

The Franklin City Commission convened in **regular session** at 6:00 pm, Monday, **October 12, 2009**, in the Simpson County School Board meeting room, 430 S. College Street, Franklin, Kentucky. Member attendance as follows:

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| 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 in attendance were City Manager, Jim Brown; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner and several members of the public. F-S student Bobby Uhls was present to video tape the meeting. Members of the media, Keith Pyles from Franklin Favorite/WFKN and Jenna Mink from the Daily News, were present

Honorable Mayor Herbert S. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 September 28, 2009 regular Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

Mr. Guy Prall, 807 Valleyview Dr, addressed the Commission regarding the proposed Recreation Commission and tax and his objections. Mr. Prall addressed several points in the original ordinance that he saw a problem with, but stressed his open mindedness regarding the altered legislation. First reading of an amended ordinance on this subject is planned for later in this meeting.

Ms. Carey Bowen, 305 Timberlane Drive and a member of the Franklin Simpson Community Arts Council addressed the Commission to voice her displeasure and opposition regarding the proposed Recreation Fee ordinance.

Danny Delk, representing the Franklin Country Club, expressed their concerns with the proposed ordinance and how it would affect activities of the local Club and impact member costs. Mr. Delk said his organization was neutral regarding the ordinance until they had a chance to review the revised ordinance.

REGULAR BUSINESS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Mayor Williams proposed Leon Page to serve on the Electric Plant Board; **motion** was made by Mayor Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell to appoint Leon Page to the

Electric Plant Board, with this term to expire on September 6, 2012. Aye: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES

No business

PUBLIC SAFETY

No business

COMMUNITY SERVICES

No business

UTILITIES

No business

ORDINANCES

- **First Reading of an Amended Ordinance 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 creating a Franklin Recreational Commission (FRC) and levying fees on all recreational business. A similar ordinance was given first reading at the September 28 Commission meeting, but after input from various parties, the City Attorney prepared this amendment which can be viewed in its entirety at City Hall, 117 W Cedar Street.

At this time, Commissioner Stone suggested, and Mayor Williams opened the floor to any questions regarding the revised ordinance. City Attorney Crabtree and City Manager Brown attempted to respond to all concerns and questions from the meeting attendees, again noting the ordinance results from a request by a perspective business locating within the City. During discussion each member of the Commission pledged that should this ordinance be adopted and the need for the legislation does not come to fruition, the ordinance would be repealed and not implemented; and conversely, if the need for the ordinance remains, the ordinance would be revisited to implement further improvements. Following additional discussion, the Mayor and Commissioners expressed their appreciation to all those who attended the meeting and gave input regarding this concern; such positive participation is very helpful to Commission members when an issue is introduced.

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 7:10 pm. Entering executive session were Mayor Williams and the four Commissioners, City Attorney Crabtree, and City Manager Brown.

At 7:50 pm, City Attorney Crabtree exited the executive session.

At 8:00 pm, City Attorney Crabtree re-entered the executive session.

At 8:05 pm, those in executive session entered the open meeting room and **motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to close the executive session and return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Brown requested closing portions of the public square for the annual Trunk or Treat event sponsored by the Franklin Methodist Church. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stone to close on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 4:00 pm until 10:00 pm portions of College Street, from W Kentucky Avenue to Cedar Street, and W Kentucky Avenue, from Main Street to College Street, for Trunk or Treat activities. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Church personnel will notify businesses affected by the closings.

City Manager Brown discussed ongoing projects throughout the City.

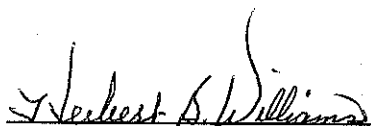
- The Commission previously authorized the purchase of equipment to upgrade the pumps at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), and quotes were received for pumps at the facility; the negotiated total is approximately \$3,500 less than estimated. Once all the updated pump and starters are installed, the City WTP is expected to realize a savings in energy costs.
- Repairs to the #2 Aeration Basin at the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) are being completed and include welding and bracing.
- Regarding the public cable channels broadcast by Comcast, many people are complaining about not being able to access WBKO and WKYU Channels in their basic service. Citizens who presently have basic service can obtain a free digital box that will allow them to access the HD channels. The equipment can be requested from the Comcast office located south of town.

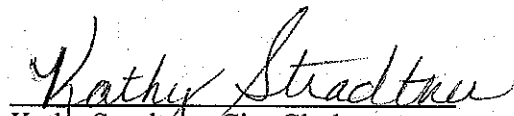
OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Simpson to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 8:14 pm.


Herbert S. Williams, Mayor


Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk