

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 03, 2011

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session of Monday, January 03, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building. Mayor Carl Bray presiding.

Roll Call:

Mr. Scott Lipps	present
Mr. Jason Faulkner	present
Mr. Bob Knipper	present
Mr. Carl Bray	present
Mr. Denny Centers	present
Mr. Michael Aldridge	present
Mr. Todd Hall	present

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chief Jonathan Westendorf.

There was one member of the press and 50 visitors at the meeting. Also present : Mr. Jim Lukas, City Manager; Ms. Donnette Fisher, City Law Director; Ms. Sandra Morgan, Finance Director; Mr. Russ Whitman, Chief of Police; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Department Chief; Mr. Donald Woods, Chief Zoning Official; Mr. Sonny Lewis, Public Works Director; Mrs. Jennifer Flinchum, Acting Clerk of Council.

Motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official minutes of the December 20, 2010 meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

The vote:

Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes

Motion passed.

Reception of Visitors:

Mr. Mike Tooley of 929 Forest Avenue was present at the meeting and questioned why his residential street is not being salted. He stated that he feels there are other ways for the City to save money. Mr. Tooley stated he would like to see Council meetings on television, he stated Carlisle and Middletown meetings are televised. He stated that he feels Council doesn't want

the residents to see what is going on in Franklin.

Mr. Bray advised that the City spends tax dollars in other ways in the City, and putting the meetings on TV costs money. Mr. Lipps advised that the City income tax revenues are down, the City had to cut overtime, no employee pay raises this year and they had to cut street maintenance. Mr. Jim Lukas, City Manager stated that the City receives franchise fees from cable television and the City puts those funds back into the streets. Mr. Tooley suggested if the City needs money to raise the trash rates \$5.00. Mr. Bray stated that the citizens voted down the tax levy, they have to do what the residents say.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2011-01 APPOINTING A MEMBER OF COUNCIL AS MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2011

Mayor Bray opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Knipper nominated Mr. Centers for the position of Mayor for the 2011 term. Mr. Hall seconded the nomination.

Mayor Bray asked for any other nominations for Mayor. There being none Mr. Bray closed the nominations for Mayor.

The vote: on the nomination of Denny Centers as Mayor:

Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Centers	abstain
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes

Mr. Denny Centers was elected as Mayor for 2011 and presided over the rest of the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2011-02 APPOINTING A MEMBER OF COUNCIL AS VICE-MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 2011

Nominations were opened for the Vice-Mayor for 2011.

Mayor Centers nominated Mr. Knipper for Vice-Mayor; motion was seconded by Mr. Aldridge. With no further nominations, nominations were closed for Vice Mayor.

The vote: on the nomination of Bob Knipper as Vice-Mayor:

Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes

Mr. Knipper was elected as Vice Mayor for 2011.

Mayor Centers and Council Members presented a Proclamation to Eli Nardi, a 10 year old fifth grade student at General William C. Schenck Elementary School student who has been diagnosed with a form of cancer know as Clear Cell Sarcoma. Eli's family members, friends and neighbors were present at the meeting to show support for Eli. Mayor Centers and Members of Council proclaimed January 15, 2011 as "Eli Nardi Day" in Franklin.

RESOLUTION 2011-03 APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2011

The following Council members are hereby appointed by the Mayor of Council, upon the recommendation of Council, to the following committees of Council for the year 2011:

- A. FINANCE
Scott Lipps, Chairman
Jason Faulkner
Todd Hall
- B. SAFETY
Jason Faulkner, Chairman
Scott Lipps
Michael Aldridge
- C. PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES
Bob Knipper, Chairman
Michael Aldridge
Carl Bray
- D. GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS/FACILITY NEEDS
Todd Hall, Chairman
Denny Centers
Carl Bray
- E. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Michael Aldridge, Chairman
Bob Knipper

Todd Hall

F. PARKS & RECREATION

Carl Bray, Chairman

Jason Faulkner

Michael Aldridge

G. ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Denny Centers, Chairman

Bob Knipper

Scott Lipps

Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-03 made by Mr. Hall; seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

The vote:

Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Bray	yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2011-04 APPOINTING COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE TO CERTAIN DULY AUTHORIZED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO AND TO OTHER REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of Franklin Planning Commission one (1) year term, January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011:

Bob Knipper

The Volunteer Firefighter's Dependent Fund one (1) year term, January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011:

Bob Knipper

Carl Bray

Warren County Regional Planning Commission for a one (1) year term, April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012:

Denny Centers, Council Member

Michael Aldridge, Alternate

Carl Bray, Council Member

Ellis Ball, Alternate

Jim Lukas, City Manager

Don Woods, Alternate

The Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission one (1) year term, January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011:

Michael Aldridge, Council Member Jim Lukas, Alternate

The Franklin Regional Wastewater Treatment Corporation Board three (3) year term, January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013

Denny Centers

Historic District Review Board three (3) year term, August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2014:

Scott Lipps, Council Member Lee Dunlap, Planning Commission
Joe Lucas, Property Owner

Warren County Board of Health one (1) year term, January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011:

Adam McClanahan

Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission Technical Advisory Committee one (1) year term, January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011:

Jim Lukas, City Manager

Sonny Lewis, Alternate

Historic District Review Board three (3) year term, August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2013:

Kleingers & Associates, Architect Mark Nenninger, Member-At-Large

Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-04 made by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Mr. Bray.

The vote:

Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Centers	yes

Motion passed.

Mr. Lukas stated that Mr. Jim Odenweller joined Civil Service Commission and that his wife was interested in the Civil Service Secretary position. Mr. Matt Wilcher expressed an interest in being appointed to Civil Service also.

RESOLUTION 2011-05 ESTABLISHING ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR 2011

Mr. Jim Lukas, City Manager advised that there are three significant changes to the Resolution. Mr. Lukas stated that the rates reflect a wage freeze. He advised that the pool employees and seasonal workers are not funded. Mr. Lukas advised that also included and a change to the Chief Probation Officers Mrs. Hurley's salary; she has been rehired at a lower rate of salary.

With no further discussion by Council, motion to adopt Resolution 2011-05 made by Mr. Hall; seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

The vote:

Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes

Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2011-06 AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO WARREN COUNTY FOR FY 2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR THE MACKINAW RESTORATION PROJECT

Mr. Jim Lukas, City Manager stated that Warren County reviews and decides on the CDBG funding of projects. Mr. Lukas referred the discussion of the project to Mr. Don Woods, Chief Building Official. Mr. Woods advised that Staff thought the project would be the best and most efficient use of government funds. Mr. Woods stated that the project would reline sanitary sewers in the Mackinaw Subdivision along with rehabilitating the sanitary sewer manholes. Mr. Woods advised that Public Works will fund \$150,000 and the CDBG request is for \$85,000.

Mr. Sonny Lewis, Public Works Director advised this may help finish up the Mackinaw District if the bids come in decent.

Motion to approve Resolution 2011-06 made by Mr. Bray, seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

The vote:

Mr. Lipps	yes
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Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes

Motion passed.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lukas advised that ODOT has increased costs. He stated that he Sonny Lewis and Gary Heitkamp recently met with ODOT Representatives and that they agreed to pave an area on 123.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Donnette Fisher advised that there is no Council meeting on January 17, 2011 because of Martin Luther King Day, the next meeting is February 7th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Hall congratulated Mr. Centers and Mr. Knipper upon being appointed as Mayor and Vice Mayor .

Mr. Aldridge congratulated Mr. Centers and Mr. Knipper for being appointed as Mayor and Vice Mayor. He wished the Nardi family well.

Mr. Bray congratulated Mr. Centers and Mr. Knipper.

Mr. Lipps thanked Mr. Bray for his service as Mayor and stated he is glad Mr. Bray is on the Finance Committee, he stated Mr. Bray has worked very hard on the budget. Mr. Lipps stated that the City received a refund of \$495,000.00 from the State of Ohio for cost on a 2007 project. He stated that those funds do not fill the hole in the budget. He stated that a Finance Committee meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. today with employees. He stated that an option before Council that was discussed was giving 20% of the funds to the community immediately, and the balance to street projects. Mr. Lipps stated that the City has two unfunded road projects. He stated that a full time/part time position at the Fire Department will be reinstated.

Mr. Centers asked Ms. Sandra Morgan, Finance Director what needs to be done to implement the Finance Committee's recommendation. Ms. Morgan stated that the money is already funded in the budget that she will increase the funds that are already there. Mayor Centers asked if Council was OK with the Finance Committee recommendation; consensus was to move forward with the recommendation.

Mr. Faulkner thanked Mr. Wilcher for coming to the meeting and thanked him for his interest in being appointed to the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Knipper thanked Mr. Bray and congratulated Mr. Centers. He thanked the employees and stated he thought a good job was done this year to maximize their budgets. He thanked Heather and Jason Faulkner. He stated the City needs more events and recognition for their citizens.

Mr. Centers thanked Mr. Bray and congratulated Mr. Knipper. He stated he feels that City dollars are spent carefully. He thanked his sons for coming to the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Lipps: seconded by Mr. Faulkner.

The vote:

Mr. Faulkner	yes
Mr. Knipper	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Lipps	yes

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Mayor

Acting Clerk of Council