

The Franklin City Commission convened in **special called session** at 12:00 noon on Monday, **March 16, 2009**, in the conference room at City Hall, 117 W. Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky. In the chair presiding was the Honorable Mayor Jim Brown, with the following City Commissioners present: Bill Austin, Wendell Stewart, Henry Stone, and Herbert Williams. Also present were City Attorney Scott Crabtree, City Manager Hal Toomey, City Clerk Kathy Stradtner Police Chief Todd Holder; Jamie Powell; Circuit Court Judge Janet Crocker; Kentucky State Representative Wilson Stone; and several other officials and members of the community.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and Commissioner Henry Stone offered an opening prayer.

The special called meeting agenda listed only two items.

- **Acceptance of Commissioner Bill Austin's Resignation**

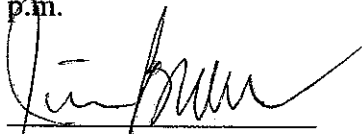
Mayor Jim Brown presented the written resignation received from Commissioner Bill Austin; as discussed in previous meetings, Jamie Powell was elected to the City of Franklin Commission in the November, 2008 general election. Changes adopted for the Kentucky Retirement System have prevented Mr. Powell from taking his rightful office as a Commissioner without jeopardizing the retirement benefits he has spent a career earning. Commissioner Bill Austin had consented to serve as City Commissioner on an interim basis until such time as Mr. Powell could assume his duties. That obstacle has been removed with the passage by the Kentucky Legislature and the signing into law this week of House Bill 161. Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Stone to accept the resignation of Commissioner Bill Austin from the Franklin City Commission effective immediately. Ayes: Brown, Stewart, Stone and Williams. Motion carried.


- **Appointment of Jamie Powell to the City Commission**

Motion was made by Mayor Brown and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to appoint Jamie Powell to fill the remainder of the vacant term on the Franklin City Commission per his election in the November, 2008 general election and as allowed by the legislation recently adopted in the Kentucky State Legislature. Ayes: Brown, Stewart, Stone and Williams. Motion carried.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Brown and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: Brown, Stewart, Stone and Williams. Motion carried at 12:05 p.m.

  
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 Jim Brown, Mayor

  
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 Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk

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Following the called session, Judge Janet Crocker administered the oath of office to City Commissioner Jamie Powell.