

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 16, 2019

Members of the Franklin City Council met on Monday, December 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building.

SWEAR-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

Franklin Municipal Court Judge Ron Ruppert swore in the newly elected Council members for 2020-2023, Mr. Todd Hall, Mr. Brent Centers, Mrs. Debbie Fouts and Mr. Paul Ruppert.

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 were 3 visitors and one member of the press present at tonight's meeting. Also present: Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Karisa Steed, Assistant to the City Manager; Barry Conway, City Engineer; Cindy Ryan, Finance Director; Jonathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS Chief; Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Lynnette Dinkler, Law Director; Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ross Coulton.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the December 2, 2019 regular meeting; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. 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 visitor remarks at tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2019-29 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING IN WHOLE SECTIONS 505.11, 549.12, 549.13, AND REPEALING IN PART 935.01 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AMENDING SECTIONS 549.01, 549.03, AND 549.09 OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND ENACTING SECTIONS 501.15, AND 549.03(C)(3)(D) OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN CODIFIED ORDINANCES, TO COMPLY WITH HOUSE BILL 228

Mrs. Dinkler stated that this replaces the emergency Ordinance 2019-28 passed at the last meeting. The Ordinance makes the City compliant with Ohio's recently amended gun rights under HB 228.

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 pass Ordinance 2019-29; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. 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.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2019-31 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-14 TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

Mrs. Ryan stated that this amends 2019 appropriations and adjusts the following funds;

- Court Special Projects Fund Increase of \$4,500 to Personal Services to cover the cost of officer court security.
- Water Fund - Increase of \$1,000 to Personal Services for additional part time employee due to extended leave of personnel.
- Trash Fund - Increase of \$500 to Personal Services for additional part time employee due to extended leave of personnel.
- Stormwater Fund - Increase of \$1,600 to Personal Services for additional part time employee due to extended leave of personnel.
- Police Pension Fund - Decrease of \$17,000 to Personal Services due to less expenses that initially appropriated.
- Fire Pension Fund - Decrease of \$1,200 to Personal Services due to less expenses that initially appropriated.
- FC Dial Trust Fund - Decrease of \$350,000 to Other due to grant not received so appropriated project was not completed.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance 219-31; seconded by Mr. Aldirdge. 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.

RESOLUTION 2019-59 ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZATION LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2020

Mr. Lewis stated that this establishes the pay rates for 2020. Changes in pay rates are included for all non-bargaining employees. Changes to the Franklin Law Enforcement Association, International Fire

Fighters Association, Teamsters Unions for Service and Clerical and the City Manager are set by contracts. Non-bargaining employee rates of pay are increased 3% and health insurance premium is remaining at 15%.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-59; 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.

RESOLUTION 2019-61 AWARDING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT WITH RACK AND BALLAUER EXCAVATING COMPANY, INC. FOR THE I-75 SOUTHBOUND RAMP AT SR 73 CULVERT EXTENSION

Mr. Conway stated the bid opening was December 11, 2019 and the following bids were received;

Rack and Ballauer Excavating Co., Inc.	\$107,697.00
Belgray, Inc.	\$119,743.00
Smith Construction	\$122,903.44
WG Stang LLC	\$123,510.00
Stauffer Site Service LLCs	\$128,325.00
Ford Development Corporation	\$143,168.00

We're recommending awarding the bid to Rack & Ballauer Excavating, the low bidder.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-61; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. 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.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION*

Mrs. Dinkler handed out two Ordinances, O-19-30 replacement and Ordinance 2019-32, that need to be added to the agenda. A motion is needed to amend the agenda to do this.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to amend the agenda by replacing Ordinance 2019-30 and adding Ordinance 2019-32; seconded by Mr. B. Centers. The vote:

Mr. Wilcher yes
Mr. D. Centers yes
Mr. Ruppert yes
Mr. B. Centers yes
Mayor Hall yes

Mr. Aldridge yes
Mrs. Fouts yes

Motion passed.

Ordinance 2019-30 & Ordinance 2019-32 were added to the agenda.

Ordinance 2019-30 Approval of Rezone Request and Amendment of the Official Zoning Map of the City of Franklin, Ohio, to Rezone Approximately 0.70 Acres, Located at 23 W. Second Street, from C-3, Central Commercial District, to C-2, Community Commercial District

Ordinance 2019-32 Rejection of Request to Rezone Approximately 0.70 Acres, Located at 23 W. Second Street, From C-3, Central Commercial District, to C-2, Community Commercial District

Mrs. Dinkler stated that this rezoning request was considered by the Planning Commission and they acted and made a motion to deny the rezoning request. To take action, Council needs to review and decide what to do. So, for Council to consider, Ordinance 2019-30 approves the request and Ordinance 2019-32 rejects the request, which accepts the recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Mayor Hall introduced Ordinance 2019-30 and Ordinance 2019-32. The Public Hearings are scheduled for the next Council meeting, January 6, 2020.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated there was a ribbon cutting for the new business, Harmony Healing Arts, today. They are located in the building on the corner of Main Street and 4th Street, 2nd floor. Erica Collins is the owner and think it will enhance downtown.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher wished everyone a ‘Merry Christmas’ and thanks for coming tonight.

Mr. D. Centers stated its been a great year for the city. He’s excited for next year and working with Council. He wished everyone a ‘Merry Christmas’.

Mrs. Fouts wished everyone a ‘Merry Christmas’ and ‘Happy New Year’. She also thanked everyone and looks forward to serving another term.

Mr. Ruppert wished everyone a ‘Merry Christmas’ and ‘Happy New Year’. He looks forward to serving another term. The Christmas tree lighting was great and a good crowd. Need to attend next year if you missed it. Very nice.

Mr. Aldridge wished everyone a ‘Merry Christmas’. The tree lighting went very well. He thanked City staff and departments and the City Manager – all make this a great place. Thanks to all.

Mr. B. Centers stated he appreciates everyone and the hard work. At the recent Economic Development Council Committee meeting we had a recap of projects. This will be presented at the retreat. ‘Merry Christmas’ to everyone.

Mayor Hall stated that the tree lighting went very well and thanks to the guys for doing all the lights. Mayor Hall added his mother really appreciated it. ‘Merry Christmas’ to all and hope the new year is as

good as this year – it’s been a good year. Also, he’s glad all were re-elected and proud what we’ve accomplished.

Mr. Wilcher made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. D. Centers. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Mayor

Jane McGee, Clerk of Council