



**City Council Meeting
October 11, 2016
Canvas the Vote**

Call to Order

Mayor Merrifield called the meeting to order in the downstairs conference room, Franklin City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance

Councilor Clarenbach, Councilor Barton, Councilor Giunta, Councilor Desrochers, Councilor Wells, Councilor Zink, Councilor Dzujna, City Manager Dragon and Mayor Merrifield.

Absent

Councilor Boyd, Councilor Starkweather.

Salute to the Flag was led by Councilor Dzujna.

City Council to Canvas the votes from the October 4, 2016 City Election.

Motion: Councilor Zink moved that the Franklin City Council accept the return of votes and declare the following elected. Motion seconded by Councilor Clarenbach.

Councilor Zink read the results:

WARD I

COUNCIL
THREE Years

Heather Moquin	150
Arthur "Ted" Starkweather (Incumbent)	127
Scatter	

SCHOOL BOARD
Three Years

William J. Doherty	33
Bettina Ford	16
Jeffrey Savary	85
Anya Twarog	131
Scatter	4

MODERATOR

Two Years

Steven D. Foley (incumbent)	262
Scatter	2

WARD CLERK

Two Years

Joan C. Hinds (Incumbent)	258
Scatter	1

WARD II

COUNCIL

THREE Years

Glen J. Feener	103
Vincent S. Ribas	129
Scatter	2

SCHOOL BOARD

Two Years

Susan Hallett Cook (Incumbent)	121
Tina Thurber	80
Scatter	3

SCHOOL BOARD

Three Years

Paul Doucette	114
Tina Thurber (write in)	96
Scatter	8

MODERATOR

Two Years

Tam Feener (incumbent)	178
Scatter	10

WARD CLERK
Two Years

Janet Desrochers (Incumbent)	204
Scatter	1

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST
Two Years

Scatter (write in)	31
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WARD III

COUNCIL
THREE Years

Steve Barton (Incumbent)	153
Scatter	10

SCHOOL BOARD
Three Years

Timothy M. Dow (Incumbent)	153
Carla Lavoy	32
Scatter	

MODERATOR
Two Years

Cameron M. Temple (incumbent)	184
Scatter	0

WARD CLERK
Two Years

Meri-Lynn Banton (Incumbent)	184
Scatter	0

All in favor; motion passes.

City Manager Dragon spoke about a few items that need public hearings. The first is a Step grant or highway safety grant that they received and this has an in kind match it doesn't go through the contingent grant line. She spoke with the Mayor to see if it can be heard at the November Council Meeting. The other is an opportunity with a short deadline which requires a public hearing which is scheduled for the Oct 24 withdrawal meeting which is the CDBG block grant application in the amount of \$12K. The purpose of this is to look at the plans for the Whitewater Park as there are some plans and estimated costs. If it is feasible they would look for other grants to apply for.

Councilor Zink asked about Ward I school board's vacancies and if they have to post it to take applications. Mayor Merrifield stated they don't have to do that.

Motion: ***Councilor Clarenbach moved that the Franklin City Council appoint Jeffery Savary to the open seat in Ward I until next election. Motion seconded by Councilor Dzujna.***

Councilor Dzujna stated what if he doesn't want it. He did have a discussion with Jeffery and he stated that he doesn't want it. Councilor Clarenbach stated he doesn't want to give it to someone who doesn't want it. Councilor Dzujna asked would it be better to ask someone if they would be interested. Councilor Clarenbach stated everyone that ran normally would be interested and if they are not it would be unique. Councilor Giunta stated that whoever takes this position needs to be ready to roll up their sleeves and not someone who is not ready to commit. We are at a point this year where we need to have them come in and interview them and make sure they understand the commitment needed. Councilor Dzujna asked if we open up applications and Jeffery changes his mind then that is fine. Councilor Barton asked if Jeffery Savary has been formally asked. Councilor Dzujna stated he had asked him and he stated that he would have to sit down and talk with his family again. Councilor Desrochers stated it might be wise to send a letter to all three candidates notifying them that the seat is open so no one can come back to say the Council picked this person when I wanted the position and they didn't talk to me. City Manager Dragon asked if two of the three want the position is there a time the Council wants to meet with them. Mayor Merrifield stated that they should respond by the Oct. 24 meeting and then hear them at the Nov. 7 meeting. Councilor Wells asked if they should advertise due to time constraints in case none of those people want it. Councilor Clarenbach stated if there is no response by the Oct. 24 meeting then we can.

Councilor Dzujna stated he was contacted about a school board member and his use of social media. Mayor Merrifield stated he was also contacted and explained that the City Council has no jurisdiction over the School Board. Councilor Desrochers stated the school board stated they lost another \$115K is there anything the City can do. City Manager Dragon stated that they have talked numerous times about the school's ability to forecast and understand the formula and they need to take ownership in that as they knew there was a 70 student drop so they should have plugged that into the formula to see what that was going to do to their number. The City has done all it can do for this year. During the budget process the City was beaten up pretty good about all these terrible things that were going to happen and when the budget went into place those things didn't happen like the class sizes were not huge. Mayor Merrifield stated he would not want to go into the City budget prior to winter as

you just never know. The City Manager stated the City also has had some of their own financial issues recently with an ambulance that caught fire and an Engine that needed major repair.

Councilor Dzujna stated that they will take the \$115K off of programs or teachers rather than doing a deep look into things, which just gets the community in an uproar. City Manager Dragon stated she feels they are making progress but it is just slow.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Clarenbach and seconded by Councilor Desrochers.

All in favor; meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauraine G. Paquin