

FRANKLIN CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 17, 2012

Members of the Franklin City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 17, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at the Franklin City Building, Mayor Scott Lipps presiding.

Roll call showed:

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

There was one member of the press and 18 visitors at tonight's meeting. Also present: Mr. Jonathan Westendorf, Fire Chief; Ms. Sandra Morgan, Finance Director; 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 Mr. Wilbur DePew.

Mr. Bray made the motion to approve the Clerk's Journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the December 3, 2012 regular meeting; seconded by Mr. Aldridge. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

RECEPTION OF VISITORS

None tonight.

RESOLUTION 2012-69 AUTHORIZING A GRANT OF \$500 TO THE FRANKLIN AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES AND A GRANT OF \$500 TO THE VINEYARD DOWNTOWN HELP CENTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THEIR SERVICES TO THOSE IN NEED

Mayor Lipps stated that this authorizes \$500 to the Franklin Area Community Services and to

the Vineyard Downtown Help Center. Both of these organizations help make Franklin a better place to live.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-69; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

PRESENTATION: GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS - FRANKLIN AREA COMMUNITY SERVICES (FOOD PANTRY) AND VINEYARD DOWNTOWN HELP CENTER (VINEYARD DOWNTOWN)

Mayor Lipps and members of Council presented Good Neighbor Awards to the Franklin Food Pantry and to the Vineyard Downtown Help Center in recognition of all they do for the community.

Ms. Terry Cole, Franklin Community Services, and Mr. Chuck Wolfenbarger, Vineyard Help Centers, thanked Council.

ORDINANCE 2012-27 EMERGENCY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2012-18, PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012

Ms. Morgan stated that no new monies are being appropriated, just moving money from one account to another account in the General Fund. City departments have lived within their budgets. New funds are being appropriated for the Joint Recreation Fund, the Property Acquisition Fund, the In House Monitoring Fund and the Storm Water Fund. Ms. Morgan noted that this has been discussed by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Centers stated he thought the Storm Water Fund was self-funding. Ms. Morgan stated the additional funds are for personnel costs. Mr. Centers asked if all personnel have been hired. Mr. Lewis stated not yet & explained that monies have been spent on the project correcting drainage issues. The fund sustains itself – been paying off the debt of the west side project. Mr. Centers asked about State requirements. Mr. Lewis stated that the reports are being done and the EPA is starting to ramp-up implementing the regulations.

Mr. Bray asked if the Township has paid their share of the pool cost & if all personnel costs were included. Ms. Morgan stated we expect to receive it by the end of the year as we were late getting the bill to them and yes, personnel costs were included.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-27; seconded by Mr. Centers. The vote:

Mr. Lipps yes
Mr. Bray yes
Mr. Aldridge yes
Mr. Hall yes
Mr. centers yes
Mr. Wilcher yes
Mr. Faulkner absent

Motion passed.

**ORDINANCE 2012-28 EMERGENCY PROVIDING TEMPORARY
APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR
THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, OHIO, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2013**

Mr. Lewis stated that this appropriates funds for the first three months of 2012. It has been discussed with the Finance Committee. He added highlights of the budget are: payoff of the \$500,000+ note which includes the storm water project, fire truck and some Issue Two street projects and the weather siren. The final budget will be presented by March 31, 2013.

Mr. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-28; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2012-65 AUTHORIZING POSITION TITLES AND THE NUMBER OF
POSITIONS FOR EACH TITLE FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN PERSONNEL FOR 2013**

Mr. Lewis stated that this fixes the number of employees in each department for 2013. It includes the staffing changes made in 2012.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-65; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2012-66 ESTABLISHING ORGANIZATIONAL LISTINGS AND PAY
RATES FOR THE CITY OF FRANKLIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES FOR 2013**

Mr. Lewis stated that this establishes the 2013 pay rates for all City employees except the firefighters as they are in negotiations. Employees will receive: non-union 2% increase; Police Department union 2%; Service & Clerical union 2%; and the non-union employees' share of health insurance premium increases to 12% for 2013.

Mr. Wilcher asked about Section 6 if it circumvents Civil Service. Ms. Fisher stated no, it has to do with the pay grade of the position.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-66; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2012-67 DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN
ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH THE
ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Bray stated the reviews have been done for the Law Director and the Finance Director. This Resolution is for the Finance Director – the pay remains the same, no benefits, and increases the vacation days from 10 to 20 days.

Mr. Centers made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-67; seconded by Mr. Wilcher. The vote:

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

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 2012-68 DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN
ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH THE LAW DIRECTOR**

Mr. Bray stated that this amends the contract for the Law Director to include a 2% salary increase, same as non-union employees and there are no other changes.

Mr. Bray made the motion to adopt Resolution 2012-68; seconded by Mr. Hall. The vote:

Mr. Wilcher	yes
Mr. Faulkner	absent

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

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps thanked both Ms. Morgan & Ms. Fisher for what they've done.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION:

Mr. Wilcher introduced: Ordinance 2012-29 Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property
Located at 220 South Riley Boulevard from Thomas Wortley.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Lewis wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Fisher wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Centers had no comments tonight.

Mr. Wilcher noted that the Fire Department raised \$1,000+ with the boot campaign; a balloon launch in memory of the Connecticut shooting will be held at the bridge; thanked Council for all their help and looks forward to next year.

Mr. Hall thanked everyone who helped Mr. Wilcher; thanked Ms. Morgan & Ms. Fisher, and especially to Ms. Morgan glad you are staying and have lots of confidence in what you do; thanked Mr. Lewis for a good year and thanked Mrs. McGee and all of staff. Also, to remember Mr. Faulkner during this time; and thanked Mr. Weaver for the great job reporting of what happens in the City.

Mr. Aldridge thanked everyone for coming; thanks to the Vineyard and Food Pantry; thanks to Staff and Merry Christmas to everyone.

Mr. Bray thanked everyone for coming; wished all Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas; attended the fund raiser for Eli Nardi, \$5,000 raised and also attended the basketball game Friday night and the raffle was for the family; and you need to see the basketball team play – they are exciting to watch.

Mr. Aldridge noted that the basketball team and cheerleaders had a great year last year and was recognized at the State House last week. Representative Maag will also recognize them at the January 5th basketball game.

Mayor Lipps thanked Mr. Bray for doing the staff evaluations; introduced Mr. Weaver's son Wyatt; Chamber fund raiser this afternoon and raised \$5,500+; we are invited to the Deardoff Center for an Open House on Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and thanks to all for what you do for the City.

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

Mr. Faulkner	absent
Mr. Lipps	yes
Mr. Bray	yes
Mr. Aldridge	yes
Mr. Hall	yes
Mr. Centers	yes
Mr. Wilcher	no

Motion passed.

Mayor Lipps adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk of Council