

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

January 13, 2020

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **January 13, 2020**, in the City Hall meeting room located at 117 West Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky.

Members attending were as follows:

Mayor Larry Dixon	Present
Commissioner Jamie Powell	Present
Commissioner Herbert Williams	Present
Commissioner Brownie Bennett	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; Public Works Superintendent Chris Klotter; City Clerk, Cathy Dillard; Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Jodi Camp; City Public Works Scheduler Steve Akin; Tax Collector/ABC Administrator Daniel Reetzke; F-S Fire & Rescue Chief Leslie Goodrum and Nelson Slaughter; and, John Estes.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon and Commissioner Williams offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the minutes as presented of the December 9, 2019, regular meeting and of the December 17, 2019, special called meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

John Estes addressed the Commission regarding the “importance of public commentary and participation.” Commissioner Bennett asked that the record reflect that Mr. Estes was on the agenda under Hear the Public on November 25, 2019, and chose not to speak at that time.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Franklin-Simpson Fire & Rescue Chief Leslie Goodrum offered an update on the Department and thanked the Commission for their financial support in purchasing the new fire truck. The new truck replaces a 1999 model truck. In addition, Goodrum provided a handout with statistical and comparison data for fire runs in the City and County and reported that the departments nine members were now certified in swift-water rescue training.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider sponsoring a proposed Ordinance to rezone a five acre parcel of land on Bowling Green Road from agriculture to heavy industry. Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning recommended the zone change subject to the Commissioners approval.

Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Williams asked to sponsor the proposed ordinance with first summary reading of the ordinance taking place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

Public Works Scheduler Steve Akin presented the Commission with comparative costs for code enforcement mowing charges for 2018 and 2019 along with a breakdown by sector of the costs. A significant drop in mowing charges for 2019 was recognized due to more efficient use of manpower and equipment and also property owners increased responsibility for maintenance of their property.

No action was taken by the Commission on this matter.

City Clerk Cathy Dillard presented the Commission with code fines for mowing and demolition costs of condemned structures. The City of Franklin observes a compliance-based code enforcement program, however, when costs incurred remain unpaid by the property owner a lien is filed on the property.

No action was taken by the Commission on this matter.

City of Franklin Tax Collector Daniel Reetzke provided the Commission with an update and review of the City’s Abandon Urban Property (“AUP”) designation process. Criteria for the designation is reviewed by the Tax Collector with an inspection of the property by the Code Enforcement Officer. After the AUP designation is determined a property owner may appeal the designation to the Franklin-Simpson Code Enforcement Board. The result of an AUP designation is an increase in property taxes.

Reetzke noted a decrease in AUP designations since this designation programs was implemented.

No action was taken by the Commission on this matter.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked to move the proposed 2020 Commission meeting dates calendar to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

UTILITIES

City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell asked the Commission to approve the bid for the purchase of a 2020 Ford F-350 regular cab 4x4 service truck for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. One bid was received from Hunt Ford and the State bid price was presented as follows:

Hunt Ford	\$31,024.00
Paul Miller Ford	\$32,237.00 (State bid price)

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to award the purchase of the 2020 Ford F-350 Regular Cab 4x4 to Hunt Ford and to further authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary for this purchase.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided second summary reading of the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 2019-030 titled: *An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 and Ending June 30, 2020 by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations*

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve Ordinance No. 2019-030 and was approved by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Dixon	<u>Yes</u>	Commissioner Bennett	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Powell	<u>Yes</u>	Commissioner Stewart	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Williams	<u>Yes</u>		

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided first summary reading of the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 2020-001 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 5.00 Acres Immediately North of 6007 Bowling Green Road from A-1 (Agriculture) to I-2 (Heavy Industry)*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:58 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of:

- (1) LAND ACQUISITION – Deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency where publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency {KRS 61.810(1)(b)}
- (2) LITIGATION – Discussion of proposed or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(1)(c)}

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Entering Executive Session were Mayor Dixon; Commissioners Powell, Bennett, Williams and Stewart; City Manager Kenton Powell; and City Attorney Scott Crabtree.

At 1:22 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

Mayor Dixon reminded all citizens to participate in the upcoming census as an accurate count determines tax allocations and incentives for the City.

Commissioner Williams asked the City Manager to check the sound system for Commission meeting recordings that are televised, he indicated the sound quality was poor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:24 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.


 Larry Dixon, Mayor
 City of Franklin, Kentucky


 Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
 City of Franklin, Kentucky