

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 3, 2018

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 3, 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	absent
Debbie Fouts	present
Matt Wilcher	present

There was one visitor and one member of the press at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mrs. Karisa Steed, Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mrs. Lynnette Dinkler, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ross Coulton.

Mrs. Fouts made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the November 19, 2018 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Mr. Keith Kash asked if there is an update on the streetlight. Mr. Conway explained the process and that Duke has the request. Also, on Second Street, in the right hand lane going towards the Interstate (beginning at Chiciarelli's Law Office) it looks like a rubble strip. Mr. Lewis stated he's recently noticed the pavement on Second Street, will look at it and decide what we can do. We don't have the money to pave the full lane of the road now. Maybe we can grind and repave the bad sections until there's money for a repave project. Mr. Kash added that there's a lot of talk on social media about doing the FallFest Festival earlier in the year – to try and avoid the bad weather. Mayor Hall stated that will be referred to the Special Events Committee.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2018-21 AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 62.0 ACRES, LOCATED AT THE END OF HERITAGE DRIVE, FROM O-RP, RESEARCH PARK DISTRICT, TO I-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL PARK

Mr. Conway explained that this ordinance is incorrect as he had an issue with his computer and the language from a previous ordinance was used by mistake. This ordinance needs to die, by not making a motion to adopt it.

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing and asked if there are any comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. B. Centers made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-21. There being no second to the motion, Ordinance 2018-21 will die.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2018-22 AMENDING SECTION 1113.04 NONCONFORMING USES OF LAND OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Mr. Conway stated that this amends the UDO as suggested by the Law Director. It clarifies Section 1113.04(h), by adding “or upon the amendment of this UDO”.

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing and asked if there are any comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-22; seconded by Mr. D. Centers. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2018-24 PROVIDING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2019

Mr. Lewis stated we do this every year. This is a temporary budget for the first three months of the year. The final budget will be presented to Council before March 31, 2019. This has been to the Finance Council Committee.

This preliminary budget uses projected revenues from the Tax Budget as passed on June 18, 2018, Resolution 2018-39. There are a few changes. We added \$25,000 to Economic Development for downtown improvements and transfers to the Street Department are less because this is the final phase of the sidewalk program and most of the sidewalk in the area to be done is newer. We have increased transfers to ODOT and Issue Two as projects are coming up. Issue Two says we have to have the money to cover the project cost and then we are reimbursed for half of the project cost.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-24; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-64 AUTHORIZING POSITION TITLES AND THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR EACH TITLE FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN PERSONNEL FOR THE YEAR 2019

Mr. Lewis stated that the only change is in the Fire & EMS Division. We are increasing the full-time firefighter from 4 to 6. This will save overtime costs.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-64; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2018-65 ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2019

Mr. Lewis stated that this provides the pay rates for 2019 for union and non-union employees. It doesn't include any salary rates for the Fire Department employees as they are still in negotiations. Nonunion employee's rate of pay is increasing 3% and their health insurance premium is being increased by ½% to 15%.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Resolution 2018-65; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mayor Hall introduced the following legislation.

Ordinance 2018-23 Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Franklin, Ohio, to Rezone Approximately 0.3652 Acres, Located at 1210 S. Dixie Highway, From R-3, Central Residential District, to C-2, Community Commercial District

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated that while we haven't received written notification, we saw on the website, that we will receive the Nature Works Grant that we applied for. He thanked Mr. Conway and Mrs. Copenhaver for their work on the grant.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Denny Centers stated he had no comments tonight.

Mr. Wilcher stated he's thankful for our Police officers, EMS/Fire employees and the citizens in regards to the recent incident at McDonalds.

Mr. Ruppert echoed Mr. Wilcher's comments in regards to the Police & EMT employees – have great employees. The Street Department has been busy with breaks, etc., doing a great job and appreciate what they do.

Mrs. Fouts stated that the downtown looks beautiful; also thankful for our Police & Fire Departments and that the City and the Council works well together.

Mr. B. Centers echoed the comments made, all departments are doing great and leaf pick-up, know how much work that is. Everyone is doing a great job.

Mayor Hall stated on the bridge on David Blvd., the rail is missing, over the culvert (on lower side). Thanks to the Public Works Department on the job they do, leaf pick-up, etc. Not all cities provide this service, in addition to all they do. It's a service we do provide and thanks to all the guys, it is appreciated. Also, the Christmas lighting looks good and thanks to the Public Works Department.

Mayor Hall announced that the City Building will be closed on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, to observe the "National Day of Mourning" for the late President George H.W. Bush.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to enter into executive session to consider the compensation of specific current public employees and to consider the purchase of property with no action afterwards; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall and members of Council entered into executive session to consider the compensation of specific current public employees and to consider the purchase of property with no action afterwards.

Mayor Hall then reconvened and adjourned the meeting.

Todd Hall, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council