stated that Mr. Bates has requested \$3,000 for the Car Show in August. This is a great event and supported by the City.

Mr. Aldridge stated that this was discussed at Finance Committee and recommend approval.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-18; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2016-19 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE WARREN COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR THE SR 123 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PART 1 WORK

Mr. Lewis stated that we have a project for SR 123 improvements from Shotwell to City limits. After some discussion, we contacted Warren County to see if they would want to extend the improvements to Robinson Vail Road. They're interested and as we can't spend money in the Township, this will be a joint project with Warren County through the Warren County Transportation Improvement District. This is the first step to work together with the County and we hope more money will be available by having a joint project.

Mrs. Fouts asked about a traffic light at Shotwell/Beal Road. Mr. Lewis stated that studies are being done; there are delays especially in the morning; and the scope of work will look at everything. This is the first stage. Mrs. Fouts added also need to look at Union Road/Manchester Road.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-19; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- The Spring Blast was this past weekend at the Park – big event and received positive feedback
- Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday at 11:30 a.m.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ruppert had no comments tonight.

Mr. Bray gave an update on the house on Dixie Highway: Purkey owns, he won't sell & someone wants to buy it; been to Court to clean it up; 80% cleaned up, still bad; talked to Township and the Court, can't do anything; talked to Health Department and will be meeting with them and Franklin Township; don't know what will happen. Lykins Trucking operates next door and wants to buy the property and he has also bought some other property in the area.

Mrs. Fouts asked if the speed limit on SR 73 can be changed from Millard Drive to the Highway (Mayor Centers stated the State sets the speed limits), Mr. Lewis stated we'll put up the speed sign; also problems turning from SR 73 onto Millard Drive, coming out of Lee's and something needs done at the intersection. Mr. Lewis stated we'll have the traffic engineer look at it. At the election this past week, Mr. Lipps was elected, excited to have someone from here represent our area.

Mr. Hall asked what is going on with Swifty's. Chief Westendorf stated that it's been closed the past month, and will be meeting with the BUSTR (Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Removal), problem with the tanks and expect citations to be issued. The citations will be there for the next group who wants to open at that site within the timeframe. Mrs. Fouts noted that there were also problems with credit card numbers being stolen. Mr. Lewis stated that Planning Commission discussed this at their last meeting, is a conditional use and doubt that it will be continued. Discussion continued. Mr. Hall also added that on Second Street, at Millard Drive, there is a sunken place in the pavement that drivers try to avoid.

Mayor Centers stated to let him know of any ideas for the Retreat; format will be same as last time; and addressed Mrs. Ervin that we appreciate the work you do and if you see us going in the wrong direction, to let us know.

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

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

Motion passed.

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

Mayor

Clerk of Council