

The Franklin City Commission convened in **regular session** at 6:00 pm, Monday, **February 8, 2010**, in the Simpson County School Board meeting room, 430 S. College Street, Franklin, Kentucky. Member attendance as follows:

Mayor Herbert S. Williams	Present and in the chair presiding
Commissioner Jamie Powell	Present
Commissioner Mike Simpson	Present
Commissioner Wendell Stewart	Present
Commissioner Henry Stone	Present

Also present were City Manager, Jim Brown; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; Police Chief, Todd Holder and several members of the Police Department; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; and several members of the public. F-S student Bobby Uhls was present to video tape the meeting. A member of the media, Keith Pyles, from Franklin Favorite/WFKN was present.

Honorable Mayor Herbert S. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm, and Commissioner Henry Stone offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2010 regular Commission meeting and February 5, 2010 special called meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

- **Greg and Penny May, 309 Franklin Avenue Regarding Basketball Goals in Streets**
- **Anthony and Julie Bushong, 306 Franklin Avenue Regarding Basketball Goals in Streets**

Mr. Greg May and Mr. Anthony Bushong each addressed the Commission regarding the subject of basketball goals placed near a public street and children playing in the street. Mr. May and Mr. Bushong live on Franklin Avenue and regret if their children's play disturbed any neighbors, but do not see a safety issue on Franklin Avenue, a residential street that does not receive a large amount of vehicle traffic. During full discussion, Mr. Bushong reported the basketball goal that brought up the subject at a previous Commission meeting has since been removed from the street. Further discussions included comments from Mr. Alvin Meador of Franklin Avenue, Mr. George Weissinger of 305 Franklin Avenue, and the City Manager; request was made to install speed limit signs and children at play signs on Franklin Avenue.

REGULAR BUSINESS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Basketball Goals in Streets**

At a previous Commission meeting it was suggested an ordinance prohibiting the placement of basketball goals or similar items in such a manner that play would be in the street be considered due to safety and nuisance concerns. After due consideration and hearing all comments on this subject, the Commission felt that, at this time, there was no need to adopt such an ordinance and the manner could possibly be resolved by private citizens.

At this time, Police Chief Holder presented four new police officers who have passed all tests and eligibility requirements, and City Attorney Crabtree administered the oath of office to Officers Kevin Williams, Jonathan Johnson, Joseph Hooper, Jr., and Evan Cook.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Approval of Contract for a Consultant to Design Equipment System for Fiber Optic Project**

In a memo included in this meeting's agenda packet, Community Development Director Tammie Carey requested the Commission approve contracting with a consultant to assist with the design and creation of bid specifications for the fiber optic system equipment purchase; to date the design of the fiber network has been completed, cable ordered and attachment to the electric poles arranged. The next step is to design and create specifications for the equipment that will make the fiber optics system work. City Manager Brown further discussed this item; requests for proposals yielded two responses and final review and approval must be made by the Economic Development Authority (EDA). Following discussion, **motion** was made by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to accept the City Manager's recommendation and authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract on behalf of the City for a consultant for the fiber optics program as discussed, contract not to exceed \$20,000, and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary per this motion.. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Replacement of GPS Units**

A memo included in this meeting's agenda packet detailed that of the two GPS units the City has, one unit is broken with limited service and the other is completely out of service. The damaged unit can be repair for approximately \$600.00, but the other unit will need to be replaced at an estimate of \$6,397. All City departments' currently use the GPS units extensively including marking manholes, valves, meters, storm water structures, cemetery features, and many other items. Following further discussion, **motion** was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Simpson to accept staff's recommendation and authorize the purchase of a replacement GPS unit with total expenditure of funds not to exceed \$6,400. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES

No business

PUBLIC SAFETY

No business

COMMUNITY SERVICES

No business

UTILITIES

City Manager Brown discussed the upgrades going on at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and installation of two generators utilizing grant funds; one for the WTP facility and the second one for the pump house. After reviewing the system, staff is recommending a mechanical transfer switch at the WTP that will activate operation of the generator in the event of power failure. Original specifications called for a smaller switch, but staff has determined that for the equipment to work properly, the wiring inside the WTP should be redirected to a panel and a 2000 AMP transfer switch be installed at an estimated cost of \$7,600. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stone to take the City Manager's recommendation and

install the larger transfer switch as discussed for the WTP generator, at a cost not to exceed \$7,600. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Utility Relocation Project at Interstate 65 at Exit 6**

This agenda item was detailed in a memo included in this meeting's agenda packet; the utility relocation project had a betterment deduction of \$15,190 as a result of the Cities' decision to replace the sewer line that was displaced during the widening of Interstate 65 with a larger diameter sewer line during relocation of the utility. The City is ready to make their final request for reimbursement and close the project, and the State has requested that we deduct the final request amount (expected to be \$5,940) from the total betterment and remit the balance (expected to be \$9,250). Staff requests the Commission approve this action. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Simpson to authorize final payment on the project as discussed including betterment of \$15,190 less final charge request, and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary per this motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to enter in to executive session for the purpose of deliberations on acquisition, or sale, of real property where publicity would be likely to affect the value {KRS 61.810(b)}, discussion of proposed, or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(c)}, and discussions, or hearings, which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual {KRS 61.810(f)}. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 7:00 pm. Entering executive session were Mayor Williams and the four Commissioners, City Attorney Crabtree, and City Manager Brown.

At 7:35 pm those in executive session returned to the open meeting room, and **motion** was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to close the executive session and return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

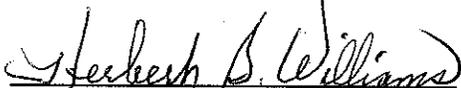
None

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 7:37 pm.


Herbert S. Williams, Mayor


Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk