



CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 5:15 PM

1 Benjamin Franklin Way Franklin, Ohio 45005

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CLERK'S JOURNAL

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Ruppert called the meeting to order at 5:17.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Matt Wilcher

Paul Ruppert

Michael Aldridge

Staff: Mr. Westendorf, Ms. Trice, Ms. Dunn, Mr. Inman, Mr. Miller, Mr. Damian

3. APPROVE THE CLERK'S JOURNAL AND ACCEPT THE TAPES AS THE OFFICIAL MINUTES

A. July 21, 2025

Motion made by Wilcher, Seconded by Ruppert.

Voting Yea: Wilcher, Ruppert

Voting Abstaining: Aldridge

Motion passed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Wastewater Treatment

It is proposed that Warren County operate the wastewater treatment plant that is currently operated by Veolia. Costs continue to rise and having a government entity take over will save all participating municipalities money. The draft operation agreement was shared with the committee. Carlisle, Franklin Township, Germantown, and the City of Franklin are current members. Veolia staff will become Warren County Employees. This will also save residents money. There may be a need to expand the plant in the future.

Motion to recommend approval to Council made by Wilcher, Seconded by Aldridge.

Voting Yea: Wilcher, Ruppert, Aldridge

Motion passed.

B. OWDA DEFA - Water Meters

Staff shared that the City received approval on the OWDA DEFA loan for the water meter upgrade project. Installation of the meters will begin in January and likely take about six months. Once all residents have a new meter, an app will be deployed to allow residents track their usage and detect

water leaks within a day or two. The City is currently losing money as the meters currently installed are past their warranty and do not measure accurately. The new meters will be more accurate.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Aldridge, Seconded by Wilcher.

Voting Yea: Wilcher, Ruppert, Aldridge

Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:47pm.

Chair