

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 3, 2017

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 2017, 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	absent
Mrs. Fouts	present
Mr. Hall	present

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Denny Centers.

There was one member of the press (Franklin Chronicle) and 6 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mrs. Myra Haney, Administrative Assistant; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS Chief; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Hall made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the March 20, 2017 regular meeting; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

PRESENTATION: WARREN COUNTY DRUG TASK FORCE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT - MAJOR STEVE ARRASMITH, COMMANDER

Major Arrasmith thanked Council for letting him attend tonight and we can't operate without the support of the City and others in Warren County. He noted the following about the Warren County Drug Task Force: is a multi-jurisdictional unit; operate under Ohio HIDTA; only full-time drug unit in Warren County; is governed by the Policy Board; and currently have 21 law enforcement & support personnel. The Drug Task Force is funded in a variety of ways – the Ohio HIDTA program, the Justice Assistance Grant, Drug Law Enforcement Grant as well as contributions from the Warren County Commissioners and numerous communities, including the City of Franklin. Major Arrasmith stated heroin trafficking remains a priority for the unit. Heroin (and/or fentanyl mix) seizures for 2015 compared to 2016 saw a 558% increase in his unit for heroin (and/or fentanyl/carfentanil mix). Major Arrasmith briefly outlined 2016 criminal investigations, education & prevention, and current drug trends. (report attached) Major Arrasmith added that investigations, mid to upper level range, can take time to complete. Lower level investigations move a lot quicker than the mid-to-upper level investigations. Major Arrasmith thanked Council for their support.

Mayor Centers asked if there's anything else that we can do to help. Major Arrasmith stated we need information – the City already has a person assigned to the Drug Task Force. We ask to continue to support and give us information.

Mayor Centers stated we appreciate you coming tonight and sharing what you do.

Mr. Bray asked if there is enough jail space when arrests are made. Major Arrasmith stated we're supportive of treatment programs and there's never enough jail space.

Mayor Centers and Council thanked him for coming tonight.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

No visitor remarks tonight.

OLD BUSINESS RESOLUTION 2017-12 TABLED NOTICE OF INTENT TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG SHAKER ROAD (EICHHOLZ PARK)

Mr. Hall made the motion to untable Resolution 2017-12; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Resolution 2017-12 is untabled.

Mr. Lewis stated this was discussed at the last Council meeting and you wanted more information. Mayor Centers stated he has talked with Chris Brausch, Warren County Sanitary Engineer, and he was confused on some of the water flow issues. Warren County is one of the few Counties that don't soften the water. The County has a plan and they don't need all of the land to do this. In his opinion, if we are going to sell a large portion of this land, we'll never develop a smaller portion. If we are going to do this - we should sell it all.

Mr. Hall stated it's been in our possession a long time and we've done nothing with it. They have a water tower there and homes are built around the property (that we own) – don't see it turning into anything.

Mr. Ruppert stated he questioned the development of that land and to get access to it we'll need to purchase additional property. Can we afford to do that to develop something we may or may not do in the future? That's a problem for him.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Centers stated he's changed his mind – he's for it and to earmark the money to the park/pool project.

Mr. B. Centers stated he's not changed his mind – don't think we should get rid of it – need to keep.

Mr. Bray stated we haven't done anything with it (the property) – should sell it and the money go towards the park project.

Mrs. Fouts stated she agrees we should sell the property and earmark the money to park/pool project.

Mayor Centers stated we need the money more than the land. Mr. B. Centers stated if we sell it, he'd like the money earmarked for the park/pool project.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-12; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

Mayor Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	absent
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. B. Centers	no
Mr. Ruppert	no
Mr. Bray	yes

Motion failed as five (5) yes votes are needed for adoption.

RESOLUTION 2017-19 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. Inman stated that we have participated in this program the last couple of years with Warren County for purchasing road salt. Last year the cost was \$58.00/ton and in 2015 it was \$73.15/ton. We used approximately 1,204 tons of salt in 2016. We feel this is the best option for the City to get the best price. We have estimated our purchase at 3,000 tons.

Mayor Centers asked what if we need more, do we need to estimate a higher usage. Mr. Lewis stated there's no penalty if we don't order what we say and we're guaranteed to receive the 3,000 tons if needed. We do have the 2nd salt bin, it is filled up and we think we will have enough if we have a bad winter. Mr. Inman stated they don't want us ordering a larger quantity than what we will use and they know what our past usage history is.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-19; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-20 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A FREIGHTLINER DUMP TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Inman stated that this authorizes the purchase of a dump truck from Stoops Freightliner of Dayton through the ODOT Cooperative Purchase program and the equipping and outfitting will be done by KE Rose Company of Huber Heights. This will replace a 1988 Chevy Dump Truck. The cost of the dump truck is \$72,922 and the cost to equip it is \$44,050. We will sell the 1988 dump truck.

Mayor D. Centers asked if money is in the budget. Mr. Inman stated, yes, money is in the budget.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-20; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2017-21 AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT WITH ADLETA CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE 2017 CURB REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Conway stated the project includes curb replacement along sections of Greenup Court, Kristine Lane, Martha Drive, Mayor Court, Thomas Drive and the Engineer's estimated cost is \$185,000.00.

The following bids were opened on March 29, 2017:

Jackson Construction	\$178,273
Adleta Construction	\$178,900
W.G. Stang	\$179,040
Prus Construction Co	\$180,285

We're recommending the Jackson Construction bid be rejected as nonresponsive as they didn't provide a statement of qualifications nor any references. We are unable to establish if they have the ability or are qualified to perform the work. We recommend to accept the bid of Adleta Construction, the next lowest bidder at \$178,900.00 and they have done work in the City before.

Mr. B. Centers asked if we consider the quality of work, in addition to the bid – yes, it's considered. Mrs. Fisher stated we tried to check on them and when googled, it says they are a home remodeling company. They provided no qualifications or references, a required part of the bid package, so there's no way to check on them.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-21; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Centers introduced the following legislation:

ORDINANCE 2017-03 AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, TO REZONE LOT 5 OF THE FRANKLIN INTERSTATE PARK, LOCATED ALONG WATKINS GLEN ROAD, FROM O-S, OFFICE-SERVICE DISTRICT, TO C-1, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

Public Hearing will be held April 17, 2017.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated to remember the Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 8, 2017, 11:30 a.m. at the Community Park. There will also be ball games on that day in the Park. Mr. Lewis also noted that a DART meeting is scheduled for April 26 and information will be sent out.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall asked Mr. Lewis if he had talked with his Mom – yes, he has. Also, at Hemlock/Second Street, what is the plan there? Mr. Inman explained that pressure tests have been done and they passed. The first bacteria test is done and we will do another one tomorrow. Once that passes, we can begin making the taps. When all the taps are completed, we will do a permanent patch on Second Street and temporary patches on Hemlock as curbs are to be installed at a later date. Mr. Hall added that the area needs swept. Also, Mr. Hall asked what is going on at Moore Drive. Mr. Lewis stated that Duke is doing repairs in that area and we will make sure it's patched right as it is on the list to be paved this year.

Mrs. Fouts stated that everything is starting to look good in the City.

Mr. B. Centers stated as we all know, the City supports our Veterans. Since our last meeting, a Representative from the Department of Defense came to Franklin and presented a 'Patriot Award' to Mr. Lewis and Mayor Centers, in recognition of the City of Franklin supporting employee participation in the National Guard and the Reserve Force. Mr. B. Centers added we are proud of you guys and appreciate what you do. Also, there's an article on the Department of Defense's website.

Mayor Centers stated we appreciate it, but it's not just Sonny & I, it's the entire City. Everyone supports the National Guard and the Reserves. It's an honor to receive – but it's the entire City. Also, he thanked Mr. B. Centers for nominating them for the award.

Mr. Ruppert stated he had nothing tonight.

Mr. Bray stated that the Finance Council Committee met tonight and approved the request for the Car Show in August. Also, we talked about our Moody rating of A1 and we are close to moving up to AA rating. The City is going in the right direction and we are being proactive, i.e. future retirement payouts. Mr. Ruppert added we're also concerned if there's a downturn with income tax revenues, so far, it's okay.

Mayor Centers asked when does the Farmer's Market begin – 1st Saturday in June. It's the same day as the "River Ride" and "Community Days" at Wes Bankco. About the recent DART meeting, he's had questions about the program, think we all were a little hesitant when we began this. It's a good program, been very successful throughout the State, and encourage everyone to get involved. It's not government oriented, not downtown business oriented – its citizens of Franklin that want to see the City do better.

Mayor Centers stated that an executive session is needed for land acquisition and there will be no action afterwards.

Mr. Bray made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss land acquisition, with no action afterwards; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers and members of Council entered into executive session to discuss land acquisition, with no action afterwards.

Mr. Hall made the motion to exit the executive session; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. The vote:

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

Motion passed. Mayor Centers reconvened the meeting.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council