

FRANKLIN CITY BUILDING
MAY 1, 2017

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 1, 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	present
Debbie Fouts	present
Todd Hall	present

There were two members of the press (Middletown Journal & Franklin Chronicle) and five visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mrs. Myra Haney, Administrative Assistant; Ms. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Johnathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mackenna Bicknell (Mrs. Fouts granddaughter).

Mr. Bray made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the April 17, 2017 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks.

RESOLUTION 2017-22 SECOND READING NOTICE OF INTENT TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG SHAKER ROAD (EICHHOLZ PARK)

The second reading of Resolution 2017-22 was done by Mayor Centers.

ORDINANCE 2017-04 AMENDING CHAPTER 529 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OR COMMENCEMENT OF BOTTLE CLUBS WITHIN THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Fisher stated this ordinance is an update to Chapter 529, the City's liquor control laws. The Safety Council Committee has reviewed and recommend adoption. Included in the Ordinance is a new section that prohibits bottle clubs within the City. Ms. Fisher explained the ordinance also places a moratorium upon the establishment or commencement of bottle clubs until the permanent ordinance takes effect.

Ms. Fisher added that this ordinance is an emergency which will become effective immediately and will expire in 60 days. Also, an ordinance will be introduced tonight to make these amendments permanent.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-04; 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 2017-23 DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AS PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD, BEGINNING MAY 1, 2017, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE DEPOSITORY AGREEMENTS WITH THE SAME

Mrs. Ervin stated that this is a five year agreement, May 1, 2017 thru May 1, 2022. All four of the local banks responded, Fifth Third Bank, Huntington National Bank, Peoples Bank and Wesbanco Bank, and are willing to take the maximum amount. We will execute agreements with all four banks.

Mayor Centers questioned the different interest rates by the banks. Mrs. Ervin stated for operating funds, the maximum amount is \$8 million. The interim deposits, up to \$11 million, are the interest bearing accounts. At the time of investment, we will check the interest rates being offered and select the bank with the best rate.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-23; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. 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 2017-26 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2016-60, AUTHORIZING POSITION TITLES AND THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR EACH TITLE FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN PERSONNEL FOR THE YEAR 2017

Chief Westendorf stated that this is a staffing change. We are proposing to increase the number of full-time firefighters from 3 to 4. The number of lieutenants will be reduced from 3 to 2. The changing of the number of positions to fill will save money and we hope to fill the position by late summer. Chief Westendorf added the department should see operational costs reduce as a result of the officer positions being reduced and entry level staff added.

Mr. Lewis stated it's the same number of employees, just changing the positions authorized.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-26; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. 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.

RESOLUTION 2017-27 DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF IMPROVING CITY STREETS AND PUBLIC WAYS BY THE LIGHTING THEREOF FOR THE YEAR 2018

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the first step of several in the street light assessment process. The estimated cost is \$155,000.00. The City share is 2% of this cost, \$3,100.00

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-27; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. 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.

RESOLUTION 2017-28 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT A NATUREWORKS GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN

Mr. Lewis thanked Mr. Conway, Mr. Inman and Mrs. Haney in preparing the grant application. This authorizes the submission of a Natureworks Grant for repairs at the Community Pool. The project is estimated at \$140,000 and the City share at \$35,000, for replacing the existing, deteriorated concrete around the pools and also replacing piping. We are hopeful we will receive the grant and will apply for another grant.

Mayor Centers asked what type of grant is this and what is the status of the current improvements at the pool. Mr. Lewis stated this is a reimbursement-type grant and we are about ¾ done with the improvements. The pool looks really nice – 100% better.

Mr. Hall stated he's received regular updates and Mrs. Credit is thrilled with how the pool looks.

Mayor Centers asked when the repairs will be done. Mr. Lewis stated by opening day of the pool.

Mayor Centers thanked everyone for a great job.

Mr. Ruppert asked if money is in the budget for the repairs. Mr. Lewis stated yes, and these improvements are being paid by the City only. Also, the Township has paid last year's (2016) portion of the pool costs.

Mayor Centers asked what is next. Mr. Lewis stated the concrete work – which is what this grant is for – and the next grant will be for a filtration system.

Mr. B. Centers added we are at a standstill with Franklin Township over sharing the pool costs as they have tabled the contract a couple of times.

Discussion continued on future aesthetic upgrades; everything done to date is aesthetic improvements; and the next step is to enhance the upgrades.

Mrs. Fouts stated she's been asked if there are any plans to add more shaded areas – can they bring pop-up-tents etc.? Mr. Hall stated yes, they can bring pop-up tents, umbrellas, etc.

Mayor Centers asked, in doing the improvements (concrete work/piping), will we plan for a splash pad, for a future project. Mr. Lewis & Mr. Hall both stated that we're not that far yet – will be considered.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2017-28; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Centers introduced the following legislation. Public Hearings will be held at the May 15, 2017 Council meeting.

Ordinance 2017-05 Amending Chapter 529 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Franklin, Ohio

Ordinance 2017-06 Levying Assessments for Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters for the Annual Sidewalk Repair Program, Phase 1

Ordinance 2017-07 Enacting Section 935.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Franklin, Ohio

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- the curb replacement started last week, will be followed by the street paving project
- Water line at Hemlock is complete; temporary pavement now as curb/gutter replacement & paving will be done in July (funded by OPWC grant)
- the 2017 Street Resurfacing Program and Sidewalk Replacement Program will go out to bid next week
- Mulch on SR 123 isn't done yet, will be done by middle of May
- We're behind in mowing in case you receive any complaints

Mr. Aldridge asked on Deardoff Road, from Arlington to Ruppert Court, between the fence & sidewalk, who is responsible for mowing it. Mr. Lewis stated it should be the property owner but we will check to see who's responsible.

Mr. Lewis continued that the DART visit was last week, very informative, gave direction and not sure that it's what we thought it was going to be. We thought it would be designed for Franklin.

Mayor Centers asked what the next step in the DART program is. Mr. B. Centers stated that the report was more of what the inspection was about instead of what our Main Street needed. It was very vague. The report did give some specifics about our City, i.e. signage issues and conflicting hours of operation for lunch. The next step is to have a meeting with the stakeholders from the initial meeting and with those from Wednesday's meeting to establish the boards. The stakeholders will submit applications to chair one of the four boards, either a one, three or five year term. Also, we will need citizens to serve on the boards and applications will be sent out to those interested to serve either a one, three or five year term. Each board will have a short term and long term goal/project. There will also be an oversight committee to oversee the committees and work with the City. Mr. Lewis stated one of the things they brought up that we shouldn't do is to personally invite people to be a member of the board – need to have them submit an application. If they want to be a member of the board, have them submit an application which will have the reason why they want to be on that board. We'll know by their reason if they should be accepted to serve on the board.

Mayor Centers asked how is that information going to be given to the public. Mr. Lewis stated we will advertise it. We'll send out applications to everyone who attended the meetings; put it on our website and on the Special Events, Fire & Police Facebook pages; and advertise in the newspaper. Mr. Lewis added that members don't have to be a Franklin resident; will be 10-12 hours a month commitment and the limit to serve is 5 years total on the same Board.

Mrs. Fouts stated it's a matter of getting the right people together. They also said Council shouldn't be a board member but could participate in the meetings.

Mr. B. Centers stated they recommend the boards be 1/3 City personnel; 1/3 downtown business owners and 1/3 citizens. Mr. Lewis added that they also recommend that there not be a majority of City personnel on the Boards – it's very specific on who is to be on the boards.

Mayor Centers asked when the next meeting is. Mr. B. Centers stated that the next meeting isn't scheduled yet. Mr. Lewis stated it should be within the next few weeks.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall stated he was recently contacted about high school kids hanging out at Schenk Elementary School on the weekends. They are causing problems for the custodian. Mr. Lewis stated he'll check on this.

Mrs. Fouts stated good job to the Police Department in reference to a recent issue at her store. She added that police patrols need to be increased in the Laynecrest area as there has been a lot of foot traffic lately. Also, everything is looking good in the City. Mrs. Fouts asked about the Luke Kennard "Mr. Basketball" signs. Mr. Lewis stated they have been taken down due to some of the signs being stolen.

Mr. Aldridge asked for an update on Hemlock Street. Mr. Lewis stated it will be completed this summer (scheduled for July).

Mr. B. Centers thanked Mrs. Haney for her work done on the DART visit and also thanked Mr. Inman, Mr. Conway and Mrs. Haney for their work on the pool improvement project.

Mr. Ruppert stated he thinks the pool improvements will be great for our City and the surrounding communities. On May 4th, in the evening, is the Senior Award Recognition and also the Ruppert Foundation will recognize the top 10% of the class.

Mr. Bray stated the American Legion is sponsoring 4 students from Franklin and 3 from Carlisle to attend Boys State at Miami University. Also, the Memorial Day Parade is at 10 a.m. and the Jake Blevins Scholarship Foundation will have a Monte Carlo night this Saturday, 7 p.m. to 12 midnight, at the Golf Course.

Mayor Centers stated to remember May 12th is the lunch with the Anthony Wayne students at the Fire Station. Also, Mayor Centers asked about a Facebook page for the City. Mrs. Fouts stated the Governmental Affairs Council Committee has tabled this as we are gathering more information. She also noted that more people look at Facebook than at websites.

Mr. B. Centers stated that the trend is social media. The City does have social media - the Police, Fire & Special Events have Facebook pages. Mr. Bray added the problem is keeping the information updated as we don't have a dedicated person to do this and public record law is also a problem. Mr. B. Centers added that other City's do have social media but aren't up-to-date and we need to do it right if we decide to pursue this.

Mayor Centers stated that advertisements are being thrown in yards and are blowing all around. Mayor Centers added that he did bring some of the advertisements in today. Ms. Fisher stated to bring any of these in to her.

Mr. Lewis stated that the Franklin Homeowners Inc. had a meeting several weeks ago and are going to be more active. Their next meeting is May 10th and we think this may be a tool to use in rehabbing property.

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

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council