

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 1, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Vice Mayor Carl Bray presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There were two members of the press and 7 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Judge Rupert Ruppert; Ms. Katie Perdue, Chief Probation Officer; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mrs. Karen Ervin, Finance Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joseph Clayborn from Boy Scout Troop 896.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the January 4, 2016 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Vice Mayor Bray recognized Joseph Clayborn who is working on his Boy Scout Merit Badge.

RESOLUTION 2016-09 AMENDING THE POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR PROBATION OFFICER II AND ADOPTING A POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR PROBATION OFFICER I AND A POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

Mr. Lewis stated this amends the Probation Officer to a Probation Officer II position. It also creates a new position, Probation Officer I. These positions are needed for the Drug Court and will be OPTA certified. The Court budget will increase approximately \$3,500 over last year's budget, \$19,000 paid by the Court.

This Resolution also creates a new position, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager, to help with projects, industrial client issues and communications. This will be an additional \$55,000 to the General Fund budget.

Mr. Bray stated that Council has talked about the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager position.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-09; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2016-10 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2015-49 AND AUTHORIZING POSITION TITLES AND THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR EACH TITLE FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN PERSONNEL FOR THE YEAR 2016

Mr. Lewis stated that this authorizes three full-time positions (Probation Officer I, Probation Officer II and Administrative Assistant to the City Manager) and removes the Probation Secretary position.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-10; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2016-11 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2016-05 AND ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2016

Mr. Lewis stated that this amends the Probation Officer I & II pay scale and establishes the pay scale for the Administrative Assistant to the City Manager – each position will have 7 steps. Also, this amends the pay scale for the Secretary to the City Manager (increased steps from 4 to 7). This position is not filled at this time.

Vice Mayor Bray stated that increasing the pay steps has been discussed.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-11; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2016-12 DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTING OR REPAIRING SIDEWALKS, CURBS OR GUTTERS

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the first step in the sidewalk, curb & gutter repair program. He explained that

letters will be sent to residents who have repairs to be done, along with a copy of this resolution and they have until April 30, 2016 to make their repairs. If they choose not to make the repairs, the City will bid out the work and the cost will be assessed to their property over a 5 year period.

Mr. Lewis added the estimated cost for repairs is \$400,000 - \$415,000; some residents are already making their repairs and feel this will help the neighborhoods in the long term.

Mr. Bray asked if he has had any feedback. Mr. Lewis stated he hasn't had any calls.

Mr. Ruppert stated that he has had comments from residents that the stormwater fee was to be used for sidewalk repair. Mr. Lewis stated that the stormwater fee cannot be used for sidewalks – is to be used for drainage purposes, curb & gutter repair, while doing our street paving projects. We just recently decided to do this – can't spend stormwater money on sidewalks.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-12; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Vice Mayor Bray added an "Update on the Drug Court by Judge Rupert Ruppert" to the agenda.

Judge Ruppert stated they have had some turnover in the Court with the recent retirements of Sherry Mullins and Belinda Hurley. Judge Ruppert introduced Katie Hensley Perdue, the new Chief Probation Officer.

Judge Ruppert noted the following on the Drug Court:

- Use the Talbot House and Solutions Mental Health
- 27-37 active recipients
- 100% compliant
- Drug & alcohol counseling 3 times a week; injections; minimum 2 AA meetings a week
- Working well, first time some have been drug free
- 2 sessions, Monday & Tuesday with the Magistrate, test for drugs 2 times a week & also tested at the Talbot House
- The recipients don't have much support from families
- If they do well, they are rewarded with a coupon for food, etc.
- They have become a family
- 27 are in compliance
- Just hired Jamie Cagg as Probation Officer II
- Pleased with how well it's going – been told everyone relapses at some point

Mr. Aldridge asked if any are monitored and if the vivitrol can be used for other uses. Judge Ruppert stated some are on SCRAM and yes, vivitrol can be used for alcohol and opiates

Mr. Bray asked if some of these people have broken into homes, etc. Judge Ruppert stated, yes, and the program has 3 phases.

Vice Mayor Bray thanked Judge Ruppert for the information.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- #1 question is what's going on with the Marsh building – there is no contract on the building as of today, repairing the front of the building, will be signing with a developer for the building
- In regards to the car that was buried, no body was found and Warren County is working on

LAW DIRECTOR REPORT

Ms. Fisher had no report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

Mrs. Ervin stated that they (Council) had talked about putting the budget on the website and to let her know what they want to do.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Ruppert commented on the excellent response in regards to the Highridge incident.

Mr. Hall had no comments.

Mrs. Fouts thanked the City for cleaning up the dumpster and we need updated on the police reports so we know what's going on; resident called about pit bulls on Hudson, need to know how they are handled, was told it was turned over to the dog warden and Police Department said they don't do reports. Ms. Fisher stated that it is up to the County Dog Warden as the law has changed, our Police Department can only write tickets for dogs running loose, if the dog bites someone or is vicious, it is the Dog Warden's responsible.

Mr. Aldridge stated he echoed Mr. Ruppert's comments on the Highridge incident and the Booster Club is selling raffle tickets for a Harley Davidson.

Vice Mayor Bray thanked everyone for coming tonight.

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

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

Motion passed.

Vice Mayor Bray adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council