

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
MARCH 4, 2019

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, March 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 were 2 visitors and one member of the press present at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mrs. Karisa Steed, Assistant to the City Manager; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Johnathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mrs. Cindy Ryan, Finance 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.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the February 4, 2019 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.

Mr. Aldridge made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the February 11, 2019 special meeting; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. 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.

#### RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks at tonight's meeting.

RESOLUTION 2019-12 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE WARREN COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WARREN COUNTY JOINT SALT PURCHASING PROGRAM

Mr. Inman stated that this is the fourth year we have contracted with the Warren County Engineer's office to purchase road salt for the 2019-2020 winter season. We used approximately 1,414 tons for the 2018 season. We've estimated our salt usage at 3,000 tons for the 2019 season.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-12; seconded by Mrs. Fouts. 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 2019-13 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2018-68 ESTABLISHING THE ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2019

Mr. Lewis stated that this includes a pay rate adjustment for the Secretary to the Finance Director as we are unable to create the new position that Council talked about, per the Charter.

Also, the Resolution adjusts the pay rates for the Fire & EMS volunteers. Mr. Lewis noted that not all volunteers are at the top step and we're hoping this will help to retain the volunteers. There have been newspaper articles about people not getting into this field and also, with police officers. Other jurisdictions are also experiencing this.

Mrs. Fouts asked if this will be revisited in the near future as the pay rate is still low. Mr. Lewis stated that we can do that and that this will help to retain the volunteers. We have another issue to address first and this is no guarantee this will retain employees.

Mr. B. Centers asked if there are any other incentives for the volunteers. Mr. Lewis stated we don't have any for the volunteers, but do have for the full-time employees.

Mr. D. Centers asked what the approximate cost is for paramedic training. Mr. Lewis stated about \$10,000.00. Chief Westendorf explained there is a program that allows those that pursue the paramedic training - to work five years and pay it back. We've been successful with this program.

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-13; seconded by Mr. Ruppert. 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 2019-14 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2019-04 APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO CERTAIN DULY AUTHORIZED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO AND TO OTHER REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. Lewis stated that there are two changes to the Resolution. Mrs. Fouts will replace Mr. B. Centers on the MVRPC Board as he is unable to attend the meetings. This appointment needs to be an elected official. Also, Mr. Ruppert replaces Mr. B. Centers on the Warren County Regional Planning Commission since he is already a member in his capacity for Hamilton Township. Mr. Conway also attends these meetings and he's an alternate.

Mr. D. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-14; 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.

RESOLUTION 2019-15 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE VEHICLES FOR THE POLICE DIVISION FROM GREVE CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE AND GANLEY CHEVROLET OF AURORA THROUGH THE STATE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FROM VARIOUS SUPPLIERS TO OUTFIT NEW VEHICLES

Chief Whitman stated that this authorizes the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Charger, a 2019 Chevy Tahoe and the necessary equipment for each vehicle to perform patrol functions. The Dodge Charger will be purchased from Greve Chrysler Jeep Dodge at \$24,907.00 and the 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe from Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora, Ohio, at \$35,391.80.

Equipment necessary for police functions is authorized from the following:

- Phoenix Upfitters, 2400 Carmody Blvd, Middletown, Ohio 45042, in the amount of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$13,379.00) for emergency equipment and installation of vehicle striping, radio and camera systems for the Tahoe;
- Phoenix Upfitters, 2400 Carmody Blvd, Middletown, Ohio 45042, in the amount of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Dollars and No Cents (\$7,990.00) for emergency equipment and installation of vehicle stripping, radio and camera systems for the Dodge Charger;
- L3 Mobile Vision, Inc., 400 Commons Way, Rockaway, NJ 07866, in the amount of Ten Thousand Three Hundred and Forty Two Dollars and No Cents (\$10,342.00) for camera equipment for the Dodge Charger & Tahoe;
- Mobile Comm, 1211 W. Sharon Road, Cincinnati, Oh 45240 in the amount of One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and No Cents (\$1,284.00) for radio equipment for the Dodge Charger & Tahoe.

Mayor Hall asked how many miles are on the Tahoe. Chief Whitman stated it has almost 100,000 miles. Mr. Wilcher asked how many miles are on the Charger and Chief Whitman stated almost 100,000 miles and it's time we look at replacing them. Also, Mr. D. Centers asked how many vehicles are 4-wheel drive. Chief Whitman stated they have 3 4-wheel drive vehicles and the Dodge Chargers are all-wheel drive. Mrs. Fouts asked about purchasing an additional vehicle. Chief Whitman stated he thinks they are fine with the vehicles at this time.

Mr. Ruppert made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-15; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. 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.

#### CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated that he will be scheduling a meeting with the Economic Development Council Committee.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Wilcher thanked everyone for coming tonight. Also, it looks like we spent a lot of money tonight but we have been planning for these expenditures. The staffing of fire & ems and police personnel is a nation-wide problem and he saw it when he was serving on the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. D. Centers stated he had no comments but added that he hopes the Fire & EMS salary adjustments and other programs, help with hiring new personnel.

Mrs. Fouts stated Keith (visitor at tonight’s meeting) should be happy as he got his new light.

Mr. Ruppert stated thanks to the road crews – don’t know how they have been keeping up.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming tonight. Also, welcome to Cindy & we’re lucky to have her.

Mr. B. Centers welcomed Cindy. Also, fire salaries are a problem all over the State. The ‘end of year’ video isn’t done yet as the gentleman who does it has had a family issue.

Mayor Hall welcomed Cindy to the City. The FHS girls’ basketball team, has made it to the Regional semi-finals game and play tomorrow night. Also, Travis Lykins, Franklin grad, is participating in the Boston Red Sox baseball team training camp. Last week, in the Governmental Affairs Committee, Debby and I, along with Sonny, were talking about the retreat. As we are up-to-date at this time and want to continue with the retreats, we are suggesting to have the retreats every two years. We do get updates. Mr. Lewis added we will have department heads give updates on projects. Mr. Aldridge stated he’s fine with that, like to have a work sessions to talk about one item at a time.

Mr. Ruppert asked about the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Lewis stated we will be working on this later this year. Mr. B. Centers explained the procedure – 11-12 month process.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION – FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING, CONDUCTING, OR PREPARING FOR MATTERS RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of reviewing, conducting, or preparing for matters related to collective bargaining, with no action afterwards; seconded by Mrs. Fouts.

The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Hall and members of Council entered into executive session at 6:27 p.m. Mayor Hall later reconvened and adjourned the meeting.

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Todd Hall, Mayor

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Jane McGee, Clerk of Council