The Franklin City Commission convened in regular session 6:00 pm, Monday, March 22, 2010, in the Simpson County School Board meeting room, 430 S. College Street, Franklin, Kentucky. Member attendance as follows:

- Mayor Herbert S. Williams
- Commissioner Jamie Powell
- Commissioner Mike Simpson
- Commissioner Wendell Stewart
- Commissioner Henry Stone

Present and in the chair presiding
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Also present were City Manager, Jim Brown; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; Police Chief, Todd Holder; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Saxton. F-S High 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 6:00 pm, and Commissioner Jamie Powell offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2010 regular Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

- Mr. & Mrs. Archie Saxton, 805 E. Cedar Street regarding water bill issues

Mr. Saxton addressed the Commission regarding the water billing at his residence. The pipes at his home were frozen in January, 2010 and Mr. Saxton believes he was overcharged for water usage during that time. He calculates that during the ten days in which he was without water, a credit of approximately $23.00 is due him. Mr. Saxton stated City employees had investigated the meter and verified it to be accurate; the homeowner stated no leaks existed inside the home, and during the incident the gallons billed did not exceed his average usage. City Ordinance allows adjustments to water utility bills when a loss of water occurs due to a leak or failure and evidence of repair is presented. Following a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded Commissioner Simpson not to adjust the bill due to the fact the meter was working properly and by the customer’s admission, no leaks existed in the house and no repairs were made. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

REGULAR BUSINESS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

No business.

PUBLIC SERVICES

No business.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No business.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

No business.

UTILITIES

- Update on Building at Waste Water Treatment Plant
City Manager Brown gave an update on the work and improvements at the Waste Water Treatment Plant which have been completed. A video of the construction work and daily procedures at the plant is being prepared and will be shown on cable channel nine. The relocation of the chemical feed process is expected to realize a substantial savings in water and sulfur dioxide usage.

• Update on Work at Water Treatment Plant

City Manager Brown reported the backup generators are in place at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and the Dam Intake Structure; a video of that work includes information regarding the makeup and operation of the plant and will be shown on cable channel nine. Additionally, improvements have been completed to the operation of the high service pumps that send the treated water to the distribution tanks, and the work is expected to realize a savings in electric utility costs at the WTP. Mayor Williams reported he has been by to inspect the work completed, and everything looks good.

ORDINANCES

• First Reading of Amendment to Sewer Use Ordinance and User Charge System

City Clerk Kathy Stradtner gave first summary reading to an ordinance amending the sewer use ordinance and user charge system (Ordinance 610.1); namely adding provisions relating to oil, grease, and hydrocarbons limits discharged by industrial customers and/or users.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell 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)}, discussions, or hearings, which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual {KRS 61.810(f)}, and discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity and discussions concerning a specific proposal, if open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 6:34 pm. Entering executive session were Mayor Williams and the four Commissioners, City Attorney Crabtree, and City Manager Brown.

At 7:50 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 7:50 pm.

Herbert S. Williams
Mayor

Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk

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