MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
OF THE
CITY OF FRANKLIN
CITY COMMISSION

July 9, 2018

City Hall
117 West Cedar Street
Franklin, Kentucky

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 PM, Monday, July 9, 2018, 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; Public Works Superintendent Chris Klotter; City Clerk, Cathy Dillard; F-S Human Rights Commission Director, Donzella Lee; and Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles; Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Trent Coffee; Bill Borders and Wayne Goodrum of Franklin Electric Plant Board; Tim Summers and Canaan Scott of Franklin Police Department; LuAnn Ferguson; and, John Petra.

Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM, and Brian Staron, Youth Director at Franklin Church of Christ offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes as presented of the June 25, 2018, regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.
RECOGNITIONS

Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon introduced the department’s new officers, Canaan Scott and Tim Summers and City Attorney Scott Crabtree performed the swearing-in of these two officers.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

LuAnn Ferguson with the Simpson County Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution addressed the Commission regarding the placement of memorial tombstones in Greenlawn Cemetery or the Old City Cemetery for Simpson County’s Revolutionary War veterans. If approved, Ms. Ferguson also asked if City labor could be utilized for placement of the markers to ensure they were placed in compliance with City specifications.

Mayor Clark indicated the Commission would take the matter under advisement and respond to her request within 24 hours.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Wayne Goodrum, Business Development Manager of the Franklin Electric Plant Board provided the Commission with an update of the EPB Fiber Network. In 2016 the City transferred ownership of the fiber network to EPB and in two years EPB has expanded the service to include an estimated 800 commercial and residential customers. Mr. Goodrum reported that in the spring of 2017 Franklin became a “megabit City” and will soon expand into their twelfth area within the City limits.

Mayor Clark and the Commission commended the Franklin Electric Plant Board for expanding the fiber network in Franklin and voiced their support for continued growth and development.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to review and approve the street closure request by the Franklin-Simpson Farmers Market for their Annual Hometown Harvest Dinner on Friday, July 27, 2018.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the closure of a portion of West Kentucky Avenue past North College Street on Friday, July 27, 2018 from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM for the Franklin-Simpson Farmers Market Hometown Harvest Dinner.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to review and approve the street closure request by the Franklin-Simpson Chamber of Commerce for the annual Garden Spot Run/Walk on Saturday, August 11, 2018, and the Friday night children’s event on August 10, 2018. F-S
Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Steve Thurmond provided a course description by street name for both events.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the Franklin-Simpson Chamber of Commerce street closure request for the annual Garden Spot Run/Walk on Saturday, August 11, 2018, and the Friday night children’s event on August 10, 2018.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to review and approve the street closure request by the Franklin-Simpson Chamber of Commerce for the annual Festival on the Square beginning Friday, September 14, 2018 and on Saturday, September 15, 2018. F-S Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Steve Thurmond provided a detailed description by street name for the Friday night cruise-in event and the Saturday car show and craft fair.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to approve the Franklin-Simpson Chamber of Commerce street closure request for the annual Festival on the Square on Friday, September 14, 2018 and Saturday, September 15, 2018.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell asked to Commission to consider approving an increase in the total limit of the City’s credit card issued by Regions Bank as follows: Procurement Card controlled by Jennifer Knight - $10,000.00 total limit; Conferences, Travel and Incidentals controlled by Rita Vaughn - $5,000.00 total limit; and, Miscellaneous Purchases controlled by Shaunna Cornwell - $2,500.00 total limit. Mrs. Cornwell stressed check and balance audit procedures would remain unchanged and the small purchase policy limit will remain unchanged relating to per-transaction authorized amounts.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to authorize the Finance Director to increase the Regions Bank credit card limit to $17,500.00 total with individual limits as follows: Jennifer Knight - $10,000.00; Rita Vaughn - $5,000.00; and, Shaunna Cornwell - $2,500.00. This motion further authorizes the Mayor to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the credit card limit modification.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

UTILITIES

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Trent Coffee asked to Commission to approve the purchase of rehabilitation materials and equipment rental expenses for repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Plant aeration basin.
Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Powell to authorize the purchase of rehabilitation materials from Schreiber, the sole provider of parts for the basin, and equipment rental expenses for a total amount of $45,000.00.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 12:40 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: (1) Personnel - discussions, or hearings, which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual {KRS 61.810(1)(f)}; and, (2) Business - to discuss business between a public agency or 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 Clark; Commissioners Powell, Barnes, Dixon and Stewart; City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree and Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon.

At 1:03 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Powell to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to accept the resignation of Officer George Arnold of the Franklin Police Department.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held with regard to LuAnn Ferguson’s request earlier in the meeting. Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to allow the Simpson County Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution to place headstones honoring Revolutionary War Veterans at the Old City Cemetery located on East Cedar Street with installation labor to be provided by City employees. These headstones will be purchased by Daughters of the American Revolution.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.
ADJOURNMENT

At 1:10 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to adjourn the regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Ronnie Clark, Mayor
City of Franklin, Kentucky

Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
City of Franklin, Kentucky