

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

March 9, 2020

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **March 9, 2020**, 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 Police Chief, Roger Solomon; Public Works Superintendent Chris Klotter; City Clerk, Cathy Dillard; F-S Human Rights Commission Director, Donzella Lee; Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles; Officer Jacoby Sharklet and Detective Mike Jones, Franklin Police Department; Daniel Reetzke, Tax Collector/ABC Administrator; Trent Coffee, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent; Tammie Carey, Community Development Director; and, Heather Stevenson, Kentucky Rural Water Association

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and Steven Kirby with the Franklin Church of Christ offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes as presented of the February 24, 2020, regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION

Police Chief Roger Solomon introduced Jacoby Sharklet, Franklin Police Department's most recent graduate of the Department of Criminal Justice Training. Officer Sharklet graduated on February 27, 2020, receiving recognition for military service in the United States Marine Corps; Fit for Duty award and Squad Leader award. Officer Scharklet is now in the Field Training Program, which could last up to 12 weeks.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Development Director Tammie Carey asked the Commission to consider Monday, June 22 and Monday, September 14 as possible dates for neighborhood walks at 6:00 PM followed by a Commission meeting at 7:00 PM. Carey recommended areas in the northeast and southeast sectors for these walks.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to cancel the regularly scheduled City Commission meeting on Monday, June 22, 2020, and Monday, September 14, 2020, and approved special called City Commission meetings for both of those dates beginning at 7:00 PM. Prior to the meeting the Commission members will host a neighborhood walk with a location to be determined.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Community Development Director Tammie Carey provided the Commission members with the latest publication of the frankLINK Kentucky newsletter. The newsletter, which highlights projects and accomplishments from 2019, are scheduled for mailing this week to all Franklin Municipal Utilities customers.

A Public Hearing was held Monday, March 9, 2020, at 11:30 AM at Franklin City Hall to hear comments regarding expansion of the Downtown Historic District. Community Development Director Tammie Carey asked the Commission members to provide direction to the Historic Preservation Committee on how to proceed with the expansion proposal.

The Commission asked Carey to provide additional information regarding guidelines for residential and commercial property owners prior to moving forward with an ordinance to approve the expansion of the existing Downtown Historic District.

No action was taken on this matter at this time.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider the approval of reappointment of members to the Historic Preservation Committee and appointment of a member to the Franklin-Simpson Code Enforcement Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the appointment or re-appointment of the following Board/Committee members: Historic Preservation Committee – Debbie Johnson, Tom Moody, Jill Broderson, and Lee Ross Dinwiddie – Three (3) year term to expire on April 30, 2023; and, Franklin-Simpson Code Enforcement Board – Wanda Tuck to fill the unexpired term of Peggy Cosby to expire on December 31, 2021.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell addressed the Commission regarding the fiscal year 2020-21 Municipal Aid Cooperative Agreement between the City of Franklin and the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid, which will provide \$174,196.41 to aid the City in the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of certain roads and bridges for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. This agreement, along with the following resolution, must be approved annually to continue participation in the Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Program.

RESOLUTION NO. C - 2020

**CITY OF FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY
RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION
OF A MUNICIPAL AID CO-OP PROGRAM CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF FRANKLIN AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY,
TRANSPORTATION CABINET, DEPARTMENT OF RURAL AND MUNICIPAL AID
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2020, AS PROVIDED IN
THE KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES, AND ACCEPTING ALL STREETS
REFERRED TO THEREIN AS BEING STREETS WHICH ARE A PART
OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Franklin, Kentucky has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Franklin, Kentucky to accept the invitation from the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid to participate in a cooperative program to aid the City in the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of certain roads and bridges using its share of the Municipal Road Aid Funds apportioned to it by the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid; and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the City must enter into a Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Program Agreement in order to participate in this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Franklin, Kentucky as follows:

- 1. The Board of Commissioners of the City of Franklin, Kentucky does hereby accept all streets referred to in said contract as being city streets which are a part of the City of Franklin; and*
- 2. The Board of Commissioners of the City of Franklin does hereby ratify and adopt all statements, representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements contained in said contract and does hereby accept said contract and by such acceptance agrees to all the terms and conditions therein stated; and*
- 3. The Chief Executive Officer (Mayor) of the City of Franklin is hereby authorized and directed to sign said contract as set forth on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Franklin, and the City Clerk of Franklin, Kentucky is hereby authorized and directed to certify thereto.*
- 4. This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Franklin at a meeting held on March 9, 2020.*

The required public hearing regarding the use of these funds was held on March 9, 2020, at 11:45 AM.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Municipal Road Aid Cooperative Program Agreement for Fiscal year 2020-2021 and to adopt Resolution No. C-2020, and authorize the Mayor to sign any documents necessary to effectuate this motion.

Voting Aye: All present. Motion carried unanimously.

Daniel Reetzke, Tax Collector/ABC Administrator, asked the Commission to approve a lockbox account agreement with Limestone Bank. Commissioner Bennett asked Reetzke to describe the benefits of a lockbox account and how it would benefit the City to have this type of account.

Reetzke said the account would be utilized for the collection of insurance premium tax payments. Limestone Bank would receive all payments and filing documents for these taxes and would provide the City electronic access to all files through their internet banking service. Monies collected would be direct deposited to the City's account. This type of service is recommended by auditors as it eliminates employee handling of payments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve entering into a two year agreement with Limestone Bank for the collection of the insurance premium tax through a designated lockbox account and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents relating to the establishment of this account.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to sponsor a proposed ordinance rezoning a 2.81 acre parcel of land located on Trotters Lane from B-5 (Business) to I-2 (Industrial).

Commissioner Powell and Commission Williams asked to sponsor this ordinance. First reading of the ordinance took place during the ordinance portion of the meeting

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Chief Roger Solomon asked the Commission to consider encumbering funds in the approximate amount of \$98,000.00 to purchase three new police cruisers in fiscal year 2021. This will allow the department to order new cruisers prior to the current fiscal year end and accept delivery after the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve allocating approximately \$98,000.00 in fiscal year 2019-2020 to order three new police cruisers for delivery in fiscal year 2020-2021, and to further authorize the Mayor to sign any documents necessary for the purchase of these vehicles for the Police Department.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

UTILITIES

Public Works Director Chris Klotter asked the Commission to consider participation in an apprenticeship program through Kentucky Rural Water Association (KRWA.) This program provides an opportunity for the City of Franklin to recruit, train and retain quality employees in the water and/or wastewater treatment departments.

KRWA representative Heather Stevenson answered questions and provided additional information regarding this program. She indicated this program promotes succession planning and retention of employee who are properly trained in the field.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to authorize the Mayor to sign the Participating Employer Acceptance Agreement allowing the City of Franklin to enroll in the apprenticeship program offered under the guidance of Kentucky Rural Water Association.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 2020-003 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 2.81 Acres Located on the Southwest Corner at the End of Trotters Lane from B-5 to I-2*

No action is taken on first reading of an ordinance.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider approval of Resolution No. D-2020. This resolution supports passage of House Bill 484 which allows the reorganization of Kentucky Retirement System (KRS) and County Employees Retirement System (CERS) to create an independent Board of Trustees for participants in the CERS program. City of Franklin employees are in the CERS program.

***RESOLUTION NO. D-2020
CITY OF FRANKLIN***

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin has employees vested in the County Employees Retirement System;

WHEREAS, employer contribution rates for the County Employees Retirement System continue to increase, putting a strain on municipal budgets;

WHEREAS, total assets of the County Employees Retirement System are about \$13.5 billion, and it is 76% of pension assets controlled by the Kentucky Retirement Systems;

WHEREAS, the current 17-member Kentucky Retirement Systems Board of Trustees has only six seats for County Employees Retirement System representatives;

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Retirement Systems Investment Committee has no County Employees Retirement System representatives and the Actuarial Subcommittee has only one seat for a County Employees Retirement System representative;

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Retirement Systems earns investment income for the County Employees Retirement System below amounts earned by peer groups, and investment income is a vital component of improving the pension system's funding level;

WHEREAS, a CERS Board of Trustees solely focused on investment decisions, actuarial data and asset allocations of the County Employees Retirement System would ensure decisions made for the system are in its best interest;

WHEREAS, House Bill 484 creates a nine-member County Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees whose sole responsibility is the management of the County Employees Retirement System;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Franklin and its employees that the County Employees Retirement System functions in an affordable and actuarially sound manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Franklin supports House Bill 484 and calls upon the General Assembly and legislators representing this community to pass the measure to reorganize the Kentucky Retirement Systems and create an independent County Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees.

Dated this 9th day of March, 2020.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adopt Resolution No. D-2020, and authorize the City Attorney to send the resolution to Kentucky League of Cities.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:08 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell 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)}; and, (2) 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: 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 2:54 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

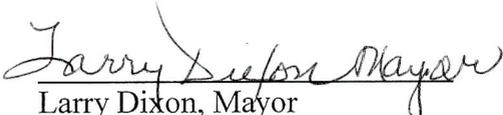
Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to authorize and/or ratify the Mayor's signature on the Real Estate Purchase Agreement between the City of Franklin and Jerry Jones and Jewell Jones to purchase 2.4 acres of property and improvements on the corner of West Madison Street and Witt Road for \$185,000.00 and to further approve relocation expenses for the Jones' to move their personal property and equipment.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:56 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