

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

March 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, **March 8, 2021**, 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 Assistant Finance Director Daniel Reetzke; Public Works Superintendent Chris Klotter; City Clerk Cathy Dillard; Community Development Director Tammie Carey; and, Amy Ellis, Simpson County Tourism Director.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and Kenton Powell, City Manager, offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the minutes as presented the February 22, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Commission; and, the minutes of the March 2, 2021, Special Called City/County Joint Meeting.

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

RECOGNITIONS

City Manager Kenton Powell recognized the City of Franklin Finance Department employees Daniel Reetzke, Assistant Finance Director; Jennifer Knight, Utility Billing Supervisor; Sandy Ferguson, Payroll Clerk and Billing Coordinator; Shania Bailey, AP Clerk/Fixed Asset Auditor; and, Cortney Travelstead and Amanda Cothorn, Customer Service Representatives. The Finance Department will welcome a new Finance Director next week and he commended the employees for their team work and commitment.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Simpson County Tourism Director Amy Ellis provided the Commission with an update regarding efforts to enhance tourism opportunities in the historic downtown region. Ellis indicated that day trips to Franklin are more prevalent due to our proximity to Nashville, Tennessee and Bowling Green, Kentucky.

In addition, Ellis indicated the tourism office located in the log cabin beside Cracker Barrel is closed and the new office would now be located in the Goodnight House. Simpson County Tourism hopes to sell the log cabin sometime in the near future.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Community Development Director Tammie Carey provided the Commission with another update regarding the frankLINKentucky Newsletter. Carey indicated the newsletters had been mailed and would be arriving in mailboxes soon.

Assistant Finance Director Daniel Reetzke asked the Commission to ratify the Mayor's signature on the rental agreement with Boyd CAT/The Rental Store for equipment used for demolition of condemned and dilapidated structures located in the City.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to ratify the Mayor's signature on the rental agreement with Boyd CAT/The Rental Store for equipment.

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

Assistant Finance Director Daniel Reetzke asked the Commission to approve property tax software with Government Utilities Technology Service, Inc. ("GUTS"). This software will allow property tax billing information to be accessible on the City's website which will significantly reduce call volume for the department. After the initial setup, a \$2,800.00 annual savings will be recognized.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to authorize entering into an agreement with Government Utilities Technology Service, Inc. (“GUTS”) as a software provider for the City of Franklin’s property tax processor and further authorized the Mayor to sign any and all documents.

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

Assistant Finance Director Daniel Reetzke asked the Commission to approve to add Carol Riggerbach as an authorized signor to all City of Franklin bank accounts including, but not limited to, the Regions credit card account.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to authorize adding Carol Riggerbach as a signor on all of the City of Franklin bank accounts. Also, to remove Shaunna Cornwell from the City of Franklin Regions credit card account as a primary contact, authorized signor and card holder and to add Carol Riggerbach as an authorized signor, card holder and primary contact person for the City of Franklin Regions credit card account.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:34 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

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 by Roll Call: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

Entering Executive Session were Mayor Dixon; Commissioners Powell, Bennett, Williams and Stewart; City Manager Kenton Powell; and City Attorney Scott Crabtree and Public Works Director Chris Klotter.

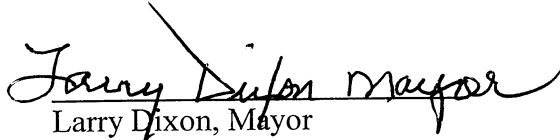
At 1:19 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to exit Executive Session and return to open session.


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

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:23 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 Vote: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.


Larry Dixon, Mayor
City of Franklin, Kentucky


Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
City of Franklin, Kentucky