

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

February 8, 2021

**City Hall
117 West Cedar Street
Franklin, Kentucky
(Pursuant to Senate Bill 150)**

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, February 8, 2021, via live video/audio teleconference originating from 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 Police Chief Roger Solomon; Public Works Superintendent Chris Klotter; City Clerk Cathy Dillard; and, Community Development Director Tammie Carey.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon and Commissioner Brownie Bennett 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 January 25, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Community Development Director Tammie Carey presented the Commission with the frankLINKentucky 4th annual newsletter. This publication highlights projects and accomplishments of the previous year. It is scheduled for mailing in early March to all City of Franklin water and sewer customers. No Commission action was taken on this matter.

Community Development Director Tammie Carey asked the Commission to approve a virtual Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments from the public regarding a proposed improvement project for Wildcat Way. Grant funds in the amount of \$96,000.00 were awarded for the construction of a new sidewalk on the north side of Wildcat Way, a crosswalk on South Main Street and a small refuge island in the center of South Main Street. Program funds were provided through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Office of Local Programs for TAP (Transportation Alternative Program).

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the Public Hearing scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. to receive comments from the public regarding a proposed improvement project for Wildcat Way.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Assistant Finance Director/ABC and Tax Administrator Daniel Reetzke provided the Commission with an update regarding past due utility accounts with Franklin Municipal Utilities. Due to Covid-19 restrictions Franklin Municipal Utilities past due balances reached an all-time high in December of \$336,580.18.

In November a plan was approved to set up payment agreements for customers with a past due balances, then in January to re-implement water cutoff for non-payment with waivers for reconnect fees, and then beginning in February no waiver of cutoff fees and penalties. There were 603 accounts set up on payment agreements and past due accounts are now approximately \$290,000.00. Almost \$44,000.00 in past due accounts have been collected since November.

Reetzke commended Franklin Municipal Utilities staff for their collaboration with Water Distribution staff and Scheduling staff to coordinate disconnection and reconnection of water accounts.

No action was taken by the Commission regarding this matter.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission for two sponsors for the proposed ordinance rezoning 301 South Main Street owned by Heartland Sign Solutions, Inc. from R-3 (Single Family through Multi-Family Residential) to B-2 (General Business). Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Williams asked to sponsor the proposed ordinance.

First reading of the proposed ordinance took place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission for two sponsors for the proposed ordinance rezoning 401 South Railroad Street owned by Whitetail Properties, LLC from I-2 (Light Industrial) to R-2 (Single Family and Two-Family Residential). Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Williams asked to sponsor the proposed ordinance.

First reading of the proposed ordinance took place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission for two sponsors for the proposed ordinance rezoning 412 South Railroad Street owned by Whitetail Properties, LLC from I-2 (Light Industrial) to R-2 (Single Family and Two-Family Residential). Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Williams asked to sponsor the proposed ordinance.

First reading of the proposed ordinance took place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission for two sponsors for the proposed ordinance authorizing the RKW North America, Inc. Kentucky Business Investment (KBI) Program whereby the City agrees to forego the collection of the one percent (1%) City of Franklin Occupational License Fee on wages for project employees for a ten (10 year term. Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Bennett asked to sponsor the proposed ordinance.

First reading of the proposed ordinance took place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider approval and adoption of Police Policies and Procedures Section 2 – Operations, Chapter 45 titled “Pepperball Rifles”.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve and adopt Section 2 – Operations, Chapter 45 titled “Pepperball Rifles” of the Franklin Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 2021-002 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning a Corner Lot Located at 301 South Main Street from R-3 (Single Family through Multi-Family Residential) to B-2 (General Business) by Heartland Sign Solutions, Inc.*

Ordinance No. 2021-003 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning 0.337 Acres Located at 401 South Railroad Street from I-1 (Light Industrial) to R-2 (Single Family and Two-Family Residential District) by Whitetail Properties, LLC*

Ordinance No. 2021-004 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning 0.337 Acres Located at 412 South Railroad Street from I-1 (Light Industrial) to R-2 (Single Family and Two-Family Residential District) by Whitetail Properties, LLC*

Ordinance No. 2021-005 titled: *An Ordinance Of The Board Of Commissioners Of The City Of Franklin, Kentucky, Authorizing The Grant Of An Inducement For The Acquisition And Construction Of A Project Pursuant To The Kentucky Business Investment Program (KRS 154.32-010 To 154.32-100) Whereby The City Agrees To Forego The Collection Of The One Percent (1%) City Occupational License Fee on Wages from RKW North America, Inc. That Would Otherwise Be Due With Respect To Project Employees, Which Amounts Shall Be Collected And Remitted To The City To Be Refunded Upon Employer's Request Over A Term Of Not Longer Than Ten (10) Years From The Activation Date Established By Said Program; And Taking Other Related Action*

No action is taken on first reading of an ordinance

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:35 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: PERSONNEL – Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810(1)(f)}

Voting Aye by Roll Call: 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 1:08 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to exit Executive Session and return to open session.


Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:09 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: All. Motion carried unanimously.


Larry Dixon, Mayor
City of Franklin, Kentucky


Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
City of Franklin, Kentucky