

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

February 11, 2019

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **February 11, 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 Director Chris Klotter; City Clerk, Cathy Dillard; F-S Human Rights Commission Director, Donzella Lee; Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles; Amy Ellis, Director of F-S Renaissance; Amy Scott, Barren River Area Development District; Maria Martinez; Roberto Martinez; Mandy Salza; Robert Salza; Brandon Trodglan; Charles Wood; Ashlyn Johnson; Janna Deweese; Brent Deweese; and, Trent Coffee, WWTP Superintendent.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and Commissioner Jamie Powell offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes as presented of the January 28, 2019, regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minutes as presented of the minutes of the January 31, 2019, special called joint City\County meeting.

Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION

Police Chief Roger Solomon introduced two new officers of the Franklin Police Department, Jenna Salza and Sergio Fuentes. City Attorney Scott Crabtree administered the oath of office for the incoming Police Officers.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Development Director Tammie Carey asked the Commission to review and offer any comments or feedback regarding the second edition of the frankLINKentucky newsletter. Mrs. Carey anticipates mailing the newsletter in approximately ten days.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Simpson County Judge Executive Mason Barnes addressed the Commission regarding the ongoing funding issue for 911 services to the residents of Franklin and Simpson County. Last year the funding of Franklin and Simpson County 911 services was brought to the forefront by Simpson County Fiscal Court. A deficit had occurred due to declining revenue generated from a service fee on landline telephone services.

Judge Barnes recognizes that the landline telephone fee funding option is not optimal today and would like to explore proposing a fee on water meters to fund 911 services. In exploring this option he asked the City Commission to consider approval of waiving any administrative fees associated with the collection and distribution of the 911 fees on Franklin Municipal Utility billings.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve waiving any administrative fees by the City of Franklin on Franklin Municipal Utility billings for the collection and distribution of 911 fees.

Voting Aye: Mayor Dixon and Commissioners Powell, Stewart and Bennett.

Commissioner Williams abstained from voting. Commissioner Williams indicated that he needed more information regarding the current funding issues.

Motion carried with four affirmative votes and one abstention.

City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell asked the Commission to consider an amendment of the current processing procedures for retiree benefits. Currently, retired City employees who are not under the County Employee Retirement System are issued a check each month for their retirement benefit and health insurance benefits. Mrs. Cornwell is proposing these recipients receive these payments via direct deposit.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to amend the current processing procedures for retirement benefit recipients to require direct deposit of all benefit payments and to further authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary to implement this direct deposit procedure.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Tax Administrator Daniel Reetzke advised the Commission that he would begin identifying rental property owners who are required to purchase a business license pursuant to the City's occupational tax ordinance. A business license is required for anyone who owns, controls or rents three or more units of residential rental property and/or one commercial property. Mr. Reetzke provided a sample letter for the Commission to review and to advise them that enforcement efforts would begin soon.

No action was required on this matter.

City Clerk Cathy Dillard asked the Commission to review and approve a Memo of Understanding with GovDeal, Inc. and to approve a pricing option for services. GovDeals is an online auction service that provides government entities a means for disposal of surplus property.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the Memo of Understanding with GovDeals, Inc.; to approve the "B4" pricing option whereby the Buyer pays the full 12.5% and the Seller elects to receive funds via direct deposit; and, further authorized the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary for this service.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider sponsorship of an ordinance to close a public way known as Bart Street and to transfer the undeveloped street to Johnny Jarman and wife, Rachel Jarman, as the platted street abuts their property. Bart Street is a 0.090 acre tract of land off the northwest side of Edgewood Drive north of Akin Avenue. It is a platted street which was never developed.

Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Stewart agreed to sponsor the proposed Ordinance No. 2019-003 to close the public way known as Bart Street and transfer the property to Johnny and Rachel Jarman.

UTILITIES

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Trent Coffee asked to Commission to authorize the Mayor to sign the City of Franklin's application permit for wastewater discharge. This

permit must be renewed every five (5) years to allow the Wastewater Treatment Plant to discharge treated water back into Drakes Creek.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to authorize the Mayor to sign the City of Franklin renewal application for wastewater discharge for the Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Discharge Permit.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Trent Coffee asked to Commission to authorize the Mayor to sign two (2) one-year contracts with Hydro Analytical for sampling and analysis of storm water and wastewater.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to authorize the Mayor to sign two (2) one-year contracts with Hydro Analytical for sampling and analysis services for storm water and wastewater.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided second summary reading of Ordinance No. 2019-002 entitled *An Ordinance To Close The Public Way Known As The 0.24 Acre Tract Of Land On West Madison Street, Being A 20-Foot Wide Public Alley Which Runs Between Tract I and Tract II Of The Property Conveyed To The City Of Franklin In Commissioner's Deed Book 17, Page 171, Simpson County Clerk's Office.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve Ordinance No. 2019-002 and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:	Mayor Dixon	<u>Aye</u>
	Commissioner Powell	<u>Aye</u>
	Commissioner Williams	<u>Aye</u>
	Commissioner Bennett	<u>Aye</u>
	Commissioner Stewart	<u>Aye</u>

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided first summary reading of Ordinance No. 2019-003 entitled *An Ordinance To Close The Public Way Known As The 0.090 Acre Tract Of Land Off The Northwest Side Of Edgewood Drive Approximately 412 Feet North Of Akin Avenue At 208 Edgewood Drive Known As Bart Street*

No action is taken on first reading of an ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:45 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams 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)}; and,
- (3) 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; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; Amy Ellis, Executive Director of F-S Renaissance.

Amy Ellis exited Executive Session at 1:20 PM.

At 2:10 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

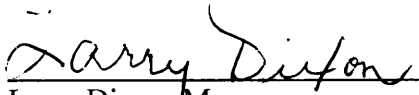
OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

City Manager Kenton Powell stated that debris cleanup continues at the West Madison Street property and the visible debris would increase as the warehouse building is emptied. He indicated that it would get worse before it gets better but that clean up would soon be complete.

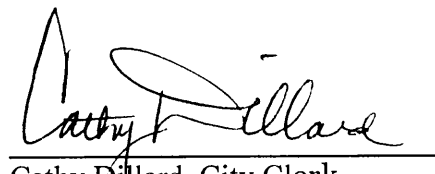
ADJOURNMENT

At 2:21 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