

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

**July 23, 2018**

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 PM, Monday, **July 23, 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 Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell; City Police Chief, Roger Solomon; Public Works Superintendent Chris Klotter; City Clerk, Cathy Dillard; Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles; Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Trent Coffee; Wastewater Collections Superintendent Michael Ranburger; Public Works Superintendent Darrell Mallory; Water Distribution Superintendent Kenny Massey; Public Works Scheduler Steve Akin; and, James Henry Snider, President of the Simpson Historical Society, Inc.

Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM, and Dr. John Whitaker of the Franklin First United Methodist 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 July 9, 2018, regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**HEAR THE PUBLIC**

Dr. James Henry Snider, President of the Simpson County Historical Society provided a brief overview of the Historical Society and their efforts to renovate the old Crabtree Furniture building on North College Street as the future home of the Simpson County History Center.

This History Center will provide a library/media center, a meeting room, and a gallery and museum exhibit space. Dr. Snider asked the Commission to consider a donation from the City of Franklin so the Historical Society can move forward with these renovations.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to review and approve an Agreement for Services with the Simpson County Historical Society authorizing a one-time donation in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve a one-time donation to the Simpson County Historical Society in the amount of \$5,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement for Services on behalf of the City.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

City Attorney Scott Crabtree addressed the Commission regarding requests to amend certain provisions of the City's ordinance regulating fireworks. After discussion, the Commission agreed to amend the provision regulating the hours to shoot fireworks in the City limits on July 3 and July 4 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight to 10:00 a.m. until 10:30 p.m.

Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Barnes are sponsoring the ordinance amendment.

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City Tax Collector Daniel Reetzke provided the Commission with an update regarding MuniServices (now known as Avenu Insights & Analytics) occupational license tax compliance review and provided their timeline for implementation. The Commission reviewed and approved a proposed introductory letter which will be mailed to citizens during the testing phase of the implementation plan.

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the introductory letter as written to be mailed to citizens during testing phase of the implementation plan with MuniServices (now known as Avenu Insights & Analytics) and further authorized the City Manager, Kenton Powell, to sign the introductory letter on behalf of the City of Franklin.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

### **UTILITIES**

Public Works Director Chris Klotter presented the Commission with the Public Works and Utilities department's goals and objectives for fiscal year 2018-2019. He reviewed current and past trends in each department and strategies for improvement.

Mayor Clark and the Commission thank Mr. Klotter and asked the department supervisors to introduce themselves. Present for the departments were: Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Trent Coffee; Wastewater Collections Superintendent Michael Ranburger; Public Works Superintendent Darrell Mallory; Water Distribution Superintendent Kenny Massey; and, Public Works Scheduler Steve Akin.

The Commission thanked these employees for their hard work and commitment and further recognized that these departments provide vital services to our community.

### **ORDINANCES**

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-012 entitled: *An Ordinance Regulating the Use of Fireworks in the City of Franklin, Kentucky.*

No action is taken on first reading of an ordinance.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 12:43 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Barnes 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)}; (2) Litigation - proposed, or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(1)(c)}; and, (3) 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)}.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon entered Executive Session at 12:49 PM.

City Finance Director Shauna Cornwell entered Executive Session at 1:15 PM.

Chief Solomon and Mrs. Cornwell exited Executive Session at 1:30 PM.

At 1:55 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

### **OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to accept the resignation of Joel Beecher of the Water Distribution Department.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to accept the resignation of Officer T. J. Burnett from the Franklin Police Department.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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City Manager Kenton Powell reported that the WBKO signal on Channel 3 is improving and he anticipates more improvements soon.

City Manager Kenton Powell also reported that the "Stuff the Bus" challenge among City departments was a huge success. He commended all City staff for their healthy competitive spirit for this community support project, he was very proud and moved by the sentiment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:05 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