The Franklin City Commission met in regular session at 6:00 pm, Monday, February 28th, 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 City Manager, Kenton Powell; Finance Director, Cendy Dodd; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; Police Chief, Todd Holder; Deputy City Clerk/Personnel Director, Rita Vaughn; meeting videographer, F-S School employee Allie Meador; and Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative; Keith Pyles. Also present were Police Major Dallas Whiles; Chad Moody, Bruce and Glenda Jones; and Bonnie Moody.

Honorable Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and Commissioner Henry Stone offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Larry Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Mason Barnes, to approve the minutes from the February 14th, 2011 regular Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

No business

REGULAR BUSINESS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

• Swearing-In of New Police Officer

Officer Chad Moody was sworn in by City Attorney Scott Crabtree. Officer Moody is scheduled to attend the Academy in Richmond on March 14th.

• Presentation of Audit for Year Ending June 30, 2010

City Finance Director Cendy Dodd presented the Annual Financial Report for Year Ended June 30, 2010 prepared by Kirby & Kirby. She reported that the City is in very good shape and received a clean opinion from the auditors, which is the best you can get. She informed the Commissioners that they would receive a bound copy of the final audit report later in the week.

• Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Cemetery

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jones were present to request a change in the Rules and Regulations for the Veterans Section of the Cemetery. On May 12, 2003, the City established by motion the Veterans Section of the Cemetery and approved the Rules and Regulations for managing the newly added section. Section III.(a) currently reads “All burials will be conducted in numerical order in rows.” Mr. and Mrs. Jones are both veterans, and requested the regulation to be changed
for couples who are both veterans, to allow a space be reserved beside the one who dies first, so they could be buried beside each other. Motion was made by Commissioner Henry Stone and seconded by Commissioner Jamie Powell to amend Section III.(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Veterans Section of the Cemetery to allow a space to be reserved for couples who are both veterans so they could be buried beside each other, and to authorize the City Manager and Derick Minnicks, to revise Section III.(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Veterans Section to reflect this change. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

• Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Suber Agreement

The Commission reviewed a Conciliatory Agreement between the City of Franklin; Ross and Teresa Suber; County of Simpson; and Franklin-Simpson Renaissance regarding the relocation of an electric pole on property owned by the Subers located at 128 North Main Street. After discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Mason Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Larry Dixon to approve the Conciliatory Agreement; to allow the City Manager to make any necessary changes; and to authorize Mayor Clark to sign the agreement. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES
No business

PUBLIC SAFETY
No business

COMMUNITY SERVICES
No business

UTILITIES
No business

ORDINANCES

• Second Reading of Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

Personnel Director/Deputy City Clerk Rita Vaughn gave second reading of Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Powell and seconded by Commissioner Mason Barnes to adopt the ordinance. Roll call vote: Powell: Yes; Dixon: Yes; Barnes: Yes; Stone: Yes; Mayor Clark Yes. Motion carried and ordinance was adopted.

• First Reading of Ordinance Amending a Previous Ordinance Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code

Personnel Director/Deputy City Clerk Rita Vaughn gave first reading of an Ordinance Amending a Previous Ordinance Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code.
• First Reading of an Ordinance Establishing an Ad Valorem Tax Rate of $1.50 Per $100.00 of Assessed Value for Abandoned Urban Property Located Within the City

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Powell and seconded by Commissioner Larry Dixon to enter into 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)}. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 6:33 pm. Entering executive session were Mayor Clark and the four Commissioners, City Attorney Scott Crabtree, and City Manager Kenton Powell; Police Chief Todd Holder and Major Dallas Whiles.

At 7:00 p.m. 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.

Following executive Session, motion was made by Commissioner Jamie Powell and seconded by Commissioner Henry stone to accept the resignation of Evan Cook and Justin Toth from the Franklin Police Department effective February 28th, 2011. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Kenton Powell reminded the Commission about the regularly scheduled joint meeting of the Franklin City Commission and the Simpson County Fiscal Court scheduled for Thursday night, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Simpson Fiscal Court meeting room.

He also reminded the Commission of the Commission tour of City facilities scheduled for Thursday, March 10th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Friday, March 11th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Clark and seconded by Commissioner Jamie Powell to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 7:10 pm.

Ronnie Clark, Mayor

Rita Vaughn, Deputy City Clerk

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