

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

April 2, 2018

Members Present: Douglas Baker, Mayor
Michael Dulaney
Donna Fletcher, Deputy Mayor
James Johnson
Samuel Lyons
James Marshall
Fred Mays

Members Excused: None.

In Attendance: Tracy Jamieson, City Manager
Brian Spaid, Esq., City Solicitor
James Wetzel, Deputy City Manager
Deb Eckelberger, Franklin Development Director
Sheila Boughner, Community Development Coordinator
Harmony Motter, Finance Director
Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary
Ally-Karen Miller, Franklin YMCA
Wendy Shardlow Thompson, Franklin YMCA
Bev Hart & Bob Smith, 1333 Elk Street
Jessica Carroll, 927 Elk Street
Chris Rossetti, Explore Venango
Marissa Dechant, Venango Newspapers, Inc.

Mayor Baker called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Resolution No. 27

Mrs. Fletcher moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Mr. Dulaney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Resolution No. 28

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 5, 2018, as presented. Mr. Lyons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PAY THE BILLS - Resolution No. 29

Mr. Dulaney moved to pay the bills as presented. Mrs. Fletcher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CITIZENS' INQUIRIES

Ms. Hart was in attendance to seek Council's help in finding a solution to what she called a "dangerous situation" at the Liberty Street and Washington Crossing intersection. She explained that the traffic lights turn green while she is still in the middle of the crosswalk. Mrs. Jamieson will inquire from PennDOT how to possibly lengthen the timer at the crosswalk to give pedestrians more time to safely cross the street.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Resolution No. 30 - Mrs. Fletcher moved and Mr. Mays seconded a motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for expansion of an existing backroom, and replacement doors and windows at 927 Elk Street, as presented, and to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for masonry work at 1240 Liberty Street, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

MILLER-SIBLEY POOL UPDATE

Ms. Miller reported that staff will once again be offering free swim lessons to the community on Saturdays, and free exercise classes both in the water and on land throughout the week. She advised that staff will continue to input daily usage numbers into the database to maintain accurate attendance records as to who is using the pool. She reported that the 2018 season will run from June 10 through August 18 with season passes going on sale April 13 during "Healthy Kids Day." She also was contacted by "Big Brothers Big Sisters," which plan to rent the pool, for over 200 people, from Noon-4 PM on a Saturday; at that time the pool will be closed to the public.

Mr. Marshall asked if Ms. Miller had a "wish list" of items she would like to have for the pool. Aside from internet capabilities, she would like a sound system. Staff will look into the cost of purchasing a sound system and speakers suitable for outdoors.

Council thanked Ms. Miller for her help and hard work over the years, noting this would be her 12th year managing the Miller-Sibley Pool.

YMCA ANNUAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT CAMPAIGN REQUEST - Resolution No. 31

Mrs. Thompson, on behalf of the Franklin YMCA, was in attendance to request the City donate \$1,200 towards the YMCA annual community support campaign. She explained that every dollar donated stays local and, thanks to past donations from area individuals, business owners, organizations, families, and the City of Franklin, the Financial Assistance Program has provided outreach through membership scholarships and program fee subsidies to 1,130 community members, or 32% of the 2017 membership base, which included children, adults and senior citizens. In addition to the downtown facility, a YMCA membership includes program locations at Two Mile Run County Park, Miller-Sibley, summer field trips, specialty classes, special events, pool passes and childcare.

She explained that each recipient pays a portion of their membership fee and enjoys a YMCA membership for a full program year. In addition to membership subsidies, funds were also used to subsidize program registration fees, which included: the After School Activity Program; Y soccer and tee-ball programs; Pre-school and progressive swim lessons; aquatic & group exercise classes; gymnastics programs and basketball, hockey and football programs.

Mayor Baker then moved and Mrs. Fletcher seconded a motion to donate \$1,200 to the Franklin YMCA annual Community Support Campaign. Motion passed unanimously.

FIRST READING - BILL NO. 1 "ZONING AMENDMENTS" - Resolution No. 32

The First Reading of Bill No. 1, "Zoning Amendments," was mechanically read (7:10-7:17 PM), in its entirety. Mrs. Fletcher then moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve on First Reading, Bill No. 1, "Zoning Amendments," as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR ZONING AMENDMENTS - Resolution No. 33

Mr. Dulaney moved and Mr. Lyons seconded a motion to hold the Zoning Amendments public hearing at 7 PM, on May 7, 2018, prior to the regular meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

ARLE GRANT ACCEPTANCE - Resolution No. 34

Mr. Dulaney moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to accept an Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant, in the amount of \$78,237, from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Transportation. Motion passed unanimously. [This grant will help with the replacement of the mid-block light poles in the 1200 block of Liberty Street.]

LIQUID FUELS STREET SELECTION - Resolution No. 35

Mrs. Jamieson listed the following streets, which were proposed by Mr. Ruditis to be resurfaced using this year's Liquid Fuels funds for 2018:

• Buffalo Street, 9 th to 10 th Streets.	\$40,712
• Elk Street, SR62 (Washington Crossing) to 10 th Street.	15,920
• Elm Street, 12 th to 11 th Streets.	14,126
• Buffalo Street, 11 th to 12 th Streets.	<u>50,195</u>
Total Amount.	\$120,953

She explained the list of streets was determined by using the following criteria: 1.) amount of material used in patching of potholes over the last year; 2.) volume of traffic on these streets; 3.) schools, churches, and businesses located on the streets; and 4.) streets used for traffic detours around City events.

Mayor Baker moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the above listed streets be resurfaced using 2018 Liquid Fuels funds. Motion passed unanimously.

PARADE & PARK REQUESTS - Resolution No. 36

Mr. Lyons moved and Mr. Johnson seconded a motion to approve the following requests:

- April 15, 2018 • Bandstand Park • Jump for Julie • Organ Donation Awareness
- May 19, 2018 • Riverfront Park • Amy Tarr Wedding
- May 31-August 30, 2018 • Franklin Fine Arts Council (FFAC) • Bandstand Park • Thursday Night Concerts Series
- June 14, 2018 • Bandstand Park • Franklin Elks • Flag Day Celebration
- June 20-July 25, 2018 • Bandstand Park • FFAC • Taste of Talent Vocal Competition
- June 26-July 7, 2018 • various downtown locations • FFAC • 4th of July Festivities
- August 4-5, 2018 • various downtown locations • FFAC • Taste of Franklin Weekend
- August 19, 2018 • Bandstand Park • First United Methodist Church • Worship in the Park
- October 7, 2018 • Egbert Fountain • Easter Seals Society • Annual Duck Race
- July 28, 2019 • Bandstand Park • First United Methodist Church • Worship in the Park

Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS**Manager**

- **Resolution No. 37** Reported that a sink hole has appeared in a yard off of Bell Avenue in the Chub Run watershed area. After much research, it was determined that a project undertaken in 1980 on Chub Run, which rerouted a portion of the run to a location alongside the old channel, has opened. Mr. Wodzianski has developed a project whereby the sink hole will be excavated and the underground concrete culvert will be filled in with either flowable fill or lubricated pea gravel. Mr. Wodzianski attempted to get three quotes but only received one from Terra Works, Inc. For \$6,500, plus the cost of the fill. Mr. Wodzianski estimates the cost will not exceed \$13,500 for the project. Since this has been deemed an emergency, Mrs. Jamieson requested permission to award this project to Terra Works, Inc. for \$6,500 plus the cost of the fill. Mayor Baker so moved. Mr. Mays seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- Will need an executive session to discuss litigation.

Solicitor

- **Resolution No. 38** - Mr. Marshall moved and Mr. Dulaney seconded a motion authorizing the execution of a deed on a parcel of land at 314 Moreland Drive, which contains the Moreland Drive water tank, to the General Authority of the City of Franklin. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor • Appointments - none.

COUNCIL REPORTS**Mayor Baker**

- Proclaimed April 3, 2018 as “National Service Recognition Day.”
- Proclaimed the week of May 6-12, 2018 as “Public Service Recognition Week.”

Mr. Johnson

- Asked what residents should do if they have issues with receiving or not receiving the new trash and recycling containers. Customers should contact either the City of Franklin Finance Department or Tri County Industries, directly.

Mr. Dulaney

- Invited the Council to attend the 105th Annual Anniversary Celebration of the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce on April 26, 4:30-7 PM, at the Quality Inn & Conference Center.
- Announced the Franklin Chamber would hold an Open House on April 27.

Mr. Marshall - none.

Mrs. Fletcher

- Asked who was responsible for the hillside trees on 15th Street. Mrs. Jamieson and Mr. Spaid said it would be the property owner’s responsibility.

- Asked if Mr. Masterson could be forced to remove the large stones he is placing between the sidewalk and the curb at his rental units. She advised they are a safety hazard and she has already received one complaint. Mr. Spaid will research the matter and discuss it with the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Lyons - none.

Mr. Mays

- Questioned when the “one way” sign at the intersection of Franklin Avenue and Thirteenth Street would be removed. Mrs. Jamieson advised that the sign can be removed at anytime. She noted that the area is set to be re-paved and she will discuss with PennDOT the possibility of marking it “Do Not Enter.”

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 39

Mayor Baker moved to enter into executive session at 8:06 PM to discuss litigation. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The executive session ended at 8:30 PM.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Resolution No. 40

Mr. Lyons moved to authorize the City manager to pursue acquiring the burned out property at 207 Liberty Street, should proper investigation of its marketability reveal that the property could be re-sold once cleaned up. Mr. Dulaney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darla Hawke, Recording Secretary