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The Franklin City Commission convened in **regular session** at 6:00 pm, Monday, **August 24, 2009**, in the Simpson County School Board meeting room, 430 S. College Street, Franklin, Kentucky. 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 Interim City Manager/Finance Director, Cendy Dodd; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; Police Sergeant, Scott Wade; and City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner. F-S student Jacquelyn Scates 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 at 6:01 pm and Commissioner Jamie Powell offered an opening prayer.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2009 regular Commission meeting and August 17, 2009 special called meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

### **HEAR THE PUBLIC**

None

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Street Closure**

Request has been received from Katherine Webster, Simpson County Extension Service Agent for 4-H Youth Development, to close a portion of College Street during a 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for 4-H on September 11 from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Various activities will take place for the community including a cake cutting, inflatables, and blood drive. Interim City Manager Cendy Dodd has been in contact with the First United Methodist Church, and the date of the event does not interfere with any activity scheduled at the church. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Williams to authorize the closing of College Street from Cedar Street to Kentucky Avenue from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday, September 11, 2009. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Long-Term Financing**

As discussed during previous meetings, Interim City Manager/Finance Director Dodd was to investigate long-term financing options for the City, and included in this meeting's agenda packet were copies of the four proposals received.

#### **FINANCIAL INSTITUTION**

1<sup>st</sup> KY Securities Corp General Obligation Bonds  
 1<sup>st</sup> KY Securities Corp Utility Improvement & Refunding bonds  
 Franklin Bank & Trust  
 South Central Bank

#### **PROPOSAL**

3.72% fixed 15 year  
 3.96% fixed 15 year  
 4.25% fixed 5 year w/15 yr amortization  
 (plus .25% origination fee)  
 4.625 % fixed 5 year w/15 yr amortization

Integra Bank

5.03% / 5.58% fixed 5 year w/15 yr amortization

Based on information received, Mrs. Dodd recommends the Commission negotiate the best rate with First Kentucky Securities Corporation. Following full discussion, **motion** was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to authorize the City Manager or Interim City Manager and Finance Director to negotiate for financing at the best rate with First Kentucky Securities Corporation for no more than fifteen year fixed General Obligation Bonds and no more than fifteen year fixed Utility Improvement and Refunding bonds, with the upfront costs and terms to be no worse than proposal submitted, and further authorize the Mayor to sign any documents needed per this motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SERVICES**

No business

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mayor Brown reported he has been contacted by Franklin-Simpson County Ambulance Service regarding a need for more space for the service. Ambulance Service staff are looking for a new location in a less populated/congested area and away from the hospital. One option is to locate next to the Fire Station on Macedonia Road where the City owns over six acres. Discussion included that the Ambulance Service development will require approximately one to two acres and the Macedonia Road location would allow safer egress for the emergency vehicles. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve construction by the F-S Ambulance Board of a building on Macedonia Road property owned by the City, authorize a ninety-nine year lease of approximately two acres of the same property, authorize the City Attorney to prepare necessary documents, and finally to authorize the Mayor to sign any documents necessary per this motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mayor Brown wished to address the location of a vehicle accident that resulted in injuries. At the intersection of Ryan and Jackson Streets, visibility is poor and insufficient devices are in place to slow the speed of vehicles; several area residents have contacted the Mayor asking that the location be addressed. Following discussion, **motion** was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Stone to authorize the installation of three-way stop signs at the intersection of Ryan and Jackson Streets. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

No business

**UTILITIES**

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Engineering Services**

The City has a grant in the amount of \$510,000 that will be used to re-paint the Quail Ridge water tank, purchase and install generators at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and Pump house, and if any money is still available, purchase a carbon feed system at the WTP. In a memo addressing this project, Public Works Director Clif Beecher has obtained costs for engineering work on the tank painting project.

ENGINEERING FIRMESTIMATE

McGhee Engineering, INC	\$46,000
Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon Engineers (BWSC)	\$17,450

The difference in estimates can be attributed to the fact BWSC has been working with the City for a longer period of time and already has much of the necessary documentation and information needed for this project. Public Works Director Beecher has addressed his concerns with BWSC that project costs are kept as low as possible and that Director Beecher will be monitoring the inspection process closely to insure this. Public Works Director Beecher's recommendation is to acquire BWSC as the engineering contract for the tank painting project. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to award the engineering contract for the Quail Ridge water tank painting project to Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, & Cannon, Inc at approximate cost of \$17,450 and further authorize the Mayor to sign any documents necessary per this motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

- **Second Reading of an Ordinance Annexing to the City of Franklin, Kentucky Certain Territory of Land Contiguous to the Existing City Limits of Franklin, Kentucky in Accordance with the Comprehensive Plan of Annexation**

City Clerk Kathy Stradtner gave second reading to an ordinance annexing a tract of land containing 127.93 acres and located south-east of the present City limits on the easterly side of US Highway 31-W South. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stone to adopt Ordinance # 110.80-08-2009 upon this second reading. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Jamie Powell, Yes; Commissioner Wendell Stewart, Yes; Commissioner Herbert Williams, Yes; Commissioner Henry Stone, Yes; Mayor Jim Brown, Yes. Motion carried and ordinance adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to enter in to executive session for the purpose of deliberations on acquisition, or sale, of real property where publicity would be likely to affect the value {KRS 61.810(b)}, 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 6:26 pm. Entering executive session were Mayor Brown and the four Commissioners, City Attorney Crabtree, and Interim City Manager/Finance Director Dodd.

At 6:40 pm **Motion** was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell to exit executive session and return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to accept the resignation of Mayor Jim Brown effective immediately. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Commissioner Henry Stone then assumed the chair as Mayor Pro-Tem.

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to hire Jim Brown as City Manager for the City of Franklin and authorize Mayor Pro-Tem Stone to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate this motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Members of the Commission expressed their respect and confidence in Jim Brown, their regret to lose him as Mayor of our City, but looking forward to working with him as City Manager. . Mr. Brown will be assuming his duties officially as City Manager on September 1 and expressed his appreciation for this opportunity to serve the community and looks forward to pursuing a different direction in City Government. Jim also wished to publicly say how much he appreciates the kindness and consideration shown him and looks forward to the experience of serving as City Manager.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS**

City Attorney Crabtree explained a request received from F-S Planning & Zoning to upgrade the comprehensive plan for the City of Franklin and Simpson County. Commissioners Powell and Stewart authorized the drafting of an ordinance to complete the needed upgrade.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

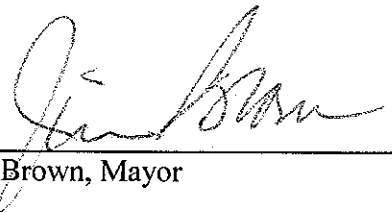
Interim City Manager Dodd took this opportunity to thank the Commission and everyone for their support and confidence in her as Interim City Manager. Ms. Dodd will serve in this capacity until Mr. Brown takes over, at which time she will continue as Finance Director for the City. The Commission thanked Cendy for her willingness, as she has shown numerous times, to use her many talents to be of service to the citizens of Franklin.

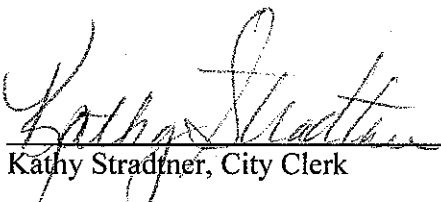
**OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS**

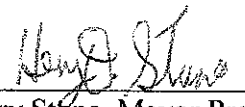
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 6:46 p.m.

  
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Jim Brown, Mayor

  
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Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk

  
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Henry Stone, Mayor Pro-Tem