

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

**August 14, 2017 – 12:00 Noon**

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 PM, Monday, **August 14, 2017**, 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; Chief of Police Roger Solomon; Public Works Superintendent Chris Klotter; City Clerk, Cathy Dillard; Community Development Director Tammie Carey; Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representatives, Keith Pyles and Ethan Steinquest; Donzella Lee, F-S Human Rights Commission; WBKO media representative, Sean Baute; Judge Executive Jim Henderson; Sheriff Jere Dee Hopson; Simpson County Magistrate Larry Randolph; Deputy Sheriff Steve Chappell; Simpson County EMS Director Robert Palmer; James Bailey; Wanda Barrett; Tim Crocker; Horace Dunn; Mike Harris; Justin Harris; Robin Hollingsworth; Debbie Hall; and Terry Joiner.

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM, and Chris Morgan 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 24, 2017, regular meeting and the July 20, 2017 special called meeting of the Franklin City Commission. Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Clark asked Commissioner Stewart to present a Proclamation to Horace Dunn of Dunn's BBQ recognizing Mr. Dunn for his longstanding support of this community and his most recent national recognition by YouTube's Jack on the Go Show. Mr. Dunn received a "50 out of 50" score for the barbecue and side dishes offered at Dunn's BBQ. The Franklin City Commission proclaimed Monday, August 14, 2017 as Horace Dunn and Dunn's BBQ day in Franklin.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Mayor Clark addressed the Commission and everyone present regarding the possible termination of the proposed aquatic center. Mayor Clark asked the Commission to reconsider termination of the project and encouraged them to support pursuing other options for the proposed center. Mayor Clark asked each Commissioner for their comments. Mayor Clark also offered an opportunity to speak by anyone present. A small number of attendees offered comments. No action was taken on this matter.

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Simpson County Emergency Management Director Robert Palmer was present to provide an update regarding preparedness efforts by City and County agencies for the upcoming total eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017. Mr. Palmer reminded everyone of the potential for a significant number of people to be in Franklin and surrounding towns for this eclipse event. Mr. Palmer indicated that increased traffic on Interstate 65 and Highway 31W could create the most impact on services.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell requested that the Commission consider adjusting City Hall operating hours on Monday, August 21, 2017, to allow City employees an opportunity to view the total eclipse. Commissioner Powell recommended City Hall close at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 21, 2017, and reopen the following day with normal business hours. Commissioner Barnes asked that any late fees or cut off fees for utility services be adjusted to accommodate customer needs for City Hall's reduced hours.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to close City Hall at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 21, 2017 and to adjust any late fees or cut off fees for utility services. Further, City employees shall observe the adverse weather policy regarding non-essential personnel. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

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City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell provided the Commission with an overview regarding the increase in the City's General Obligation (General Fund) Rating by Moody's Investment Services to an Aa3. In July 2017 the City completed a comprehensive financial review and audit from Moody's Investment Service resulting in the Aa3 rating. This rating represents a three grade increase above the City's previous rating. The City's long term

credit and investment grade classification by Moody's is rated as "high quality and very low credit risk."

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Lester Key's term on the EPB Board will expire on September 16, 2017. Mr. Key was first appointed to the EPB Board in December 2011 to fill a vacant unexpired term of a retiring member. Mr. Key has volunteered to serve a second term on this Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to appoint Lester Key to the EPB Board for a four year term to expire on September 16, 2021. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell informed the Commission that the Kentucky League of Cities will host a County Employees Retirement System (CERS) Separation and Stability Forum in Owensboro on Wednesday, August 30, 2017. This forum offers CERS members and retirees an opportunity to engage with state legislators about this important issue. Mr. Powell plans to attend this forum and welcomed anyone who would like to attend to join him.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

City Attorney Scott Crabtree presented revised and new policy policies for Commission approval as follows:

1. Section 5, Chapter 2 – Multi-Year Plan (*revised*)
2. Section 2, Chapter 38 – Video Recording Devices (General Public) (*new policy*)
3. Section 2, Chapter 39 – Social Media (*new policy*)

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the new and revised police policies as presented. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**UTILITIES**

Public Works Director Chris Klotter presented the bids for the sewer line relocation at the TVA substation located on East Cedar Street. Project Engineer with Barge, Waggoner, Sumner & Cannon, Inc. reviewed the bid documents and after finding them in order, recommended Charles Dewese Construction, Inc. as the successful, responsive and responsible low bidder for the project in the amount of \$64,793.20. Upon completion, this project expense will be fully reimbursed by TVA.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Charles Dewese Construction, Inc. as the successful, responsive and responsible low bidder for the sewer line relocation project at the TVA substation in the amount of \$64,793.20. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCES**

City Clerk Cathy Dillard presented first summary reading of Ordinance No. 2017-012 entitled *An Ordinance Rezoning Properties Located at 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411 and 312 Cherry Street, as well as 508, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610 and 612 Orange Street From I-1 (Light Industrial) to R-3 (General Business)*.

No action is taken upon first reading of an ordinance.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 1:20 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Powell to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of (1) proposed, or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(c)}; (2) discussions, or hearings, which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual {KRS 61.810(f)}; (3) to discuss business 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(g)}; and/or (4) 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; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; and Public Works Director Chris Klotter.

At 1:50 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to exit Executive Session and return to open session. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS**

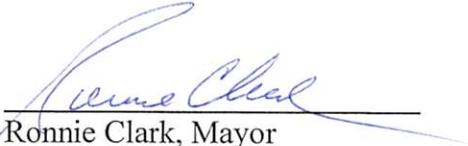
Police Chief Roger Solomon provided the Commission with an update regarding the Flying Panthers rally held over the weekend. Chief Solomon indicated that everything went well with this annual event.

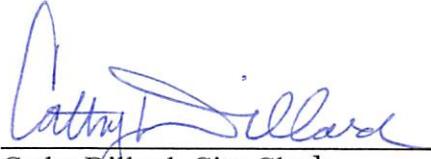
Mayor Clark provided an update on Fritz-Winter Interlocal Agreement and Kenton Powell provided an update regarding production at Fritz-Winter.

Kenton Powell also provided an update regarding TSC and advised the Commission that he may not be available at the next regular meeting due to a scheduled meeting with TSC on the same day and time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:05 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.

  
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Ronnie Clark, Mayor  
City of Franklin, Kentucky

  
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Cathy Dillard, City Clerk  
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