

The Franklin City Commission met in regular session at 6:00 pm, Monday, January 10th, 2011, in the Simpson County School Board meeting room, 430 S. College Street, Franklin, Kentucky. Member attendance as follows:

Mayor Ronnie Clark	Present and in the chair presiding
Commissioner Jamie Powell	Present
Commissioner Larry Dixon	Present
Commissioner Mason Barnes	Present
Commissioner Henry Stone	Present

Others present included Finance Director/Interim City Manager, Cendy Dodd; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; Police Chief, Todd Holder; Deputy City Clerk/Personnel Director, Rita Vaughn; Kenton Powell; Jessicæ Barnes; and Mr. & Mrs. George Wiessinger. Meeting Videographer, F-S School employee Allie Meador; and Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative; Keith Pyles were also present.

Honorable Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and requested a moment of silent prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Powell and seconded by Commissioner Henry Stone, to approve the minutes from the December 13th, 2010 regular Commission meeting; and special called meeting held on December 21st, 2010. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Granting Easement to TVA**

TVA is installing a new electrical supply transmission line from the existing transmission line that crosses HWY 1008 west of Drakes Creek to the Sanders East Industrial Park. The purpose of the line is to supply WRECC's new sub-station being built. City Attorney Scott Crabtree and Interim City Manager Cendy Dodd have reviewed the proposal and are not aware of any issues with granting the easement. Motion was made by Commissioner Mason Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Larry Dixon to grant the easement to TVA and to authorize the Mayor to sign any needed documents. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Mason Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Henry Stone to accept Mayor Clark's recommendation to appointment Commissioner Jamie Powell as Mayor Pro Tem. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Powell and seconded by Commissioner Mason Barnes to approve the following board appointments. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Mayor Ronnie Clark	Industrial Development Authority	4 Years	12-31-2014
Henry Stone	Industrial Development Authority	2 Years	12-31-2012
Mason Barnes	Electric Plant Board	2 Years	12-31-2012
Jamie Powell	Parks & Recreation Board	2 Years	12-31-2012
Deb Hudson	Parks & Recreation Board	4 Years	12-31-2014
Tim Crocker	Parks & Recreation Board	4 Years	12-31-2014
Carey Bowen	Property Maintenance Board	3 Years	12-31-2013
Carey Bowen	Housing Authority Board	4 Years	12-31-2014
Larry Dixon	Housing Authority Board	2 Years	12-31-2006 ¹²
Mason Barnes	Boys & Girls Club		

• **Discussion Regarding Beautification and Code Enforcement Activities**

City Attorney Scott Crabtree explained to the new Commissioners how the Code Enforcement process works. It was explained that Officer Kelly Mayfield is the Code Enforcement Officer, along with his duties as a Patrol Officer. Code Enforcement fines and citations are administered by the Code Board at Code Board hearings when necessary. Violators may appeal the decisions of the Code Board through District Court. The City Commission is not required to get involved in this process. The Commission was provided a list of Code Enforcement activity for the period of July – December 2010. Much emphasis was on the condition of the building owned by the Subers, which is located at the corner of Kentucky and Main Streets. Mayor Clark also wanted to ask the public to be more conscience of maintaining their property and keeping the City looking beautiful.

• **Update on Fiber Optic Project**

Interim City Manager Cendy Dodd gave an update on the Fiber Optic Project. We are still attempting to get 9 of the 109 easements needed for this project. The project is still on schedule to be provided at the East Industrial Park by July 1, 2011. Commissioner Stone inquired about grant funding for the project and it was explained that the City cannot request the grant funds until all items to be covered by the grant have been completed.

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Street Light Proposal from Franklin Electric Plant Board**

One step associated with the fiber optic project has been to work with Warren RECC and the Franklin Electric Plant Board to identify utility poles that do not have space available for the fiber line or that need to be replaced. In November, the Commission gave approval for Warren RECC to begin the "make ready" process for the fiber route that runs from the old PIC property to the East Industrial Park. This will allow the fiber to be constructed and service provided to Tractor Supply Company.

Cendy Dodd and Tammie Carey have been working with John Law at the Franklin Electric Plant Board to identify the poles that need work done on them prior to the fiber line being constructed. Many of the poles that have been identified have old street lights on them. The arm and support bracket take up several inches on the poles. It has been suggested that 47 of the streetlights be replaced with new lights that are closer to the pole and would not require the room for support brackets.

John Law has put together a proposal for the replacement of 47 streetlights, which is included. Without changing out the street lights, there may not be enough room on the poles for fiber to be attached to them. This is the simplest and most cost effective way to get these 47 poles in compliance and ready for the fiber attachment. The Electric Plant Board has agreed to absorb the cost of the labor to install the fixtures. If the City Commission approves to pay the net cost of the fixtures at \$7,639, the cost will be added to the existing street lighting account. This will be an increase of \$70 billed per month. Motion was made by Commissioner Henry Stone and seconded by Commissioner Larry Dixon to approve the replacement of street lights by the Franklin Electric Plant Board, and either pay the net cost of \$7,639 in a lump sum if allowed, or to add the \$70 to the monthly bill until the balance is paid in full. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Percent-Based Contributions to Retirement Plan**

The City of Franklin offers a P457 retirement plan (similar to a 401K plan) for all City of Franklin employees to voluntarily participate in if they want to supplement their retirement. Currently the plan only allows for a fixed amount to be contributed to the plan. Nationwide, the City's plan administrator, is now offering to make available percent-based contributions to the plan. The City would incur no costs to add this option to the current plan. Motion was made by Commissioner Larry Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Mason Barnes to authorize the Mayor to sign the document from Nationwide to add percent-based contributions to the City of Franklin's P-457 retirement plan. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES

No business

PUBLIC SAFETY

No business

COMMUNITY SERVICES

No business

UTILITIES

No business

ORDINANCES

No business

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Powell and seconded by Commissioner Larry Dixon to enter in to executive session for the purpose of discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810 (f)}; discussion of proposed, or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(c)}; and deliberations on Acquisition, or Sale, of real property, where publicity would be likely to affect the value – KRS

61.810(b). Ayes: All. Motion carried at 6:45 pm. Entering executive session were Mayor Clark and the four Commissioners, City Attorney Scott Crabtree, Interim City Manager Cendy Dodd, and City Manager Kenton Powell.

At 7:15 pm those in executive session returned to open meeting, and motion was made by Commissioner Larry Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Mason Barnes to close the executive session and return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Upon returning to open session, motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Powell and seconded by Henry Stone to terminate the employment of Jason Simmons from the Water Distribution Department effective immediately, and to hire Jared Clayton as Service Maintenance in the Water Distribution Department. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Interim City Manager Cendy Dodd informed the Commission that the Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project has been completed and inspected by Street Superintendent Derick Minnicks.

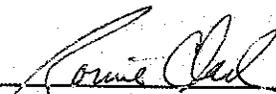
She also reminded everyone that City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 17th, 2011 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday; and of the Martin Luther King breakfast on Monday, January 17th at 8:00 a.m. at the First Methodist Church.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Powell and seconded by Commissioner Mason Barnes to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 7:24 pm.



Ronnie Clark, Mayor



Rita Vaughn, Deputy City Clerk