

**FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 19, 2011**

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin Municipal Building, Mayor Denny Centers presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There was one member of the press and 16 visitors present at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Ms. Sandra Morgan, Finance Director; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Judge Rupert Ruppert; Mr. Matt Wilcher, newly elected Council member; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Brent Centers.

Mayor Centers noted that Brent, along with Captain Coulton's son Brian, recently returned from Iraq and thanked them for their service.

Mayor Centers & members of Council presented Mr. Knipper with a plaque for his time on Council – appreciate his service and he will be missed.

At this time, Judge Ruppert swore in re-elected Council members Scott Lipps, Jason Faulkner, Todd Hall and newly-elected Council member Matt Wilcher.

Mr. Hall made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the official minutes of the December 5, 2011 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RECEPTION OF VISITORS**

There were none tonight.

**LIQUOR PERMIT TRANSFER                      TRANSFER OF D5 PERMIT, FRANKLIN TAVERN, 331 S. MAIN STREET, KIMBERLY A. KELLY TO FRANKLIN TAVERN LLC (SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR FOR ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION; BEER, WINE & MIXED BEVERAGES FOR ON PREMISES**

CONSUMPTION OR OFF PREMISES CONSUMPTION IN ORIGINAL SEALED CONTAINERS UNTIL 2:30 A.M.)

Chief Whitman stated the standard background check was done and there is no reason to object to the transfer.

There being no motion made to request a hearing, this will be returned that the City does not request a hearing.

ORDINANCE 2011-24 EMERGENCY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2011-17, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ms. Morgan stated that this ordinance balances the accounts in order to close the books for 2011. She noted that most accounts are adjusted by decreasing one line item and increasing another; two accounts need additional monies appropriated (Police & Property Acquisition Fund); and expect 3% to 5% unspent appropriations in the General Fund. An updated projection sheet is in the packet – includes the supplemental and proposed 2012 budget. The Finance Committee has reviewed and recommends approval.

Mr. Lipps stated that the Finance Committee went over this last month – final figures are lower than we anticipated.

Mr. Lipps made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-24; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2011-25 EMERGENCY PROVIDING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. Lewis stated that this is a temporary budget for the first three months of 2012. The Finance Committee has reviewed and approved. We are expecting to catch up on the ½ % income tax increase in April when taxes are filed and final year end numbers will also be known.

He noted the following are included in the temporary budget:

- Police Department salary increase per contract
- Non-union salary increase (1/2% salary increase and 1% of salary lump sum payment)
- Increase for health insurance
- Funds for a full-time Finance Director (this will be the last year for Ms. Morgan, will start the process in June/July for her replacement)
- Funds for retirement payout for Dave Fouch, retiring in February
- Transfer to Capital Improvement Fund

- Transfer to Issue 2 Fund
- Siren replacement program
- Transfer to Street Fund for street paving
- Transfer to Property Acquisition Fund for economic development

The permanent budget will be brought back to Council before April 1.

Mayor Centers asked how much money is being put in the Property Acquisition Fund and how many bonds do we have. Mr. Lewis stated that \$200,000 is being put in the Property Acquisition Fund. Ms. Morgan stated all bonds are paid through the Bond Retirement Fund. We have one Note that we have any flexibility on the payments and the others are permanent issues.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-25; seconded by Mr. Bray. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2011-50 AUTHORIZING POSITION TITLES AND THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR EACH TITLE FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN PERSONNEL FOR 2012**

Mr. Lewis stated that this is done yearly. He noted the only changes are police staffing is back to where it was and the part-time Deputy Clerk is reduced from 2 to 1.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2011-50; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2011-51 ESTABLISHING ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY RATES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR 2012**

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the salary resolution for 2012. Non-union employees are receiving a ½% salary increase and a 1% of salary lump sum payment; firefighters are receiving a 3% salary increase, based on the 2010 rate, per the contract; Police Department employees are receiving a 1 ½% salary increase per the contract; and no changes for the service & clerical employees as both unions are still in negotiations.

Mr. Lipps stated that this has been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2011-51; seconded by Mr. Lipps. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2011-52    AMENDING THE POSITION DESCRIPTION FOR THE UNCLASSIFIED POSITION OF ZONING OFFICIAL**

Mr. Lewis stated that this cleans up the job description. NIC does the inspection services now and the duties of the Chief Building Official have been changed to Zoning Officer.

Mayor Centers asked if there are a lot of language changes. Ms. Fisher stated that it cleans-up the job description. In the UDO, the Zoning Officer is outlined and this incorporates that.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2011-52; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2011-53    AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO WARREN COUNTY FOR FY2012 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS FOR THE PLAINVIEW MANOR/HARPLAND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Mr. Lewis stated that this authorizes an application to receive CDBG funds. They have changed how the CDBG funds are administered – with Warren County being an urban county, Warren County administers the grant funds – and they try to be equal with all cities, to receive funding.

The project is to reline sanitary sewers as necessary in portions of Plainview Manor and Harpland Subdivisions, along with rehabilitation of sanitary sewer manholes; CDBG funds \$378,534.00; City to pay engineering costs of \$15,000.00.

Mayor Centers asked if we have a list of projects that we work off of - do we do as the project/money is available.

Mr. Lewis stated that we do projects as the money becomes available; being cautious at this time until we see where we stand with our money – plan on putting money in the budget for projects so we can pay as we go. Mr. Lewis stated we have no list at this time - are planning to have a 5 year list.

Mayor Centers stated the Planning Commission has also talked about future road projects.

Mr. Bray asked about the relining process-if it has a 50 year life. Mr. Lewis stated, yes, it does and described the process used – the lines are not dug up but are actually re-lined.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2011-53; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote;

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

Motion passed.

#### CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis reported on the following:

- Received many calls to thank the City & Council for the Christmas lights around town
- Many organizations in town have made December “food pantry” month. Our City employees had a challenge & 1600 food items were collected; then the Fire Department collected another 1600 items
- Rotary Club had a record year raising funds
- Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Mr. Lipps added that he co-chaired with Sonny the Rotary Club Christmas auction – raised \$2,831.00.

#### LAW DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Fisher reported on the following:

- The next Council meeting is January 23, 2012
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall wished everyone happy holidays and a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Aldridge welcomed home Brent and thanked him for serving; thanked Mr. Knipper for his service to the City & community and Merry Christmas.

Mr. Bray welcomed home Brent and thanks for serving; great job Mr. Knipper and hope you continue working for Franklin; to Tim Humphries, Carlisle Mayor, thanks for coming and working with us; welcome to Matt; and Merry Christmas.

Mr. Lipps thanked Mr. Knipper for his service and hope you stay active; welcome to Matt; great time at the Rotary, live in a great & caring community; thanks for coming tonight; we are proud of you and welcome home Brent.

Mr. Faulkner wished Mr. Knipper good luck; JEMS update- estimated \$275,000 carry-over and Mr. Ruppert & Mr. Boschert indicate they will be returning to the board; and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Knipper thanked everybody, work with a great bunch of guys & wanted to be part of something that made a difference (brought in new businesses, new City buildings, lived within our budget, all had same goal) and I have enjoyed and it's been fun.

Mayor Centers thanked Mr. Knipper for his service on Council and as a friend – did an outstanding job and appreciate all you've done; and welcome to Matt.

Mayor Centers asked about the ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for the first week of January. Mr. Lewis stated the BP Station at SR 123 has been purchased by Doug Pelfrey. It will be opening soon and Mom's Restaurant is relocating there, will be a destination place, target date is 1/2/12 – will confirm and let you know.

Mayor Centers thanked Mr. Humphries for attending our meetings.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Knipper. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Centers adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

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Mayor

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Clerk of Council