

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

July 8, 2019

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **July 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; Tammie Carey, City Community Development Director; Daniel Reetzke, Tax Collector/ABC Administrator; F-S Human Rights Commission Director, Donzella Lee; Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles; Kim Robert, Franklin-Simpson Farmers Market; Jerry Kamuf; Caitlyn Sperling, U.S. Census Bureau; and David Pierce and Tom Otto from Faith Baptist Church.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and David Pierce from Faith Baptist Church offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes as presented of the June 24, 2019, special called meeting of the Franklin City Commission

Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

Mayor Dixon recognized Jerry Kamuf, who had asked to address the Commission regarding an issue in his neighborhood. Mr. Kamuf indicated that he represented approximately 11 people who lived in the Southgate and College Street area. The residents of the area were concerned about an overgrown hay field. Mr. Kamuf indicated the field had been cut over the weekend.

Mayor Dixon and the Commission thanked Mr. Kamuf for attending the meeting. City Manager Kenton Powell indicated that the property owner had been notified and provided assurance that the field would be maintained regularly.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Daniel Reetzke introduced Caitlyn Sperling, a Partnership Specialist from the U.S. Census Bureau, regarding the upcoming Census 2020. Ms. Sperling provided information regarding the importance of completing the census. In addition, she reviewed the timeline for responding, and factors that contribute to undercounting as well as the long term financial impact of undercounting. Ms. Sperling stressed that collaboration with local government was vital in their efforts to ensure all residents are counted.

Community Development Director Tammie Carey introduced Kim Roberts from the Franklin-Simpson Farmers Market. The Hometown Harvest Dinner will be held on Friday, July 19, 2019, in the West Cedar Street Alley. Pre-dinner festivities will begin at 6:00 PM in the City's public parking lot located on the corner of High Street and Madison Street with dinner to follow at 7:00 PM in the Alley.

Mrs. Roberts thanked the City for their willingness to support the Farmers Market and the Hometown Harvest Dinner fundraising event.

Community Development Director Tammie Carey addressed the Commission regarding the Monday, July 22, 2019, Neighborhood Walk beginning at 6:00 PM with a special called City Commission meeting to follow at the Gentleman's Unlimited Club Pavilion at Lincoln Park beginning at 7:00 PM. Carey also presented a map for the Neighborhood Walk.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider approval of a Resolution supporting City Government Month and declaring September 2019 as City Government Month in Franklin.

Upon motion by Commissioner Powell, seconded by Commissioner Bennett the Commission unanimously approved Resolution F-2019 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. F-2019
CITY OF FRANKLIN**

WHEREAS, civics education in Kentucky schools is important to ensure future generations are engaged and involved in their local community and its governance;

WHEREAS, elementary schools are a prime location for the introduction of local government principles and responsibilities;

WHEREAS, involving and informing students of local government programs and duties can provide an opportunity for entire families to connect with vital city services and programs;

WHEREAS, there are 416 cities in Kentucky and 55 percent of the state's population lives in a city;

WHEREAS, "City Government Month" is a civics awareness campaign that educates elementary school students about city services by providing teachers lesson plans, a coloring/activity book and an implementation guide;

WHEREAS, "City Government Month" calls on city officials to get involved in their local schools and in educating and engaging elementary school students in city government; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky League of Cities Board of Directors has declared September 2019 as City Government Month in Kentucky;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Franklin does hereby designate September 2019 as "City Government Month" in the city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that city officials and employees are encouraged to collaborate with local elementary schools to educate students about their city government and to engage them in city services.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2019.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider a proposed ordinance to approve rezoning the following three parcels located in the City limits: (1) 409 Hudspeth Avenue from I-1 to R-1; (2) 403 Brick Street (vacant lot) from I-1 to R-2; and, (3) a 2.5 acre vacant lot located on Morris Street and Hudspeth Avenue from I-1 to R-1S. Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Williams asked to sponsor the ordinance with first reading taking place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to approve Agreements for Services approved for funding in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 annual budget as follows:

Boys & Girls Club of Franklin-Simpson	\$ 35,000.00
F-S Chamber of Commerce	35,000.00
Southern KY Drug Task Force	20,000.00
Simpson County Friends of the Shelter	5,000.00
Simpson County Historical Society	5,000.00

Powell noted that the budget also approved funding for Franklin-Simpson Parks & Recreation in the amount of \$225,000.00 but an agreement is not required for funding.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreements for Services with the community service organizations above-referenced.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Director Rita Vaughn asked the Commission to consider a revision to the City of Franklin Personnel Policies and Procedures. This revision would change the effective date for health, vision, dental, life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment for new employees to be effective on the first day of the month following employment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to authorize a revision to the City of Franklin Personnel Policies and Procedures to change the effective date for health, vision, dental, life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment for new employees to be effective on the first day of the month following employment.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided second summary reading of Ordinance No. 2019-015 titled: *Ordinance Annexing to the City of Franklin Approximately 5.39 Acres Located on Peden Mill Road, Being Contiguous to the Existing City Limits of Franklin, Kentucky in Accordance with the Comprehensive Plan of Annexation.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve Ordinance No. 2019-015 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>

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided first summary reading of Ordinance No. 2019-016 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning 409 Hudspeth Avenue from I-1 (Light Industrial) to R-1 (Single Family); the Vacant Lot Located on 403 Brick Street from I-1 (Light Industrial) to R-2 (Single Family and Two Family); and the 2.50 Acre Vacant Lot Located on Morris Street and Hudspeth Avenue from I-1 (Light Industrial) to R-1S (Single Family Residential)*

No action is taken on first reading of an ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:55 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

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)}

PERSONNEL – Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810(1)(f)}

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Chief Solomon exited Executive Session at 1:07 PM.

Public Works Director Chris Klotter entered Executive Session at 1:07 PM and exited Executive Session at 1:13 PM.

At 1:18 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

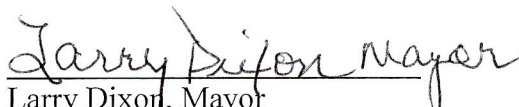
City Manager Kenton Powell reminded the Commission that the Kentucky League of Cities meeting will be held September 24-27 in Covington, Kentucky.

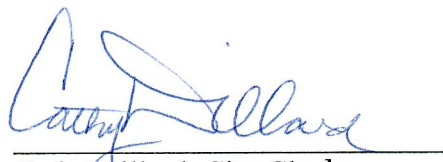
Commissioner Bennett said the Simpson County Bicentennial events held over the weekend were a great success. The Saturday events were postponed due to unpredictable weather and ground saturation from heavy rain earlier in the week.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:21 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