

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

**January 14, 2019**

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **January 14, 2019**, 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; Community Development Director Tammie Carey; F-S Human Rights Commission Director, Donzella Lee; Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles; U.S. Army Sgt. Brandon Bingham; Simpson County Judge Executive Mason Barnes; FPD Sgt. Zack Duke; Michael Carder and Troy Lamastus.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and Dr. John Whitaker of the Franklin First Baptist Church offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes as presented of the December 10, 2018, and December 17, 2018, special called meetings of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITION**

Chief Roger Solomon introduced the most recently hired officers, Troy Lamastus and Michael Carder. City Attorney Scott Crabtree administered the oath of office for these incoming officers.

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City Manager Kenton Powell introduced U.S. Army Sergeant Joshua Brandon Bingham from the Bowling Green Recruiting Center. Sgt. Bingham requested to address the Commission regarding his desire for community involvement and possible recruitment in Simpson County. Sgt. Bingham commended the quality of our school system, community events and citizen involvement.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Community Development Director Tammie Carey provided an update regarding the Hoy Park Trail grant from the Kentucky Department for Local Government. The DLG awarded \$100,000.00 in grant funding for this project. Proposed developments include a walking trail, parking area, benches, trash cans and signage with historical information. Development is anticipated to begin in late spring or early summer.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked for two sponsors for an ordinance authorizing the closure of a public way on Hildegard Avenue. This portion of Hildegard Avenue was platted several years ago but was never developed. The adjoining property owner, Donald Gore, has maintained the property as a portion of his lawn and requested the City transfer the undeveloped public way to him.

Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Bennett agreed to sponsor the ordinance, first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-001 took place later in this meeting.

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City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider approval of local board members appointments or re-appointments which expired on December 31, 2018.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to authorize the following appointments to expire as specified below. Elected official appointments are for the term of office and other member appointments are for the terms indicated in the organizations bylaws.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Board or Office</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Mayor Pro Tem	Wendell Stewart	12-31-2020
Boys and Girls Club	Herbert Williams	12-31-2020
Electric Plant Board	Jamie Powell	12-31-2020
F-S Ambulance Board	Jennifer Delk	12-31-2020

<u>Board or Office</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
F-S Industrial Authority	Wendell Stewart	12-31-2020
F-S Parks Board	Herbert Williams	12-31-2020
F-S Parks Board	Lisa Bashant	12-31-2019
F-S Parks Board	Debbie Hudson	12-31-2022
F-S Parks Board	Tim Crocker	12-31-2022
F-S Renaissance	Brownie Bennett	12-31-2020
Housing Authority of Franklin	Larry Dixon	12-31-2022
Housing Authority of Franklin	Dick Timmerman	12-31-2022
F-S Code Enforcement Board	Peggy Cosby	12-31-2021

Commissioner Williams asked for clarification of his appointment to the F-S Parks Board. Commissioner Williams will be the City elected official representative on the F-S Parks Board and Lisa Bashant was appointed to fill his existing unexpired term on the Board.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider approval of a date and time for a special called joint City/County meeting. The proposed date and time is Thursday, January 31, 2019, at 12:00 Noon at Franklin City Hall.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve a special called joint City/County meeting on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at 12:00 Noon to be held at Franklin City Hall.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider approving the extension of the City’s Independent Contractor Agreement with Carter Munday. This extension will allow Mr. Munday to continue in his role as temporary office manager for Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning and will further allow ample time for the City and County to examine the future needs of the planning and zoning office.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the extension of the City’s Independent Contractor Agreement with Carter Munday beginning January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019, and to further authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell reviewed upcoming training opportunities for incoming elected officials and employees as follows:

- January 16 – City Department Tours
- January 23-25 – Kentucky League of Cities Newly Elected Officials Academy
- January 28 – City Budget Preparation / Presentation and Explanation
- February 13 – City Day / City Night
- February 20-21 – Kentucky Rural Water Association Management Conference
- February 25 – Kentucky League of Cities Ethics Training

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider adopting Resolution No. A-2019 authorizing the appointment of Robert Palmer, Director of the Simpson County Office of Emergency Management, as the Application Agent for FEMA/Emergency Management for the City of Franklin.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart and was unanimously approved to adopt City of Franklin Resolution No. A-2019 to appoint Robert Palmer as the Application Agent for the City of Franklin for FEMA/Emergency Management disaster assistant programs and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Appointment of Local Emergency Management Director required by the State.

**CITY OF FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY**

**RESOLUTION NO. A-2019**

*BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commission of the City of Franklin, Kentucky that Robert Palmer, Director of the Simpson County Office of Emergency Management, is hereby authorized to execute for and on behalf of the City of Franklin, Kentucky, a public entity established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, this application and to file it in the appropriate State office for the purpose of obtaining certain Federal financial assistance under the Disaster Relief Act (Public Law 288, 93rd Congress) or otherwise available from the President's Disaster Relief Fund.*

*THAT the City of Franklin, Kentucky, a public entity established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky hereby authorizes its agent to provide to the State and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for all matters pertaining to such Federal disaster assistance the assurances and agreements as indicated in the attachment to this Resolution.*

*RESOLVED and approved the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.*

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City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell asked the Commission to approve adding Mayor Larry Dixon as an authorized signer to all of the City of Franklin bank accounts, except the Police Department Drug Fund and the Police Department Evidence Account, and to further authorize removing Ronnie Clark as an authorized signer from these same accounts.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to authorize adding Mayor Larry Dixon as an authorized signer to all of the City of Franklin bank accounts at all banks where the City has an open account, except the Police Department Drug Fund and the Police Department Evidence Account, and to further authorize removing Ronnie Clark as an authorized signer from these same accounts.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Chief Roger Solomon provided the Commission with an update regarding an upcoming traffic enforcement detail known as “Operation Slow Down Franklin” and played the video by Lt. Dale Adams, the City’s Public Information Officer. The latest enforcement detail is designed to encourage drivers to observe the posted speed limit and practice overall safe driving habits.

**ORDINANCES**

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided first summary reading of Ordinance No. 2019-001 entitled: *An Ordinance To Close The Public Way Known As The 0.072 Acre Tract Of Land Being The Westernmost Portion Of Hildegard Avenue That Has Not Been Paved Or Surfaced, Located Near The Southwest Corner Of The Area Known As Seng Subdivision, Just West Of The Intersection Of Hildegard Avenue And Western Drive*

No action is taken on first reading of an ordinance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 12:55 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to enter into Executive Session for the purpose 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)}; (3) Personnel – Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810(1)(f)}; and, (4) Business – Discussions 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(1)(g)}.

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 2:03 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS**

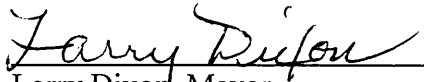
Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to authorize the Mayor to sign the contracts for the newly hired police officers.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.


**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:04 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