

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
JULY 15, 2019**

Members of the Franklin City Council met on Monday, July 15, 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	absent
Debbie Fouts	present
Matt Wilcher	present

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cindy Ryan.

There was one visitor and one member of the press, Ed Richter, present at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Ross Coulton, Assistant Safety Director; Mrs. Cindy Ryan, Finance Director; Mr. Steve Inman, Public Works Director; Mr. Johnathan Westendorf, Fire & EMS Chief; Mr. Barry Conway, City Engineer; Mrs. Lynnette Dinkler, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. 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 July 1, 2019 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	yes

Motion passed.

#### RECEPTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitor remarks.

#### LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER OF D5 LICENSE - FRANKLIN TAVERN LLC TO MJ GROVES HOLDINGS LLC, DBA GROVES TAVERN – 331 S. MAIN STREET

Chief Whitman stated that a background check has been done and there are no problems or objections. This will be returned that the City does not request a hearing.

#### INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mayor Hall introduced the following legislation and the Public Hearing will be held on August 5, 2019.

Ordinance 2019-05 Levying Assessments for the Improvement of City Streets and Public Ways by the Lighting Thereof for the Year 2020

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Franklin Boxboard – equipment is there and the demolition will start any day. We will be taking pictures of the demolition.
- Last week a demolition permit was issued for 121 E. Second Street (the old funeral home). Mr. Anderson was unable to sell it and they have no plans at this time for the property. Mr. D. Centers stated he hates to see it demolished as the building is an icon.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. D. Centers asked about the house on Anderson, that burnt and we’ve torn down. Mr. Lewis stated we’re working on it. Also, the intersection at the CVS store needs re-striped.

Mr. Wilcher stated he missed the parade because he had to work and looks forward to next year’s parade.

Mr. Ruppert congratulated Chief Westendorf. Also, the City is looking great.

Mrs. Fouts stated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was great – the kids had a blast. Also, has anyone notified CVS about their landscaping? Mr. Lewis stated he has talked to the Manager and told him we won’t continue putting up with this. The Manager can’t do anything, it’s the corporate office that has to do it. Also, the sidewalk on this side of the new bridge needs taken care of. Mrs. Fouts added that she thinks things are going well.

Mr. B. Centers stated the parade was wonderful, think it had a larger turn out this year. The Park looks good and the fireworks were great. Also, congrats to Chief Westendorf.

Mayor Hall stated he heard a complaint that we need to do the Star Spangle Banner before the fireworks. Thank you to Chief Westendorf on all his accomplishments and the events he does for the City. In Harpland, where we fixed the dips, there are several places that need checked. Mr. Inman stated they are everywhere and we’re working on them, will put them on the list. Also, things are going well and anxious to see the Logan Long building come down.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES

Mr. B. Centers made the motion to enter into executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, with no action afterwards; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. 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.

At 6:18 p.m., Mayor Hall and members of Council entered into executive session to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, with no action afterwards.

Mayor Hall and Council exited the executive session and Mayor Hall adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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Todd Hall, Mayor

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Jane McGee, Clerk of Council