

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

**April 8, 2019**

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **April 8, 2019**, 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 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; Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles; Robert Palmer, Simpson County Emergency Management; Zak Wren and Corey Weaver, WRECC; L. J. Pearson; Kim Cundall and Phil Cundall; Judge Executive Mason Barnes; Tom Otto, Faith Baptist Church; and Jarred Clayton, Jerry Bailey, Joey Kendall, Darrell Mallory, Josh London, and Terry Bailey from the Public Works Department.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and Tom Otto of Faith Baptist Church offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the minutes as presented of the March 25, 2019, regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission; and to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2019, special called meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

## **RECOGNITION**

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to recognize City of Franklin Public Works employees and Warren Rural Electric employees. These two agencies, in conjunction with Kentucky State Highway Department, worked together to install 20 street lights on Highway 31-W South from Hunt Ford to Wal-Mart.

City employees installed the concrete bases and ran underground conduit which enabled WRECC to mount the poles and lights. Mr. Powell said it was a great example of multiple agencies working together to save taxpayer money and to complete a project that would be beneficial for all citizens of the City of Franklin.

## **HEAR THE PUBLIC**

L. J. Pearson addressed the Commission regarding the flags on Highway 100 East. These flags were installed by the Vietnam Veterans approximately seven or eight years ago and Mr. Pearson, along with a local troop of Boy Scouts, have maintained these flags since that time.

Mr. Pearson asked the Commission to consider the City taking over the maintenance and installation of new flags since he is getting older. After some discussion, Mayor Dixon indicated the Commission would take the matter under advisement and follow up with Mr. Pearson. No action was taken on this matter.

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Kim Cundall addressed the Commission regarding her request for financial support for the Franklin Duelers summer collegiate baseball team. She asked if the City of Franklin would donate \$5,000.00 to the league so it could begin its inaugural season. In October of 2018 Mrs. Cundall asked the Commission to consider a donation, no decision for funding was made at that time.

Mayor Dixon indicated the Commission would begin budget work sessions for the next fiscal year's budget and would take her request under advisement. No action was taken on this matter.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Police Chief Roger Solomon introduced Officer Mike Jones. Officer Jones has investigated the recent rash of vehicle break-ins in various neighborhoods in Franklin and updated the Commission about the investigation and offered information regarding forming a Neighborhood Watch program.

Officer Jones indicated over 30 break-ins are currently under investigation and reminded everyone to lock their vehicle doors and remove any valuables (purses, cell phones, cash and/or loose change) from the vehicle. Officer Jones advised that neighborhood watch programs are an easy and effective deterrent and encouraged anyone who is interested in developing a

program is welcome to contact the Franklin Police Department for information regarding guidance and implementation.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to approve the request to close College Street between West Cedar Street and West Kentucky Avenue on Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 6:00 AM until 3:00 PM for the SOKY Earth Day Festival, the Cherry Blossom Art and Music Festival and the Square-to-Square bicycle ride scheduled that day.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve closing College Street between West Cedar Street and West Kentucky Avenue on Saturday, April 20, 2019, from 6:00 AM until 3:00 PM for Earth Day and Cherry Blossom Festivals.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider Jeremy Loveall’s request to move the High School Welding Department’s space capsule to the park area located off East Cedar Street near Drakes Creek (at the boat ramp and picnic shelter site.) Mr. Loveall’s welding students completed this project and it now needs a permanent home. In addition, Mr. Loveall agreed to install a concrete pad at the final destination site.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve placing the space capsule made by the F-S High School Welding class to the park area located off East Cedar Street near Drakes Creek (at the boat ramp and picnic shelter site) with a concrete pad installed by Mr. Loveall.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider a proposed ordinance to revise the current ethics ordinance. The original ethics ordinance was adopted in 1994 and, due to changes in the law and the recent adoption of the social media policy, was in need of revisions.

Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Powell asked to sponsor the ordinance with first reading to take place in the ordinance portion of the meeting.

**ORDINANCES**

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided second summary reading of Ordinance No. 2019-009 entitled: *Ordinance Repealing Chapter 53, Chapter 110, Chapter 117 and Section 95.37 of Chapter 95 and Amending Chapter 114 in the City of Franklin Code of Ordinances.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve Ordinance No. 2019-009 and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Dixon	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Powell	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Williams	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Bennett	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Stewart	<u>Aye</u>

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City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided first summary reading of Ordinance No. 2019-012 entitled: *An Ordinance Amending a Prior Ordinance Establishing a Code of Ethical Conduct Applicable to the Officers and Employees of the City and City Agencies.*

No action was taken at the first reading of the ordinance.

**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)};
- (2) LITIGATION – Discussion of proposed or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(1)(c)}
- (3) 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: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Entering Executive Session were Mayor Dixon; Commissioners Powell, Bennett, Williams and Stewart; City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; Dennis Griffin, Executive Director of the Franklin-Simpson Industrial; and County Judge Executive Mason Barnes.

Dennis Griffin exited executive session at 1:37 PM.

Judge Barnes exited executive session at 1:55 PM.

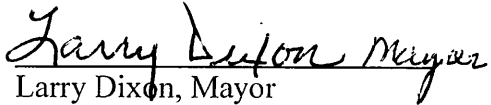
At 2:16 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to exit Executive Session and return to open session.


Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:17 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