

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 1, 2018

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, October 1, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Todd Hall presiding.

Roll call showed:

Denny Centers	present
Paul Ruppert	present
Brent Centers	present
Todd Hall	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Debbie Fouts	present
Matt Wilcher	present

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Inman, Public Works Director.

There were two visitors and one member of the press present at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mrs. Amy Miller, Acting Finance Director; Mrs. Lynnette Dinkler, Law Director; Mrs. Karisa Steed, Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief and Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager. Judge Ruppert, Franklin Municipal Court Judge, Mr. Greg Demos, Magistrate, and Katie Perdue, Chief Probation Officer were also present.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the September 17, 2018 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mayor Hall	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. D. Centers	yes

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no comments tonight.

PRESENTATION HOPE PROGRAM UPDATE (attached)

Chief Westendorf presented an update on the HOPE Program. Chief Westendorf noted that the Program started six months ago. The HOPE program is our version of a quick response team (QRT) that follow-up on incidents from substance abuse. It consists of FF/Medics, Police and Service Professionals contacting the individual(s), goal is 3-5 days post incident/referral; assess individual needs and provide appropriate assistance. Chief Westendorf explained the chart shows the current trend, from 2017-2018.

In 2017, 24 opiate deaths; OD patients - 231 opioid & 40 meth/unknown, and 593.5 mg Narcan administered. In 2018 thru September 9th, opiate deaths, OD patients, 83 opioid and 48 meth/unknown and 149 mg. Narcan administered. Chief Westendorf noted that this is just EMS data, does not include any law enforcement calls or Court cases. Chief Westendorf then explained the charts, 'Franklin EMS Response to Emotionally Disturbed Persons' (EDP), and Response to Known Substance Abuse'.

Mr. B. Centers asked how this compares to State data or is this just for local. Chief Westendorf stated the State does not have this comparison, there's not a clear way to report the data. In the last six months: Outcomes – 35 visits made; staff hours 242.5 hours; 47 people contacted and an additional 18 contacts (65 total); and 11 people are in outpatient treatment, 7 inpatient treatment and 12 people we are pursuing for treatment.

There was some discussion that this info doesn't include any Court data; those participating in the program do so voluntarily; the outreach team consists of Lt. Williams, a Police Officer, Liz with Heroin Hopeline, and Randy from Talbot House. Chief Westendorf handed out pamphlets to Council that they use; also have the info on cards and our Police Officers also have these to hand out. Lt. Katie Williams stated we also hand out Narcan. We have received 504 units thru Cardinal Health for first responders; and 234 have been handed out to OSP in Warren, Butler, Greene, & Montgomery County; Warren County SWAT, Lebanon police, Clearcreek police, Franklin police and Oxford police & fire. Also, we received a grant thru the Ohio Department of Health, for the project DAWN. We are the only DAWN provider in Warren County, have given out 19 units, received 75 units and have 3 known reversals from the DAWN program since July 4th. Lt. Williams added we also did a 'drug take back day'. Chief Westendorf added that 50% of prescriptions aren't used and get flushed down the toilet which is bad for our lakes, rivers, streams, and aquifers. Chief Westendorf stated we've also been active at the State & Federal level. Received a grant of \$30,000 for a "HOPE Community Response Plan" thru the Ohio Department of Health; HPIO, they report to the State legislators and he's part of the research group ; 'Warren County Blueprint Plan' led by the Warren County Commissioners, to fight addiction and also active at the State level. Also, Hep-C is increasing along with HIV and EMS injuries attributed to harmful exposures (needle sticks). Chief Westendorf reviewed the chart for increasing HIV injections and Response to Overdose & EDP chart. The juvenile count isn't relative to the City as the kids are being counted from the Warren County ESC school.

Chief Westendorf stated he's excited about the startup of Cordata. It's now available for Warren County, for the next three years, funded by a grant. When it's up and running it, it will be a care piece from multiple sources, to provide for sharing of information and to track the individuals.

Chief Westendorf stated while we've solved the communication problem, we continue to work on barriers to obtaining a valid ID, transportation and continue to expand & assess follow-up care.

Discussion continued on the program and there is a need for it.

Judge Ron Ruppert stated he appreciates what Chief Westendorf is doing and he has reached out to him. We, the Court, deal with people further down the justice line and it's important to track these people. We have a 'Drug Court', not technically a Drug Court as that would cost a lot of more money. We do have an intensive supervised probation program. We've graduated 9 people since December. We do use some of the same people and tracking is a big part of the program, and it's a long process. Judge Ruppert continued with a brief update on the program. Judge Ruppert added that he appreciates what the Chief is doing, we are a community and all work together.

RESOLUTION 2018-55 DECLARING CITY MANAGER, THE CITY'S CONTRACTING OFFICER, TO BE EMPOWERED TO ACQUIRE TITLE TO OR INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 20 E. FOURTH STREET, FRANKLIN, OHIO, PERMANENT PARCEL ID#: 04-31-132-010

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the house across the Street. This purchase has been discussed with the Economic Development Council Committee, if they want to pursue the purchase of this property, and they did. In his July 20, 2018 email to Council, he advised Council about their recommendation and talked about the purchase of this property at the following Council meeting. The property has been boarded up and the people are out of there. Mr. D. Centers asked what the plans for the property are. Mr. Lewis stated he talked to the owner and thinks it can be fixed up and used. After we purchase it, we will go in and clean it out and will be very cautious with the clean-up process. It will be Council's decision on what to do with the property. Mr. D. Centers questioned if it can be sold as a residence. Mr. Lewis stated it would have to be commercial downstairs (1st floor). Mr. Ruppert questioned if it can be used for small offices – be nice for new businesses to use and share in the cost. It's a usable piece of property.

Mr. Aldridge asked if this is the process we're going to follow with acquisition of property or are you looking at amending the process. Mr. Lewis stated this is the process we will follow and no amendments are planned at this time. We will start looking on Monday's if any properties are available or if we hear of something in the core area that we were directed to look at – 6th Street to 2nd Street. If we find something, we will schedule an Economic Development Council Committee meeting. Mr. D. Centers added we should have plenty of time as the Sheriff's sales usually have 6 weeks to 2 months' notice.

Mr. Wilcher asked what the sq. footage of the building is – Mr. Lewis stated he doesn't know.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-55; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. B. Centers yes
Mayor Hall yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes
Mr. Wilcher yes
Mr. D. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-56 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AMONG THE WARREN COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY, CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, CITY OF GERMANTOWN, OHIO, VILLAGE OF CARLISLE, OHIO, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WARREN COUNTY, OHIO, THE FRANKLIN REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT CORPORATION AND THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK; AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE, ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE OR MORE RESERVE FUNDS AND PAYMENT OF COST OF ISSUANCE, AS NECESSARY, WITH RESPECT TO NOT TO EXCEED \$11,930,000 OF PORT AUTHORITY WASTEWATER REVENUE BONDS TO BE ISSUED TO PAY COSTS OF REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Mr. Lewis stated several Resolutions have been passed in regards to this. Mr. D. Centers and I are the City's representatives on the Board. This has been a long process, have tried to get loans from several different sources, but there's been no one person and/or entity to make the loan with. We've finally got the Port Authority involved and the loan process will go through them. They will not be giving us the money, they will do the bidding process and the money will come from an outside source. We will sign

agreements with the Port Authority to pay these loans back. At this time, we have money available to pay our monthly benefits. We have put money back each month of our percentage of the loan costs. The loan could change each year for us because everything is based on the percentage of how much wastewater that is put into the plant. Currently, we use 48% of the wastewater into the plant – making our share, of anything, 48% of the cost. We’ve taken our time and been cautious of what to do and think this is the proper way to do this and appreciate the Port Authority helping us.

Mr. D. Centers stated this has been a long process, but we’ve been very careful and he’s happy on how it’s turned out. We’re upgrading the treatment plant as it’s at 60% capacity and we don’t want to get at the point that it’s almost full and then have to do something. We’ll be ready for the future. Also, the \$11,000,000 + cost is a high number, it could be lower. We’ve been very careful spending money, it’s a good Board and this is good project.

Mr. B. Centers stated we have 2 seats on the Board and with your background, your election is up in 3 years and with Mr. Lewis’s retirement in the next 5 years, we’re losing the only two who know anything about this. None of us know anything about this and we need to keep that in mind. Mr. Lewis stated that Mr. Inman also attends the meetings. Mr. D. Centers stated the County representative and the Administrator are very knowledgeable and experienced. He understands the concern and there won’t be any problems.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-56; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

Mayor Hall	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. D. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated we didn’t hear anything about the parking at the Football Homecoming Game, thought it went well. Also, have a new Facebook page, called ‘City of Franklin, Ohio Facebook page’ and we’ll also have the Police Facebook page. This was discussed by the Governmental Affairs Council Committee.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher thanked Chief Westendorf and Chief Whitman for all they do for the community. They wear many different hats and go above and beyond.

Mr. D. Centers asked about ‘Fun Fest’ signs that he’s seen – they aren’t a City sign. Chief Westendorf does an outstanding job, drugs affect all and this is an awesome program.

Mrs. Fouts stated she’s excited about the ‘Cordata Program’ for tracking purposes. She’s been in a situation and appreciates, need to take care of all kids. The City of Franklin Facebook page – she’ll share it on her Facebook page.

Mr. Ruppert thanked Chief Westendorf, this is a professional program. Also, he saw that we've started on the new City sign and asked about the other signs that are located there. Mr. Lewis stated that the only sign that is permitted is the McDonalds sign, the others will be removed.

Mr. Aldridge echoed all comments. Also, he's impressed with Chief Westendorf – how focused you are in your mission and how efficient your operating – proud of the program your building and it will be a model for others. Also, Mr. Aldridge asked what the process for signs in the right-of-way is. Mr. Lewis stated we've been checking for them and removing if the ones we see. We just recently discussed this; once a month someone checks for signs, if we see them, we'll remove them. Mr. Aldridge asked if he's allowed to remove them. Mr. Lewis stated he'll research it.

Mr. B. Centers stated he supports the program Chief Westendorf is doing. Also, he along with Mrs. Fouts, have pushed for having one Facebook page. Think this is a good move, needed to consolidate it to one page and appreciate your help. Also, 'National Coffee with a Cop Day' is Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Pisanello's Pizza.

Mayor Hall stated he appreciates what you've done with the program, want to help people, proud of it and to be able to share information through the Cordata Program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT AND/OR COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OR OFFICIAL RE: FINANCE DIRECTOR AND AN UPDATE ON THE STATE OF OHIO VS. NY NY INC. CASE

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment and/or compensation of a public employee or official re: Finance Director and an update on the State of Ohio vs. NY NY Inc. case, with no action afterwards; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mrs. Fouts	yes
Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. D. Centers	yes
Mr. Ruppert	yes
Mr. B. Centers	yes
Mayor Hall	yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall and members Council entered into executive session, with no action afterwards. Mayor Hall reconvened and adjourned the meeting.

Brent Centers, Vice Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council