

The Franklin City Commission convened in regular session at 6:00 pm, Monday, March 28, 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 Mason Barnes	Present
Commissioner Larry Dixon	Present
Commissioner Jamie Powell	Present
Commissioner Henry Stone	Present

Others present included City Manager, Kenton Powell; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; Finance Director, Cendy Dodd; Police Chief, Todd Holder; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; meeting Videographer, F-S school employee Brigitte Kilburn; and Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2011 regular Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

None

PUBLIC SERVICES

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

COMMUNITY SERVICES

None

UTILITIES

None

ORDINANCES

- **Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending FY 2010-2011 Budget**

City Clerk Kathy Stradtner gave a summary reading of an ordinance amending the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, by estimating revenues and appropriations. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Powell to adopt Ordinance #B-2010-2011 amending the current fiscal year City budget. After discussion, roll call vote was called: Commissioner Mason Barnes, Yes; Commissioner Larry Dixon, Yes; Commissioner Jamie Powell, Yes; Commissioner Henry Stone, Yes; Mayor Ronnie Clark, Yes. Motion carried and Ordinance adopted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to enter in to executive session for the purpose of discussion of proposed, or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(c)}; and 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 6:10 pm. Entering executive session were Mayor Clark and the four Commissioners, City Attorney Crabtree, Police Chief Holder, and City Manager Powell.

At 6:23 pm Chief Holder exited the executive session.

At 6:46 pm those in executive session returned to open meeting, and motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to close the executive session and return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stone to hire, subject to successful completion of all pre-employment tests, Justin Casada as a certified officer for the Franklin Police Department effective April 4, 2011. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Powell reminded the Commission and public of events coming up for the City.

- City staff will soon begin the process of requesting quotes for employee health insurance
- The delinquent process has begun and reminders were sent to owners with outstanding 2010 City Property Tax Bills
- Kentucky Attorney General's office will be conducting a free training seminar on March 30 at the BRADD office in Bowling Green regarding open records and open meetings requirements
- City staff has started preparation for the FY11-12 City budget planning sessions; the City Commission will be holding work sessions in May.
- On April 30th the Franklin-Simpson Un-Sung Heroes Banquet will be held in the First United Methodist Church; Applications for nominations can be picked up at City Hall and several public buildings.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

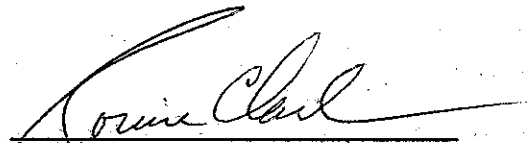
Commissioner Stone requested a review for the public of the recently adopted and amending Ordinances regarding code enforcement.

- City Attorney Crabtree reviewed provisions of the ordinance which address repeat offenders of the code violation regarding mowing of grass: after sufficient notice including a second notice is sent to the same address/owner within the same year regarding the same property, the offender will automatically be fined and property mowed on any 3rd and subsequent notices.
- An Ordinance was adopted regarding abandoned property: if a City property has at least three years of unpaid property taxes, the property can be declared Abandoned Urban property and subject to an increased City Real Property Tax Rate of \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed value. (The current normal rate is .118 The City Attorney is preparing to send notification to the last known address of property owners who fall into this category

Mayor Clark took this opportunity to recognize Mrs. Brigitte Kilburn with the technology department at Franklin-Simpson High School. Mrs. Kilburn and her students are responsible for recording many community events including the City Commission meetings. They are also responsible for the content shown on the school cable channel; Mayor Clark wanted to acknowledge how fortunate we are to have this type of resource and Mrs. Kilburn as a dedicated teacher and member of our community.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 6:54 pm.



Ronnie Clark, Mayor



Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk
