

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

**April 24, 2017 at 12:00 Noon**

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 PM, Monday, April 24, 2017, 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; City Clerk, Cathy Dillard; Public Works Director Chris Klotter; F-S Human Rights Commission member, Donzella Lee; Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles and Christy Ramey from Simpson County Extension Services.

Honorable Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM, and William Locke of the Elevated Baptist 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 April 10, 2017, special meeting of the Franklin City Commission. Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon asked Mayor Clark and the Commission to recognize Officer Seth Stewart who recently completed 26 weeks of training at the Department of Criminal Justice. Officer Stewart thanked the Commission for the opportunity to attend the Academy and complete his training.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC**

Christy Ramey from the Simpson County Extension Services asked the Commission to participate in Get Healthy Simpson Coalition's Walk with Your Elected Officials event during the month of May. Each Thursday in May members of the public will have the opportunity to walk with their elected officials. Anyone interested in participating in this month-long event can meet on May 4 and May 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gazebo on the Courthouse lawn and on May 11 and May 25 at 5:00 p.m. at the Jim Roberts Park.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The Commission approved the appointment of Klay Kelley to the PVA Board of Assessment Appeals for a term of three (3) years to expire on June 30, 2020. The Commission also approved the re-appointment of Kenton Powell to the Franklin-Simpson Industrial Authority board for a four (4) year term to expire July 28, 2021.

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to authorize the appointment of Klay Kelley to the PVA Board of Assessment Appeals for a three year term to expire on June 30, 2020; and to re-appoint Kenton Powell to the Franklin-Simpson Industrial Authority board for a four year term to expire on July 28, 2021.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell and Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon asked the Commission to renew the agreement for Police services with Kentucky Downs. They asked the Commission to consider extending the term of the agreement to 15 months rather than 12 months to coincide with the renewal date of other service agreements.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve Police Services Agreement with Kentucky Downs at the rate of \$48.00 per hour for a 15 month term to expires on September 30, 2018 and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all necessary documents. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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Personnel Director Rita Vaughn presented the Commission with proposed rates for life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment insurance coverage for all City employees. Due to the significant reduction in benefits for employees over age 65, proposals from other providers were solicited. A proposal to provide this coverage to City employees was received from One America and was presented to the Commission.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve One America to provide City employee life insurance and accident and dismemberment insurance coverage effective May 1, 2017, and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all necessary documents to obtain this coverage. Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City staff recently discovered that the City's policy of insurance did not provide coverage as provided in the personnel policies and due to the changes that occur in policies of insurance over time, it became necessary to amend the City's Personnel Policy to reflect that the insurance policy language controls the amount of the benefit.

Additionally, Personnel Director Rita Vaughn requested an amendment to the Personnel Policy regarding the recordkeeping of vacation, sick and/or personal time. Initially, time was required to be taken in two (2) hour increments and now, due to advancements in recordkeeping, actual time is more readily calculated and may be utilized rather than two (2) hour increments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve amending the City of Franklin's Personnel Policy as follows: (a) to reflect that the insurance policy language controls the amount of benefit provided to employees, and (b) to remove item 6. from Section VI.D of the Employee Benefits – Medical/Personal Leave section of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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City Attorney Scott Crabtree presented a discussion regarding a proposed ordinance to close a public roadway running across land currently owned by Hollingsworth Oil Co. Inc. The Shell station located on Highway 100 east of Interstate 65 is owned by Hollingsworth Oil Co. Inc. and many years ago a street was platted for dedication as a public way. This public way now runs across the parking lot of the Shell station and the company has requested the City deed the land back to them. Additionally, Hollingsworth Oil has agreed to pay any costs incident to closing the public way.

Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Barnes volunteered to sponsor Ordinance No. 2017-008 to close this public roadway and first reading of this ordinance will take place later in this meeting.

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City Finance Director Shauna Cornwell presented a discussion regarding a proposed amendment to the water and sewer ordinance regarding an annual adjustment for sewer usage charges when a pool is filled. The current adjustment process was time consuming and labor intensive. The proposed ordinance utilizes consumption averages and excesses to calculate the sewer adjustment rather than total gallons held by the pool, excepting any pool that hold less than 10,000 gallons of water.

Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Stewart are sponsoring this Ordinance No. 2017-007, first reading will take place later in this meeting.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon presented a proposal to upgrade the City's current radio communications system. These upgrades will allow dual tower capabilities which will allow for emergency backup communications should one system become inoperable. Chief Solomon presented a proposal from Mobile Communication Services of Bowling Green, Inc.

for equipment in the amount of \$30,623.42 along with a proposed monthly service fee in the amount of \$300.00. This purchase was budgeted at \$35,000.00.

Commissioner Barnes asked if the County would be sharing the costs of these upgrades since they also utilize the system. City Manager Powell indicated that the County had paid for repairs in the past.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart seconded by Commissioner Barnes to approve the purchase of the equipment to install on the tower from Mobile Communication Services of Bowling Green, Inc. in the amount of \$30,623.42 and to approve tower rental fee at the rate of \$300.00 per month from Mobile Communication Services of Bowling Green, Inc. and further to authorize the Mayor to sign any and all necessary documents for this purchase.

Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

### **ORDINANCES**

City Clerk Cathy Dillard presented first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-007 entitled *Amendment To Water And Sewer Use Ordinance And User Charge System Regarding Sewer Adjustments For Annual Fill-Up Of Swimming Pools And Declaring That No Such Adjustments Shall Be Given To Any Customer When The Pool Contains Less Than Ten Thousand (10,000) Gallons, And Additionally Extending All Such Adjustments To All Franklin Municipal Utility Sewer Customers*

City Clerk Cathy Dillard also presented first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-008 entitled *An Ordinance To Close The Public Way Known As The 0.574 Acre Tract Of Land On The South Side Of Kentucky Highway 100 Approximately 400 Feet East Of Exit 6 Of Interstate 65.*

No action is taken upon first reading of an ordinance.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 12:30 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of the following: 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 (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, to discuss business 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(g)}.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

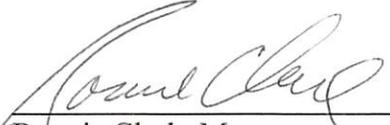
Entering Executive Session were Mayor Clark; Commissioners Powell, Barnes, Dixon and Stewart; City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree and Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon.

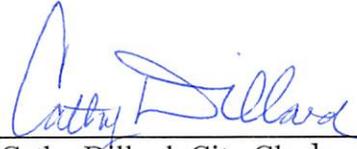
At 12:45 PM Chief Solomon exited Executive Session.

At 1:40 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to exit Executive Session and return to open session. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:41 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.

  
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Ronnie Clark, Mayor  
City of Franklin, Kentucky

  
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Cathy Dillard, City Clerk  
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