The Franklin City Commission convened in regular session at 6:00 pm, Monday, July 11, 2011, in the City Hall conference room, 117 W Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky. Member attendance as follows:

Mayor Ronnie Clark  Present and in the chair presiding
Commissioner Mason Barnes  Present
Commissioner Larry Dixon  Present
Commissioner Jamie Powell  Present
Commissioner Henry Stone  Present

Others present included City Manager, Kenton Powell; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; Police Chief, Todd Holder; City Clerk, Kathy Stradiner; Street Department/Public Works Superintendent, Derick Minnicks; Community Development Director/Fiber Optics Service Manager, Tammie Carey; Water Distribution/Waste Water Collections Superintendent, Clif Beecher; Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Chris Klotter. Also present were members of the F-S Human Rights Commission; and F-S school videographer, Bobby Uhls, and several members of the community.

Honorable Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and Commissioner Jamie Powell offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Barnes to approve minutes from the June 27, 2011 regular Commission meeting and the July 6, 2011 special called joint City/County meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Clark welcomed everyone, and introduced City Manager Kenton Powell, who explained the following presentations are an effort to communicate information and goals on items included in the recently adopted Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget, and to solicit input from the public. Several of the City Department heads were present and had prepared power point presentations regarding their projects; below is summary of the information shared. Following each presentation, the public allowed an opportunity for comments and questions.


As with much of area infrastructure, City utility lines are aging, deteriorating, and subject to frequent leaks. In some cases, the location of utility pipes is incorrect and not on City department maps. By studying data from the water plant and the water billing system, it was apparent a large amount of water loss exists between the gallons of water pumped at the Plant, and the number of gallons billed. One answer may be in system leaks. City staff is working with Kentucky Rural Water Association to perform leak detection on the water distribution system in hopes of finding a leak or break that, when repaired, will reduce our loss. Old pipe may be clay or galvanized and easily subject to leaks; Water Distribution staff have been replacing old lines with PVC line as time and funds allow. Items already scheduled and to be performed by City Staff for the FY 11-12 year include:
o **Broadway** — a deteriorated two inch galvanized pipe runs behinds and services the houses; plans are to re-tap all customers to the six inch main that runs in front of the houses and relocate their meters; estimated project completion date August 15, 2011

o **Sherwood Dr** — approximately 800 feet of 2 inch galvanized line is deteriorated and leaks frequently to be replace with new 2 inch PVC line and connect to new line on Robey Street; will re-tap all customers to new line; estimated completion date September 1, 2011

o **Sunset Circle/Parkway Drive** — 1,560 feet of 2 inch deteriorated galvanized line will be removed: portion of Sunset Circle disconnected and re-tapped to newly installed line; remaining portion Sunset customers disconnected and re-tapped to existing 6 inch main – Parkway Drive portion will be replaced with new two inch PVC line and all customers re-tapped onto new line; estimated completion date October 15, 2011

o **York St / Edgewood Dr** — approximately 1,000 feet of deteriorated 1 inch and 11/2 inch galvanized pipe line to be replaced with 2 inch PVC pipe; all customers will be re-tapped to new line; estimated completion date November 15, 2011

o **Jefferson Street**, from a little past Pelham to West Street, deteriorated galvanized line to be replaced with a 2 inch PVC line; all customers to be re-tapped to new line; estimated completion date December 15, 2011

o **Kerry court** disconnect from a 2 inch galvanized line and re-tap customers onto 6 inch PVC existing main; estimated completion date January 10, 2012

o **Sarver Street** replace old galvanized line with new 2 inch PVC line; re-tap all customers to new line and completion estimated February 10, 2012

o **Rogers Ave/Darrell Street** replace existing galvanized line with 2 inch PVC line; re-tap customers to new line; estimate completion March 10, 2012

o **Poplar Street/portions Witt Road** replace old two inch galvanized line with 2 inch PVC line; re-tap all customers; estimate completion April 30, 2012

o **Strawberry Lane/Mark Street** replace old 2 inch galvanized line with 2 inch PVC line; re-tap all customer onto new line; completion estimated June 30, 2012

o **Johnson / Edgar Streets** replace 2 inch galvanized line with 2 inch PVC line and re-tap customers to new line; completion estimated August 10, 2012

The remaining projects in this department require engineer plans prepared before work performed, and the engineering costs for the following are included in the FY 11-12 budget.

o **College Street from Wildcat Car Wash to Joker Phillips Lane** Existing 4 inch cast iron line is insufficient for fire flows and line is almost 100 years old.

o **John J Johnson & West Kentucky Avenue** project will entail John J Johnson from Jefferson to Cedar Streets and West Kentucky from High to West Streets existing 4 inch cast iron line is insufficient for fire flow and almost 100 years old

o **Lemon & Orange Streets** Replace existing two inch and 4 inch very old cast iron lines to increase fire flows and water quality in area

o **Macedonia Road / Harding Road** Replace Macedonia 4 inch cast iron line with 6 inch line; replace Harding Road 2 inch line with a larger 12 inch line; The 12 inch line on Harding is part of future water improvement plans for the south side of town and the first leg of a line that will run from the Water Plant to the Williamsburg Water Tank

- Neighborhood Inflow & Infiltration Inspections, Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Superintendent, Chris Klotter

During his presentation, WWTP Superintendent Klotter shared that install of most of the sewer lines in our system dates back to the 1960's or 1970's. As the installations age, cracks
and faults increase, and along with illegal installations or taps, the integrity of the lines is compromised, resulting in a loss of pipeline capacity, continued pipe structure deterioration, and inflow and infiltration (I&I) of storm and ground water into the sanitary sewer system. This extra I&I flow ends up at the WWTP and must be treated at the same level and cost as sewer water, which in turn impacts the customers with a higher than necessary treatment cost. In an attempt to contain and address the deficiencies in the system, Superintendent Klotter and staff are developing a plan of action.

- **Smoke Testing:** sewer lines will fill with a nontoxic smoke, which leaves no residuals or stains and has no effect on plant and animal life; smoke has a distinctive, but not unpleasant odor, and public notice, including door hangers, will be given to the areas that will be tested. The process will help locate I&I sources, including improper installation of sump pumps, foundation and area drains; defective house lateral lines; building roof drains directed into the System, low lying or buried and unidentified manholes. The testing will help detect leaks or cracks in lines, and reveal areas where storm water and ground water are entering the sanitary sewer.

- **Manhole Inspections:** staff will locate and visually inspect manholes to ascertain complete seal and identify cracks or defects and prevent entrance of ground water into the sanitary sewer system. Superintendent Klotter is Manhole Assessment Certified, as well as being a certified trainer, thereby well qualified to develop an inspection program.

- **TV or Video Monitoring.** As a proactive measure to identify potential failures, staff will utilize the sewer line TV or Video Monitoring Equipment to implement and perform routine operational inspections of lines; Superintendent Klotter is also Pipeline Assessment Certified in this area and can make quality use of the equipment. Sources of infiltration can be identified using the monitoring system and include cracked or offset joints in lines, cracked or collapsed lines. The video monitoring can be used to collect data or support compliance programs; investigate areas of repeated problem incidents.

- **Sewer Projects, Water Distribution/Waste Water Collections**

  Superintendent, Clif Beecher

  In continuation of the efforts to illuminate Inflow/Infiltration in the Waste Water Collections system, the following projects have been budgeted for FY2011-2012

  - **Rolling Road Drive from Bluegrass Road to College Street, then north on South College Street** Replace existing clay pipe with PVC pipe; the upgrade will improve sewer flows for residents on Rolling Road Drive and connect to the new line on S College that was installed a few years ago.

  - **Engineer upgrade of Main Street from Industrial Drive to Franklin Elementary then down Madison Street to Court Street, then north to Finn Street this line is undersized for flow; needs to be as large as the line it flows in to at Finn Street and that line is 15 inches.**

  - **Engineer upgrade of Breckenridge Street from Macedonia to Railroad and South Railroad Street from Morris to Madison Streets** this is currently served by a clay pipe and need to replace with a PVC line to eliminate root problems

  - **Engineer Strawberry Lane, Spears Avenue, Oak Lane area need to replace existing clay pipe with a new PVC line and upgrade line size if necessary or feasible.**

  - **Engineer McGoodwin, Maple, E Washington & East Street** Engineer replacement of existing clay pipe to eliminate root invasion and misalignment; upgrade pipe size if necessary or feasible. This replacement will connect to the east trunk line that crosses East Cedar.
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- **Engineer E Cedar Street** to replace existing clay pipe located on East Cedar Street from Robey Street to trunk line; upgrade pipe size if necessary or feasible.

- **Bennington Place Water Pressure, City Manager Kenton Powell**

  From the day he took office, City Manager Powell has been receiving calls concerning low water pressure from the Williamsburg water tank area, specifically Bennington Place. Several options discussed included installing additional storage tank(s) in area, install Booster Station to increase pressure, investigate feeding Bennington Place from a different water source. Open and complete discussion of this item held, including possibly soliciting someone to connect and report the effectiveness of an individual booster to see if it would improve the home’s water pressure.

- **Beautification**

  a. **Sidewalks, Street Department Superintendent, Derick Minnicks**

     A map showed location of the sidewalks referred to in the following presentation. Mr. Minnicks reported approximately one mile of sidewalks were repaired or replaced during the past year with City staff completing the labor and using contractors on the Safe Routes to School program. City crews are scheduled to repair/replace an estimated 2,400 feet of sidewalk in the upcoming year; large sidewalk work is usually done in the fall and spring seasons as workload allows. Crews are currently working on spot repairs on the Liberty Street sidewalk.

  b. **Streets & Curbs, Street Department Superintendent, Derick Minnicks**

     Approximately 4,000 feet of curb painting and striping complete, including the area around the Public Square. The remaining work on E Cedar Street, Highway 100 from Main Street to Highway 1008, parts of College and Main Street from Madison Street to Industrial Drive, is anticipated to be complete by August 1, 2011 (all areas named for the most part include edging, cleaning curbs and sidewalks). The Streets at the top of the 2011-2012 Street Resurfacing Program include Edgewood Drive, Oakmore Drive, Henry Street, Federal Street and College Street from Washington to N Main Streets.

  c. **Code Enforcement, City Manager Kenton Powell**

     City Manager Powell prepared reports illustrating the number of code violations received, and the work City staff has done in bringing this department to a useful and responsive condition. City Manager Powell reviewed the process flow when report of a violation(s) is received. During discussion, several questions were heard regarding frequent yard sales.

- **Fiber Optic Project, Fiber Optic Service Manager Tammie Carey**

  Mrs. Carey gave an updated and informative talk on the Franklin Municipal FiberNET project; the initial goal of the project is to provide reliable bandwidth and internet services to local businesses and industries. The project calls for approximately twenty-eight miles of fiber cable put on poles around Franklin, along with a 1,227 square foot Network Operations Center facility on Page Drive, and two 120 square feet NODE fiber equipment buildings. The City choose to take on this forward thinking project due to the importance of availability of a secure and high-speed fiber source to industrial and commercial business development; a key point in Tractor Supplies' (TSC) decision to locate their distribution center here was affirmation by the City of having fiber optic service to their location by July 15. Mrs. Carey
was excited to confirm the deadline has been met; fiber has been constructed from our Point of Presence to the TSC building, with the cabinet for equipment set in place last week. Splicing and testing fiber for the TSC connection will be complete this week, with equipment installed immediately after. The entire FiberNET project estimated to cost $2,000,000, with 50% reimbursed to the City through an Economic Development Authority grant and the remaining cost financed through a fifteen-year bond.

- Harristown Revitalization Project, Community Development Director Tammie Carey

Several years ago, the City completed a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the Harristown Historic community; the project completed rehabilitation of several residences and funds generated as Program Income of $36,682.28 remain. Use of the monies must be compliant with certain guidelines and must benefit low to moderate income people and/or eliminate slum or blight in the original grant area. While pursuing the best use of these funds, City staff is collaborating with the F-S Human Rights Commission Board to determine a need and identify an appropriate project. Possible uses have included demolition of abandoned properties, installation of sidewalks, street resurfacing, develop playground or green space in community.

- Kentucky 100 Containment Team, Police Chief Todd Holder

Police Chief Todd Holder reported on an exciting project for his department. During recent law enforcement discussions, the need for a source of responders to hazardous or complex situations being hard for smaller communities to manage especially when large amounts of manpower are needed, it was decided to create a consolidated team of trained professionals to respond to complex and hazardous situations. If successful, Kentucky 100 will be the first such containment team concept in the nation. Long-term development of the team is to bring Franklin, Scottsville, and Russellville Police along with Simpson, Allen and Logan County Sheriff’s Office together as a reactionary unit; to form, train, and develop the first Containment Team in the Commonwealth – Kentucky 100. Potential strategies for the team include

- to train select officers from the six agencies, and use those multiple agency officers in critical situations within the counties
- utilize the Kentucky 100 as a regional multipurpose unit, responding to hazardous and hostage and barricaded situations, functioning as a riot squad, Active Shooter in School or Workplace Team, Civil disturbance team, terrorist situations

Kentucky 100 has received professional support from the Kentucky State Police Special Response Team, Kentucky League of Cities, and Kentucky Association of Counties in the form of training funding, equipment, and financial support. In developing the team, each agency will be responsible for their officer’s equipment and training expense, over and above the contributed resources. KLC and KACo have stated they will offer a reduction in insurance premiums to any city of county that implements a Containment Team versus an Entry Team. Chief Holder also outlined continued projects and goals for the Franklin Police Department.

- Kentucky 100 Containment Team
- Firing Range Improvements
- RADAR Certifications for officers
- School Resource Officer Specialized Training completion
- Parking Lot Improvements
- Computer and Facility Improvements
✓ Interrogation Room Improvements
✓ Grants applied for Rifles, Vests, Tasers
✓ Grant for Traffic Safety Overtime
✓ Specialized Training for Officers

This part of the agenda ended with a short break at 8:20 pm; the open meeting resumed at 8:25 pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

No business

PUBLIC SERVICES

No business

PUBLIC SAFETY

No business

COMMUNITY SERVICES

No business

UTILITIES

• Discussion Regarding Ordinance Setting Fiber Rates

City Attorney Crabtree addressed the need to develop rates for the new fiber optic utility, and Commissioners Powell and Dixon sponsored creation of such ordinance.

ORDINANCES

• Second Reading of Ordinance Requesting Bids for Gas Franchise

City Clerk Kathy Stradtner gave second summary reading to an ordinance requesting bids for the Natural Gas Franchise. Motion by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Barnes to adopt Ordinance F2-07-2011 creating and authorizing sale of natural gas franchise upon this second reading. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Mason Barnes, Yes; Commissioner Larry Dixon, Yes; Commissioner Jamie Powell, Yes; Commissioner Henry Stone, Yes; Mayor Ronnie Clark, Yes. Motion carried and ordinance adopted by unanimous vote.

• First Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning 4.62 Acres from B-4 (Highway Business District) to I-1 (Light Industrial) at 1401 Nashville Road

City Clerk Kathy Stradtner gave first summary reading to an ordinance rezoning approximately 4.62 acres located at 1401 Nashville Road from B-4 to I-1, light industrial; said property being located in south Franklin, fronting on Macedonia Road and behind the Lowes store.
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Dixon to enter in to executive session for discussions, or hearings, which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual {KRS 61.810(1)}. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously at 8:30 pm. Entering executive session were Mayor Clark and the four Commissioners, City Attorney-Crabtree, and City Manager Powell.

At 8:47 pm, those in executive session returned to open meeting, and motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to close the executive session and return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Powell to approve the hiring board recommendations and hire, upon successful completion of all pre-employment tests, Joshua D Toomey as an officer for the City of Franklin Police Department; and to further authorize the creation of a Stand-By List consisting of (1) Serhiy S Varyvoda, (2) John K Rose, and (3) Darrell E Young Jr (in that order) to be maintained for future Police Department hiring effective through June 29, 2012. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

No business

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager Powell wished to receive confirmation from the Commission regarding the Neighborhood Walk series previously discussed. The event would have the Commission and department heads walking a specified area of the City; neighborhood residents will have the opportunity to meet and talk with City officials and point out neighborhood accomplishments or concerns. City Manager Powell would like to schedule the event for July 25 and the walk take place in the neighborhood of Harristown. After discussion, the consensus was to confirm the date for the first Neighborhood Walk in the community of Harristown. Staff will publicize specific location and start time of walk.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 8:48 pm.

Ronnie Clark, Mayor

Kathy Stadler, City Clerk