

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
OF THE
CITY OF FRANKLIN
CITY COMMISSION**

January 9, 2017

**City Hall
117 West Cedar Street
Franklin, Kentucky**

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in **Regular Session** at 12:00 PM, Monday, **January 9, 2017**, in the City Hall meeting room, 117 West Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky.

Members attending were as follows:

Mayor Ronnie Clark	Present
Commissioner Mason Barnes	Present
Commissioner Larry Dixon	Present
Commissioner Jamie Powell	Present
Commissioner Wendell Stewart	Present

Others present included City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; City Personnel Director/Deputy Clerk, Rita Vaughn; City Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell; City Police Chief, Roger Solomon; City Public Works Director, Chris Klotter; City Clerk, Cathy Dillard; F-S Human Rights Commission member, Donzella Lee; and, Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles.

Honorable Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM, and Brian Staron, Youth and Family Minister of the Franklin Church of Christ offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Clark asked the Commission to review minutes of the December 12, 2016 Regular session and asked for a motion to approve.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes as presented of the December 12, 2016, regularly scheduled City Commission meeting. Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Clark recognized two former City employees who had recently passed away. Leroy Anderson died on December 31, 2016. Mr. Anderson retired from the City after over 10 years of service. Robert "Butch" Forshee died on December 16, 2016, he retired from the

City after over 22 years of service. Mayor Clark and the City Commission expressed condolences for the families of these two former City employees.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

None

COMMUNITY SERVICES

None

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Manager Kenton Powell presented a motion to increase the compensation of the Franklin-Simpson Code Enforcement Board members from \$50.00 to \$100.00 per meeting attended. Mayor Clark recommended an increase from \$50.00 to \$125.00 per meeting attended. The Mayor indicated that the new Code Enforcement Ordinance passed in October, 2016 placed increased responsibilities on these Board members and they should be compensated accordingly.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell seconded by Commissioner Stewart to increase the Franklin-Simpson Code Enforcement Board members compensation from \$50.00 to \$125.00 per meeting attended. Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell updated the Commission regarding renovations to the Customer Service/Finance Department areas at City Hall. In the summer of 2016, deteriorated floor joists were replaced in the Finance Department. This work was completed in two phases. During the New Year's holiday, the Customer Service area was renovated to improve efficiency and provide storage space. This work was completed over a long weekend when City Hall was closed so there were no disruptions in services.

City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell provided an update to the Commission regarding payroll changes that became effective January 1, 2017. One of these changes is that all local governments must begin withholding FICA and Medicare taxes from employee contributions to CERS pursuant to the IRS and Federal Court Ruling. Employees will see a reduction in net income due to the additional tax withholdings.

Also effective January 1, 2017, City employees that wear uniforms that are considered by the IRS to be "adaptable street wear" will pay Federal, State and Local taxes on the value of this fringe benefit. Employees affected by this change will see a reduction in net income.

Commissioner Barnes asked the Commission to consider an increase in wages effective January 1, 2017, to offset the additional taxes for City employees affected by the tax on uniforms. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Powell to increase wages for City employees affected by this change to an amount to offset the increase in wages or, alternatively, to increase wages in an equal amount

to all affected employees to offset the additional tax implications. Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell provided an update regarding the implementation of new software for the City Finance Department. The full migration of this software is scheduled in four phases with phase one projected to be complete in March 2017 and the fourth and final phase in March 2018.

PUBLIC SERVICES

No Scheduled Business

PUBLIC SAFETY

No Scheduled Business

UTILITIES

No Scheduled Business

ORDINANCES

City Clerk Cathy Dillard gave second reading of Ordinance No. 2016-016 entitled *An Ordinance Amending Franklin's "Gross Receipts License Fee" and "License Fee for Employees" Ordinances Under Ordinance 220.7-5-90, et seq, of the City of Franklin Code of Ordinances.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-016. Roll Call vote as follows: Mayor Ronnie Clark Aye; Commissioner Barnes Aye; Commissioner Stewart Aye; Commissioner Powell Aye; and, Commissioner Dixon Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Clark asked that first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-001 be postponed until additional information was provided regarding the Kentucky Business Investment program grant for Industrial Automation, LLC.

At this time Mayor Clark asked the Commission to review and authorize the execution of a letter to the Kentucky Department of Economic Development in support of Stark Truss Company's Kentucky Business Investment (KBI) application.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter of support for Stark Truss Company's KBI application. Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Cathy Dillard gave first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-002 entitled *Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2016-012 Entitled "Property Maintenance Code Enforcement" Regarding Compensation of Members of the Board*. This Ordinance will become effective after second reading and publication, however, the Commission approved the increase in compensation in this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:33 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to enter into 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)}, and to discuss business between a public agency a representative of a business entity concerning a specific proposal, where open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business {KRS 61.810(g)}. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Entering Executive Session were Mayor Clark; Commissioners Powell, Barnes, Dixon and Stewart; City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; and Chief of Police Roger Solomon.

Police Chief Roger Solomon exited Executive Session at 12:45 PM.

Public Works Director Chris Klotter, Community Development Director Tammie Carey, and City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell entered Executive Session at 12:45 PM.

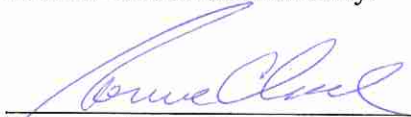
At 1:43 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to exit Executive Session and return to open session. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to promote Lieutenant Kelly Mayfield to the position of Captain, and to promote Sergeant Debbie Belcher to the rank of Lieutenant. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:44 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to adjourn the regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.



Ronnie Clark, Mayor
City of Franklin, Kentucky



Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
City of Franklin, Kentucky