

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 4, 2012

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 4, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin Municipal Building, Mayor Scott Lipps presiding.

Roll call showed:

Denny Centers	present
Matt Wilcher	present
Jason Faulkner	present
Scott Lipps	present
Carl Bray	present
Michael Aldridge	present
Todd Hall	present

There were 25 visitors and no one from the press at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Mr. Russ Whitman, Police Chief; Ms. Donnette Fisher, Law Director; Mr. Sonny Lewis, City Manager and Mrs. Jane McGee, Clerk of Council.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Heather Faulkner.

Mr. Bray made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the May 21, 2012 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**PRESENTATIONS: GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS**

Mayor Lipps & members of Council presented Good Neighbor Awards to Patrick Lyons, Ed Bastien, Cynthia Miller & Heather Faulkner. On January 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at Vineyard Church, Charles Thomas had a medical incident and was a non-breather, and these individuals provided life saving efforts. Mr. Charles Thomas was also introduced.

Doug Greathouse introduced Mike Brinkley and his wife to Council. The Brinkley's are looking at bringing a new business to the City to be located at the old Wilson garage location on Second Street. Mr. Brinkley stated that he has been looking at this location for a long time. He has a racing team (Bangdup Racing) that does cross country, ATV and motorcycle racing in Indiana and the east coast. Mr. Brinkley stated they have a substantial following; gave background information on how they got started; 8 full sponsors for 8 guys; explained what the business will comprise of and that he has talked to Mrs. Wilson about the building. Mr. Brinkley added that they feel it is time to move forward, have a business plan and working on financing.

There was some discussion on their plans to renovate the building; looking for investors; good working relationship with others; and to let them know of any funding.

Mr. Greathouse noted that the Brinkley's will be meeting with Mr. Lewis.

#### RECEPTION OF VISITORS

Chief Whitman introduced newly sworn in Police Officer Dana Taggart. Officer Taggart will begin June 17, 2012 and has been a dispatcher for Butler County, a part-time dispatcher for Trenton and a Special Deputy for Butler County. She has passed all the required examinations & interviews.

Mayor Lipps and members of Council welcomed Officer Taggart to Franklin.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2012-08 ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION FROM COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH OF A FIFTY-FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY AND UTILITY EASEMENT TO ESTABLISH MISSION LANE AS A PUBLIC WAY

Mr. Lewis, stated as discussed at the last meeting, this accepts Mission Lane as a City street. We already maintain the water and sewer utilities and it is approximately 400 feet of road.

Mayor Lipps opened the Public Hearing and asked for any public comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for any Council comments. There were none.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-08; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE 2012-09 ESTABLISHING A VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER FEE TO BE PAID BY ANY VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER OFFERING VIDEO SERVICE IN THE CITY; ESTABLISHING A DEFINITION OF GROSS REVENUES; AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF THIS ORDINANCE TO VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS

Ms. Fisher stated, as discussed at the last meeting, the State in 2007 took over franchise agreements for video service providers. The City's current agreement expires in 2015. We have received notice from Time Warner Cable that they have opted-in to the State program early and our current contract is void. The City can continue to collect the cable franchise fee (video service provider fee) and it will also apply to any other providers, with the passage of this ordinance. The City will continue to receive free cable to the Schools, the Library, the City and the PEG channel.

Mayor Lipps opened the Public Hearing and asked for any public comments. There being none, he closed the Public Hearing and asked for any Council comments. There were none.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-09; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Bray	yes

Mr. Aldridge    yes  
Mr. Hall        yes  
Mr. Centers    yes  
Mr. Wilcher    yes  
Mr. Faulkner   yes

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2012-29    AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF UP TO \$3,500 TO WARREN COUNTY KUSTOMS FOR THE FRANKLIN DOWNTOWN SATURDAY NIGHT CAR SHOW**

Mr. Lewis stated at the last Finance Committee meeting on May 2, 2012, they recommended approval of \$3,500 for the car show.

Mr. Bray, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated this was discussed and noted their request increased \$1,000 this year. This will help with increased rental costs for a stage. We also discussed that the City is looking at building a stage. They have used Middletown's stage previously.

Mr. Lewis stated that we are looking at building our own stage as we have a trailer that can be used.

Mr. Centers asked how often it will be used. Mr. Lewis stated it would be used 5 – 6 times a year – Memorial Day & 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades, Fall Fest, Car Show, & Bike Show.

Mayor Lipps commended the Finance Committee for supporting this event.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-29; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2012-30    AUTHORIZING \$500 IN FUNDING FOR THE WARREN COUNTY 9/11 MEMORIAL**

Mr. Lewis stated that the Warren County Commissioners, Fire Chiefs Association and Police Chiefs Association formed the Warren County 9/11 Memorial Committee to build a 9/11 Memorial for those who lost their lives in 9/11. The Finance Committee approved \$500.00.

Mr. Bray stated the Finance Committee talked about this and recommends \$500.00 towards the cost of the Memorial.

Mr. Centers asked what the total cost is for the Memorial.

Mr. Lewis stated approximately \$250,000.00 - \$270,000.00.

Mr. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-30; seconded by Mr. Faulkner. The vote:

Mr. Aldridge    yes  
Mr. Hall        yes

Mr. Centers     yes  
Mr. Wilcher    yes  
Mr. Faulkner   yes  
Mr. Lipps       yes  
Mr. Bray        yes

Motion passed.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION

Mr. Bray introduced: Ordinance 2012-10        Determining to Proceed with the Improvement of City Streets and Public Ways by the Lighting Thereof for the Year 2013.

Mr. Lewis stated that this is the second step in the process for street lighting. The City funds 2% of the cost and 98% of the cost is assessed to the residents.

The Public Hearing on Ordinance 2012-10 will be held June 18, 2012.

Mr. Bray introduced: Ordinance 2012-11        Amending Chapter 921 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Franklin, Ohio, Titled “Discharges into the Wastewater Treatment Plant”.

Mr. Lewis stated that this includes additions and amendments to our current ordinance for discharges into the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ms. Fisher, along with Cheryl Shields (Administrator for the Franklin Wastewater Treatment Corporation), has worked on this and it is per EPA recommendations. Mr. Lewis added the following are addressed: adding additional user classifications, looking at best management practices, monitoring levels & waivers, setting parameters and slug discharges.

The Public Hearing on Ordinance 2012-11 will be held June 18, 2012.

#### CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Lewis stated that he has put the complaints received about JD Legends from the past weekend in Council’s mailbox.

#### LAW DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Fisher stated she had no report tonight.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Hall thanked Michael for looking at the Wilson Building – excited about his proposed business. Also, he won’t be at the June 18, 2012 meeting as he will be out of town.

Mr. Wilcher welcomed the Brinkley’s of Bangdup Racing, look forward to seeing something at that building and awesome to see their interest in the Wilson Building; welcomed Officer Taggart to the City and had a great Safety Committee meeting tonight.

Mr. Bray thanked everyone for coming; good luck to Michael and his wife; Memorial Day Parade was a great event and Mr. Mears did a wonderful job; and thanked Mrs. McGee for everything she does to help us.

Mr. Centers stated echoed Mr. Bray's remarks about Mrs. McGee; he heard comments that the Memorial Day Parade was the best ever; working on having an F-16 flyover for next year for the parade; and need to stay on top of keeping the interchanges clean.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming; echoed everyone's comments ; welcomed the Brinkley's and wished them the best of luck; good job by Mr. Mears on the parade & great speech by the speaker Major Cofield; and congrats to the Good Neighbor recipients.

Mr. Faulkner welcomed Officer Taggart; good luck to the Brinkley's; the incident with Mr. Thomas, he was gone, and the recipients of the Good Neighbor award tonight, stepped up to do what was needed – thanks for your efforts; thanks for coming tonight; and the Safety Committee met tonight and legislation will be coming to Council.

Mayor Lipps stated that Franklin resident Debby Roberts's son graduated from West Point (Council supported his appointment); thanks to Mr. Lewis for letting us know about the orange barrels on Second Street; and asked Mr. Lewis what will be the hardest part of the project. Mr. Lewis stated it will be the construction of the median; 2 different projects on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street & one contractor doing both; should be done middle of July and by the end of September, the exit ramps should be done.

Mr. Faulkner made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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Clerk of Council