

The Franklin City Commission convened in **regular session** at 6:00 pm, Monday, **September 28, 2009**, in the Simpson County School Board meeting room, 430 S. College Street, Franklin, Kentucky. Member attendance recorded as follows:

Mayor Herbert S. Williams	Present and in the chair presiding
Commissioner Jamie Powell	Present
Commissioner Mike Simpson	Present
Commissioner Wendell Stewart	Present
Commissioner Henry Stone	Present

Also present were City Manager, Jim Brown; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; Police Chief, Todd Holder; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner, Street Department employee Kent Perry and several members of the public. F-S student Bobby Uhls was present to video tape the meeting and a member of the media, Keith Pyles, from Franklin Favorite/WFKN was in attendance. Western Kentucky University students present to observe the meeting was Melita Joiner and Lindsey Nave.

The Honorable Mayor Herbert S. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm, and Commissioner Wendell Stewart offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to approve the minutes from the September 10 and September 21, 2009 special called Commission meetings and the September 14, 2009 regular Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Motion was made by Mayor Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell to appoint Commissioner Henry Stone to the F-S Industrial Board. Ayes: Williams, Powell, Stewart and Simpson. Motion carried. Commissioner Stone will be replacing Mayor Williams on the board.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Fiber Optic Project**

A memo was included in this meeting's packet from Community Development Director Tammie Carey regarding the Fiber Optic Project and City Manager Brown discussed the project with the Commission. On Thursday, September 17, bids were opened for the purchase of cable and hardware needed for the project, and summaries of total bids were included in this meeting's packet. Four bids were received, and evaluated for technical compliance by Denise Frey with Fiber Planners. Ms. Frey reported all four quotes were technically compliant with bid specifications and recommends awarding to the lowest bidder. Bids were received from GraybaR Electric, MasTec, AFL Telecomm, and OFS Brightwave and per specifications included various size fiber/cable. City staff reviewed the bids and concluded installing a network using 96 count fibers to be the most reasonable for the needs of the City and allow for growth expectations.

BIDDER

Total for 96 Fiber ADSS & Duct Cable & Hardware

GRAYBAR ELECTRIC	\$113,744
OFS FITEL, LLC (BRIGHTWAVE)	\$126,304
MASTEC	\$141,611
AFL TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$135,345

Following complete discussion, **motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to award as discussed the contract for this portion of the fiber optics project to GraybaR Electric at the total bid price of \$113,744 total using 96 count fiber, and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this motion. Ayes: All.

City Manager Brown addressed what the next steps expected in the Fiber Optics Project.

- The order for Fiber Optic cable and Hardware that was approved tonight will be placed. The fiber is expected to be received in approximately two months
- Denise with Fiber Planners will start preparing the specifications for installation of the fiber
- Installation specifications must be approved by the Economic Development Authority (EDA) Atlanta office, the entity providing a fifty percent grant for eligible project items.
- Upon receipt of EDA approval, the City will issue a request for installation bids
- If all goes as expected, the installation bid can be awarded about the time the fiber is delivered

Finance Director Cendy Dodd had prepared an estimate of the project costs using updated estimated numbers, and the total project is anticipated to be \$1,494,886 with \$633,226 of that amount being eligible for grant reimbursement leaving an anticipated \$861,660 to be incurred by the City.

PUBLIC SERVICES

No business

PUBLIC SAFETY

No business

COMMUNITY SERVICES

No business

UTILITIES

No business

ORDINANCES

- **First Reading of Ordinance Number 220.600-10-2009 Establishing Franklin Recreational Commission and Levying Fee on all Recreational Business**

City Clerk Kathy Stradtner gave first reading to proposed ordinance number 220.600-10-2009. City Manager Brown commented on the intent of the proposed ordinance. Comments included that as often happens with a business interested in locating in the City, we are requested to consider legislation that will make the local climate favorable to establish here. Such is the case with this ordinance and is pro-active legislation that can promote the City and future business in Franklin. The prospective business in question is friendly to the

community and in City Manager Brown's opinion, would be a welcome addition to our community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Simpson 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 6:31 pm. Entering executive session were Mayor Williams and the four Commissioners, City Manager Brown, and City Attorney Crabtree.

At 7:46 pm, **Motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stone to exit executive session and return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stone to hire Michael Cornwell as an officer for the Franklin Police Department. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS


During the budget process there was discussion regarding the High-Service Pumps in place at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP); the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) had deemed the pumps inefficient in electricity usage and made recommendations for replacement of the pumps. Subsequently the City requested bids for high-efficiency pumps to replace those currently in service; during this process, five companies responded and several of the bidders expressed concern the plan proposed would not yield the efficiency improvements TVA was hoping for. One of the bidders, Wascon, Inc, is a company the City has used extensively in the past; a flaw was found in the TVA projections, and after City staff also reviewed the situation, an alternative to TVA's plan was developed. City Manager Brown is recommending replacing one of the pumps and five of the pump starters to soft starters, or variable frequency starters, that yield an increase in service and output that would realize a savings in electricity. Following further discussion, **motion** was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to replace five starters and one pump as discussed for the pumps at the WTP, purchase not to exceed \$120,000, and to authorize the purchase of the equipment from the lowest and best responsive, responsible bidder, Wascon, Inc. Ayes: All. Motion carried.


OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Simpson to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 8:00 pm.


Herbert S. Williams, Mayor


Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk
