

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

August 12, 2019

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **August 12, 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	Absent
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; Community Development Director Tammie Carey; F-S Human Rights Commission Director, Donzella Lee; Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representatives, Keith Pyles and Jodi Camp; Simpson County Judge Executive Mason Barnes; City of Franklin Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Allen; F-S Planning & Zoning Administrator Carter Munday; City of Franklin Tax Collector/ABC Administrator Daniel Reetzke; Scott Waste Services representatives, Pete Reckard and Ty Bowman; F-S Renaissance representatives Amy Ellis and Morgan Cook; Riley Bright and Linda Bright.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and Chris Patterson from the First United Methodist Church offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the minutes as presented of the July 22, 2019, special called meeting of the Franklin City Commission

Voting aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to recognize and congratulate City Clerk Cathy Dillard on her completion of the Kentucky Municipal Clerk's Institute program and award of Certification as a Kentucky Municipal Clerk.

The Kentucky Municipal Clerk's program requires 120 hours of course study over a three year period and is awarded in conjunction with the University of Kentucky's Martin School of Public Policy and Administration.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

Riley Bright and Linda Bright asked to address the Commission regarding their concerns about homes located on Liberty Street, a commercial warehouse located on West Madison Street, and vacant lots on Pea Ridge Road.

Mr. Bright provided the Commission with four (4) photographs, two of properties on Liberty Street, one of the warehouse on West Madison Street and one of a lot on Pea Ridge Road. The Commission advised Mr. and Mrs. Bright that the Code Enforcement Board should hear their concerns and would take action accordingly.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Amy Ellis, Executive Director of F-S Renaissance, and Morgan Cook provided the Commission with an overview of the Downtown Franklin App. The free app is downloadable on any phone, tablet or other electronic device and features downtown businesses and available parking. Ms. Ellis indicated as they move forward with development that other businesses would be included.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider a proposed ordinance adopting amendments to the Planning and Zoning Regulations that had been approved by the Franklin-Simpson Planning and Zoning Commission after a public hearing pursuant to the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Williams asked to sponsor the proposed ordinance with first summary reading of the ordinance taking place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider approval of a contract with Westlaw, an online legal research tool for the City Attorney and City staff. The proposed month subscription cost is \$499.92 per month with a potential of a 5% increase per year for a three (3) year contract.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve a three year agreement for a subscription to Westlaw and to authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary for this subscription.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider approval of a resolution appointing members to the West Fork Drakes Creek Dam and Reservoir Interstate Authority Board of Directors prior to their annual meeting.

Upon motion by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart the Commission unanimously approved Resolution D-2019 as follows:

*A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY,
APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE WEST FORK DRAKES CREEK DAM AND RESERVOIR INTERSTATE AUTHORITY*

*WHEREAS, KRS 151.650, et seq., created the West Fork Drakes Creek Dam and Reservoir Interstate Authority;
and*

WHEREAS, pursuant to KRS 151.652, the City legislative body shall appoint of its members by and through a resolution to serve on said board, along with various other members from Simpson County, Kentucky and Sumner County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Franklin, Kentucky, as follows:

- 1. The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the preamble to this Resolution the same as if set forth fully herein.*
- 2. The Board of Commissioners appoints to the West Fork Drakes Creek Dam and Reservoir Interstate Authority the following:*
 - (a) Judge Executive Mason Barnes as the Simpson Fiscal Court representative for his term of office to expire on December 31, 2022; and,*
 - (b) City Commissioner Herbert Williams as City of Franklin representative for his term of office to expire on December 31, 2020, and,*
 - (c) Mayor Larry Dixon as the Mayor of the City of Franklin representative for his term of office to expire on December 31, 2022.*

RESOLVED this 12th day of August, 2019.

Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell presented the following bids for pest control services:

State Line Exterminating	\$1,280.00 (includes termite inspection insurance)
Orkin	\$1500.00 (termite inspection insurance unavailable and additional one-time initial fee of \$1,780.00)
Guarantee Pest Control	\$1760.00 (termite insurance inspection unavailable)
Alpha Pest Management LLC	\$1100.00 (termite insurance inspection unavailable)
Scott X-Terminating	\$ 960.00 (termite insurance inspection unavailable)
Grace Pest Solutions	\$960.00 (termite insurance inspection unavailable)

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve a 12 month contract with State Line Exterminating for pest control services and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents relating to this contract.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell asked the Commission to consider approval of hot spot wireless access for Franklin Municipal Utilities and presented two quotes for services as follows:

Bluegrass Cellular

Rental Fee for Router	\$10.00 per month
Essential Internet Plan – 40 GB	\$35.00 per month

AT&T

Rental Fee for Router	\$12.50 per month – 24 month contract
Data Connect Internet Plan – 10 GB	\$50.00 per month

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve hot spot services and equipment rental from Bluegrass Cellular for a total of \$45.00 per month and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents relating to this contract for services.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell provided calculations to the Commission regarding the 2019 real and personal property tax rates. After review and consideration, the Commission approved the tax rate of 12.3 cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation on all real and personal property within the City limits. This rate is unchanged from 2018 and requires a public hearing prior to approval.

Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Stewart agreed to sponsor the ordinance and Mayor Dixon asked that first reading of the ordinance be presented during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

Community Development Director Tammie Carey asked the Commission to approve an agreement with EPB Fiber for the City’s phone service which utilizes VoIP technology.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve an agreement for phone service with EPB Fiber and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents related to the agreement and to further authorize Tammie Carey to make changes on behalf of the City as they relate to terminating the agreement with Windstream

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Administrator Carter Munday provided the Commission with an update review regarding the offices permit and inspection processes and progress. With this update Mr. Munday provided statistics relating to the number of electric and building inspections along with average cost per inspection before and after his appointment as Administrator in November 2018.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon asked the Commission to consider approval of the purchase of 25 body worn cameras for the department at a cost of \$699.00 per camera. This purchase was included in the Police Department 2019-20 Fiscal Year Budget.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the purchase of 25 body worn cameras from Axon Enterprises, Inc. in the total amount of \$17,475.00 and to authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents relating to this purchase.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

UTILITIES

City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell asked the Commission to consider approval of award of bid to Wascon Sales and Service for the purchase of valves and actuators on filters (equipment only) for the City of Franklin Water Treatment Plant. Wascon Sales and Services submitted the only bid for Invitation to Bid #2020-01 in the amount of \$41,568.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to award the purchase of valves and actuators on filters (equipment only) for the City of Franklin Water Treatment Plant to Wascon Sales and Services in the amount of \$41,568.00 and to further authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents relating to this purchase.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

City Clerk Cathy Dillard presented second summary reading of Ordinance No. 2019-017 titled: *An Ordinance Approving and Relating to an Exclusive Franchisee to Collect, Transport and Dispose of Commercial and Residential Solid Waste within the City of Franklin and Simpson County, Kentucky.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve Ordinance No. 2019-017 and was approved by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Dixon	<u>Aye</u>	Commissioner Bennett	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Powell	<u>Aye</u>	Commissioner Stewart	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Williams	<u>Aye</u>		

City Clerk Cathy Dillard presented first summary reading of the Ordinance No. 2019-018 titled: *An Ordinance Adopting Amended Zoning Regulations of the City of Franklin and Simpson County, Kentucky in Article 9, Section 9.7.7 through 9.7.12 as Recommended by the Franklin-Simpson Planning and Zoning Commission*

City Clerk Cathy Dillard presented first summary reading of the Ordinance No. 2019-019 titled: *Ordinance Setting Forth The Property Tax Rate For The City Of Franklin, Kentucky For The Tax Year 2019 And Calculated Using The Certified Property Assessments As Provided By The Simpson County Property Valuation Administrator And Levying An Ad Valorem Tax Of 12.3 Cents Per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) Assessed Valuation On All Taxable Real Property Within The Jurisdiction And An Ad Valorem Tax Of 12.3 Cents Per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) Assessed Valuation On All Taxable Tangible Personal Property And Merchandise Inventory Within The Jurisdiction*

No action is taken on first reading of an ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:54 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

1. 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)}
2. LITIGATION – Discussion of proposed or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(1)(c)}
3. BUSINESS – Discussions 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(1)(g)}

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Jerry Jones entered Executive Session at 1:05 PM and exited at 1:35 PM.

At 1:54 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the purchase of the property located at 209 Witt Road from Penny Farmer and husband, Larry Farmer for the amount of \$75,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign all documents relating to this purchase including, but not limited to, any contracts or deed of conveyance.

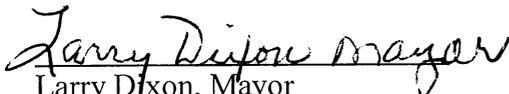
Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked Commission members to respond regarding their attendance at the Legislative Luncheon on Tuesday, August 27.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:56 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 members present. Motion carried unanimously.


Larry Dixon, Mayor
City of Franklin, Kentucky


Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
City of Franklin, Kentucky