

The Franklin City Commission convened in **regular session** at 6:00 p.m., Monday, **March 23, 2009**, in the Simpson County School Board meeting room, 430 S. College Street, Franklin, KY. In the chair presiding was the Honorable Mayor Jim Brown, with the following City Commissioners present: Jamie Powell, Wendell Stewart, Henry Stone and Herbert Williams. Also present were City Manager, Hal W. Toomey; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; Police Chief, Todd Holder; F-S Industrial Authority Executive Director Denny Griffin; and Gary Dodd representing Zap Manufacturing. City Clerk was absent. F-S High student Will Wade was present to video tape the meeting. A member of the media, Keith Pyles, from Franklin Favorite/WFKN was present.

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Wendell Stewart offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2009 regular Commission meeting and the March 16, 2009 special called meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

F-S Industrial Authority Executive Director Denny Griffin and Mr. Gary Dodd, owner of the new Zap Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky Company, were present to address the Commission. Integrity Manufacturing, the company that originally announced their intent to locate an electric car manufacturing plant in Franklin, has closed its doors; the recently formed Zap Motor Manufacturing Company has taken over the project to construct the facility. Mr. Dodd reviewed the history of the project and the current plans for the facility, including projection plans for three-wheel and four-wheel vehicles. A funding application is being filed with the Department of Energy; a four step process including evaluation of the project, due diligence investigation and repayment plans. A grant is being pursued for the major vehicle components. The scope of the project rests upon results from the Department of Energy loan and consumer demand. Mr. Dodd was very positive and excited about the continuing plans for Zap Motor Manufacturing in Franklin and wished to assure City officials that the planned industry is still viable.

REGULAR BUSINESS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Cemetery Contract Renewal**

The current cemetery contract (copy provided in meeting packet) with Delk Services terminates on June 30, 2009, and provides the contract can only be extended if agreed in writing by both parties. City Manager Hal Toomey received a proposal on March 9, 2009 from Delk Services to extend the contract for an additional three years under the same contract terms and conditions, including the provision for an annual 2% cost of living adjustment. The written proposal from Delk Services detailed the contract price as follows:

<u>TERM OF CONTRACT</u>	<u>ANNUAL FEE</u>
FY 2009-2010	\$173,750
FY 2010-2011	\$177,225
FY 2011-2012	\$180,750

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to accept their proposal and retain Delk Services to continue the Cemetery Privatization

Agreement as discussed and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary per this motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Appointment of Chaplain for Police Department**

In a memo to the Board of Commission and City Manager, Police Chief Todd Holder detailed the need for a chaplain in the Franklin Police Department with the following provisions:

- *A non-sworn civilian in uniform status*
- *A voluntary only position*
- *Duties consist of counseling department officers in critical incident situations and personal concerns any officer may encounter*
- *Accompany officers when making death notifications to serve in greater Franklin community*
- *Any counseling or conversations the Police chaplain would have would be of a confidential nature, unless a serious physical threat was made against any individual, in which case the Chief of Police would be notified immediately and appropriate action taken.*

Chief Holder's request noted Police Department personnel nationwide are notorious for high rates of critical incidents on a daily or weekly basis which have a negative impact on officers and their psychological well being. Having a Chaplain on hand to assist the officers and community members in dealing with such high stress situations would be a valuable asset. The Chief's recommendation is to appoint Kenny Dale Reeves of Simpson County to this position; Mr. Reeves is a retired Kentucky State Trooper, currently an ordained minister, and is very interest in offering the officers a confidential source that has first hand knowledge of the challenges Police officers face everyday in their career. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stone to appoint Kenneth Dale Reeves to the position of Franklin Police Department Chaplain as recommended by Police Chief Holder. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Board Appointments**

Mr. John Craddock's term on the City Property Maintenance Board has expired. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Stone to re-appoint John Craddock to the City of Franklin Property Maintenance Board, new term expiring December 31, 2011. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Now that Commissioner Powell has officially taken his seat as City Commissioner, the Mayor would like to appoint him to serve on a City Board as our representative. Commissioner Wendell Stewart has stepped down as a member of the F-S Parks Board, and **motion** was made by Mayor Brown and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to appoint Commissioner Jamie Powell to serve as City representative on the F-S Parks Board; term expiring December 31, 2010. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

COMMUNITY SERVICES

None

UTILITIES

None

ORDINANCES

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to enter in to executive session for the purpose of discussion of proposed, or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(c)}, and discussions, or hearings, which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual {KRS 61.810(f)}. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 6:36 p.m. Entering executive session were Mayor Brown and the four Commissioners, City Attorney Scott Crabtree, and City Manager Hal W. Toomey.

At 6:45 p.m., **Motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stone to exit executive session and return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

City Attorney Crabtree reported the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force has requested the 2000 Dodge Durango (VIN...8924) be released to them. The vehicle was purchased by the Task Force with the City of Franklin putting in a small amount. The City titled the vehicle and provided insurance as part of our contribution. The vehicle is now no longer of use to the organization and they would like to use it as trade in on another vehicle. Following discussion, **motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adopt Resolution C-2009 transferring the 2000 Dodge Durango (VIN...8924) to the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. C-2009

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin holds title to a 2000 Dodge Durango for the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Franklin, Kentucky has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Franklin, Kentucky, to transfer ownership of the 2000 Dodge Durango to the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force; and,

WHEREAS, the 2000 Dodge Durango shall be used by the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force or will be traded or sold to purchase a newer vehicle to be used in the operation of the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force, and the 2000 Dodge Durango will be transferred to the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force without compensation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Franklin, Kentucky, as follows:

1. *The City Commission hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City of Franklin, Kentucky to convey, without compensation, to the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force a 2000 Dodge Durango, VIN 1B4HS28N4YF118924.*
2. *The intended use of the 2000 Dodge Durango shall be in its operations or to sell or trade for a newer vehicle to benefit the operation of the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force to the benefit of all of the residents of Franklin, Kentucky.*
3. *All maintenance and upkeep of the 2000 Dodge Durango shall be the responsibility of the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force.*
4. *In accordance with KRS 82.083, the City Commission hereby adopts this Resolution as*

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its written determination which describes the property, identifies the intended use and the reasons why it is in the public interest to dispose of the property, and the Commission affirmatively states that the method of disposition is by and through the transfer of title of the 2000 Dodge Durango to the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force for no compensation.

5. The Mayor of the City of Franklin, Kentucky, is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution including, but not limited to the title.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS


Commissioner Stone reported the Franklin Housing Authority has received \$213,000 in stimulus funds to use for replace appliances in the rental units with high-efficiency appliances.

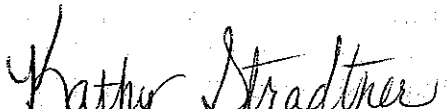
Commissioner Williams inquired about the time frame for requesting a street closing; Mayor Brown replied request should be made to the Commission at a minimum at the meeting immediately prior to requested closing to allow sufficient time to make arrangements and notifications.

Mayor recognized Commissioner Powell and this being his first regular meeting since his swearing in as City Commissioner; Commissioner Powell extended his thanks to everyone for their help in his being able to take his elected office.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 6:50 p.m.



Jim Brown, Mayor

Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk
Recorded by City Manager