

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

**March 12, 2018**

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 PM, Monday, **March 12, 2018**, in the City Hall meeting room located at 117 West Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky.

Members attending were as follows:

Mayor Ronnie Clark	Present
Commissioner Mason Barnes	Present
Commissioner Larry Dixon	Present
Commissioner Jamie Powell	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 Superintendent Chris Klotter; City Clerk, Cathy Dillard; F-S Human Rights Commission Director, Donzella Lee; and Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles; Simpson County Jailer Eric Vaughn with Deputy Jailers Cathy Witt, Chad Drake and Brent Deweese; Brian Staron; Kim Mayberry with the Simpson County Animal Shelter; Ruth Garriot with the Fix Foundation; Amy Ellis of F-S Renaissance; and Will Christopher of the Barren River Area Development District.

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM, and Eric Walker of the Franklin Community Church offered an opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to approve the minutes as presented of the February 26, 2018, regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission and the March 6, 2018 Special Called Joint City/County Meeting. Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Commissioner Barnes introduced and recognized Simpson County Jailer Eric Vaughn and his staff and congratulated Mr. Vaughn on receiving the Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award at the F-S Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. In 2017 the Simpson County Jail Inmate Work Program provided approximately \$1 million in labor for the City of Franklin. This program is vital to the City as it provides manpower for the City's beautification, mowing, maintenance and stormwater programs.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC**

Commissioner Barnes introduced Brian Staron, Youth & Family Minister with the Franklin Church of Christ. A free seminar about Internet Safety for Kids, Teens and Your Family and the Epidemic of Bullying will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Goodnight Auditorium. Community leaders and all residents of Franklin are encouraged to attend.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

F-S Human Rights Commission Director Donzella Lee provided an update regarding upcoming community events. A luncheon in honor of Women's History Month will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2018 at 11:30 AM at the Cornerstone of the Franklin Presbyterian Church. The F-S Human Rights Commission will also host the Unsung Heroes Banquet on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at 6:00 PM

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City Manager Kenton Powell introduced Kim Mayberry, a volunteer with the Simpson County Animal Shelter, and Ruth Garriot of the Fix Foundation to discuss a proposed trial agreement between the Simpson County Animal Shelter and the City of Franklin. This agreement will allow trained animal shelter personnel, while a Franklin Police officer is present, to remove an animal due to unsatisfactory or unsafe conditions.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to authorize the preparation of a Trial Agreement between the City of Franklin and the Simpson County Animal Shelter for services for a three month term at the rate of \$1,000.00 per month beginning April 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2018, and to authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary on behalf of the City for this agreement. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked for the Commissions direction regarding a possible vendor ordinance. Mayor Clark asked Amy Ellis if she had any possible suggestions for the ordinance. Mrs. Ellis recommended that non-profit organizations be exempt as many of these organizations have limited fundraising opportunities. The Commission asked that a draft ordinance be prepared for review and consideration. No action was taken on this matter.

Community Development Director Tammie Carey and F-S Renaissance Director Amy Ellis asked the Commission to consider a draft ordinance which was presented that would establish a historic preservation overlay, create a historic preservation committee and establish building criterion within the designated historic district. After some discussion, the Commission recommended moving forward with the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Stewart and Commissioner Barnes agreed to sponsor the ordinance.

No action was taken on this matter, first reading of the proposed ordinance will take place at the City Commission's next regular meeting.

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Community Development Director Tammie Carey and F-S Renaissance Director Amy Ellis asked the Commission to consider another draft ordinance which was presented that would establish property assessment and reassessment moratoriums for qualifying real property located in the Downtown Historic District. All moratoriums will be for a five (5) year period. After some discussion, the Commission recommended moving forward with the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Dixon and Commissioner Powell agreed to sponsor the ordinance.

No action was taken on this matter, first reading of the proposed ordinance will take place at the City Commission's next regular meeting.

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Community Development Director Tammie Carey reviewed the projects and accomplishments list with the Commission. Mrs. Carey briefly reviewed the list and the criteria utilized in determining which items would be included in the recent newsletter. This information will be provided later in the week to the public through the City's social media.

No action was taken on this matter.

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Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell addressed the Commission regarding the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget amendment. Mrs. Cornwell reviewed revenue and expenditure impacts and variances from the previously approved budget. The Commission stressed their support and continued commitment to allow for pension reserves and will consider adopting a resolution. First reading of the budget amendment ordinance will take place later in this meeting.

### **UTILITIES**

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Trent Coffee reported to the Commission that he had received approval from the Kentucky Division of Water for approval of local limits of pollutants. These limits must be approved by the Commission by amending the sewer use ordinance. Commissioner Stewart and Commission Dixon agreed to sponsor the ordinance, first reading of the ordinance will take place later in this meeting.

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Wastewater Collections Superintendent Michael Ranburger requested the Commission approve the purchase of a new pump for the Macedonia Road lift station in the amount of \$11,464.00 and to further authorize the payment of \$11,707.65 to Scott & Ritter for emergency bypass pumping while the old pump was down.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the purchase of a new pump from Straeffler Pump in the amount of \$11,464.00 for the Macedonia Road lift station and to approve payment to Scott & Ritter in the amount of \$11,707.65 for emergency bypass pumping. This motion further authorizes the Mayor to sign any and all documents on behalf of the City for this pump purchase.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ORDINANCES**

City Clerk Cathy Dillard presented second reading of Ordinance No. 2018-001 entitled: *An Ordinance Adopting the Zoning Regulations of the City of Franklin and Simpson County, Kentucky as Recommended by the Franklin-Simpson Planning and Zoning Commission*

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Ordinance No. 2018-001 and unanimously approved by the following roll call vote: Commissioner Powell: Aye; Commissioner Dixon: Aye; Mayor Clark: Aye; Commissioner Barnes: Aye; and, Commissioner Stewart: Aye.

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City Clerk Cathy Dillard presented first reading for the following ordinances:

First reading of Ordinance No. 2018-002 entitled: *Ordinance of the City of Franklin, Kentucky Amending the Sewer Use Ordinance*

First reading of Ordinance No. 2018-003 entitled: *An Ordinance Amending a Prior Ordinance Setting Forth the Dates and Times of Regularly Scheduled Joint Meetings of the Franklin City Commission and Simpson Fiscal Court*

First reading of Ordinance No. 2018-004 entitled: *An Ordinance Amending the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018 by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations*

No action is taken upon first reading of an ordinance.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 1:15 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: proposed, or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(1)(c)}. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Entering Executive Session were Mayor Clark; Commissioners Powell, Barnes, Dixon and Stewart; City Manager Kenton Powell; and City Attorney Scott Crabtree and City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell.

Shaunna Cornwell exited Executive Session at 1:29 PM.

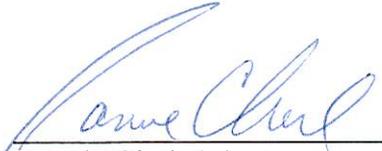
At 1:34 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to exit Executive Session and return to open session. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

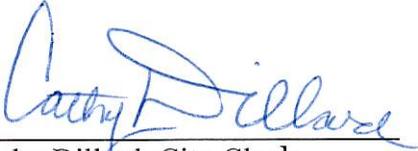
**OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Mayor Clark pointed out that City residents pay and have paid the majority of the 911 fees over the years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:35 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn the regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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Ronnie Clark, Mayor  
City of Franklin, Kentucky

  
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Cathy Dillard, City Clerk  
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