

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 4, 2019**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 2019, 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

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

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the October 21, 2019 regular meeting; seconded by Mrs. Fouts.

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 visitor remarks.

**PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2019-21 AMENDING SECTION 1111.08 SIGNS OF
THE CITY OF FRANKLIN UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE**

Mr. Conway stated this modifies Section 1111.08 signs, to allow post and panel signs in the I-2 zone, General Industrial District. The changes are highlighted on the Ordinance attachment, pages 188 and 189. Mr. Aldridge questioned the Planning Commission bringing this up. Mr. Conway stated it was their recommendation to proceed with this change. Mr. Lewis added that Commerce Center Drive has covenants.

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

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-21; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. 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.

ORDINANCE 2019-22 AMENDING SECTION 1113.07 SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

Mr. Conway stated that this removes regulations from the UDO that are now included in the Property Maintenance Code, Ordinance 2019-09 passed August 19, 2019, effective September 18, 2019.

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

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-22; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2019-24 AMENDING AND ENACTING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN TITLE SEVEN, PART 13 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN CODIFIED ORDINANCES, THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE

Mrs. Dinkler stated that this is a housekeeping item to correct some errors. This was passed as an emergency at the last meeting and this is the permanent ordinance.

Mayor Hall opened the Public Hearing and asked for any comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing. Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-24; seconded by Mrs. Fouts.

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.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis had no report tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher stated he's looking forward to working with everyone the next four years.

Mr. D. Centers wished the incumbents good luck.

Mrs. Fouts stated she's excited about the next four years. The new fire truck looks awesome and that she likes all the Fire Department posts.

Mr. Ruppert stated he's looking forward to tomorrow and have heard comments that the citizens have confidence in us. Also, he appreciates the people of Franklin.

Mr. Aldridge had no comments tonight.

Mr. B. Centers welcomed the new restaurant downtown. The Health Department levy renewal is on the ballot tomorrow and everyone needs to vote.

Mayor Hall stated he's proud to serve with all of Council and we have a good working relationship.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation involving New York New York before the Warren County Court of Common Pleas and the Ohio Liquor Commission with no action afterwards; seconded by Mr. D. Centers. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall and Council entered into executive session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss pending litigation involving New York New York before Warren County Court of Common Pleas and the Ohio Liquor Commission, with no action afterwards.

Mayor Hall later reconvened and adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Todd Hall, Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council