

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

August 24, 2020

**City Hall
117 West Cedar Street
Franklin, Kentucky
(Pursuant to Senate Bill 150)**

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **August 24, 2020**, 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	Present
Commissioner Wendell Stewart	Present

Others present included City Attorney Scott Crabtree; City Personnel Director/Deputy Clerk, Rita Vaughn; City Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell; City Police Chief, Roger Solomon; Community Development Director Tammie Carey; and, City Clerk, Cathy Dillard.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and Commissioner Jamie Powell offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minutes as presented of the August 10, 2020, regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon introduced Chief Shawn Butler, Executive Director of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Butler presented Chief Solomon with the Franklin Police Department certification of re-accreditation. This four-year certification is a nationally recognized standard of measure for law enforcement agencies. Chief Solomon said this re-accreditation represents the professionalism, character and dedication of all the officers in the Franklin Police Department.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mayor Dixon introduced Julie Trovillion, Partnership Specialist for the U.S. Census Bureau, and asked her to provide the Commission with an update regarding the 2020 Census response rate for Franklin. Trovillion provided statistical data to the Commission regarding our current response rate and information regarding options to respond.

Community Development Director Tammie Carey asked the Commission to approve the guidebook and liability waiver form for the Bicentennial 200 Mile Relay Run which will take place in November.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve and allow the use of the Bicentennial 200 Mile Relay Run 2020 official guidebook and liability waiver form by the Bicentennial Committee to govern the 200 Mile Relay Run.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider sponsorship of a proposed ordinance to approve the rezoning of the properties at 618 and 620 East Cedar Street from R-1 to B-2 located behind Priceless IGA. This rezoning was approved by the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Commission on July 7, 2020.

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

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider sponsorship of a proposed ordinance to approve the rezoning of 47.7378 acres on Highway 31-W North near the Lewis Memorial Home from A-1 to R1-S, being the second phase of Windsor Park Subdivision. This rezoning was approved by the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Commission on August 4, 2020.

Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Stewart asked to sponsor the ordinance with first summary reading taking place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell and City Tax Collector Daniel Reetzke provided calculations to the Commission regarding the 2020 real and personal property tax rates. After review and consideration, the Commission approved the tax rate of 12.2 cents per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation on all real and personal property within the City limits. This rate is lower than the 2019 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 and also set the public hearing to hear public comments on the tax rate for Monday, September 14, 2020 at 11:45 a.m.

ORDINANCES

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided second summary reading of the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 2020-009 titled: *An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the City of Franklin, Kentucky*

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-009 and was approved by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Dixon	<u>Yes</u>	Commissioner Bennett	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Powell	<u>Yes</u>	Commissioner Stewart	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Williams	<u>Yes</u>		

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided first summary reading of the following ordinances:

Ordinance No. 2020-010 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning 618 East Cedar Street and 620 East Cedar Street from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to B-2 (General Business District) by 2C Investments, LLC*

Ordinance No. 2020-011 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning 47.7378 Acres West of 31-W North from A-1 (Agriculture) to R1-S (Single Family Residential) By Lewis Memorial, Inc.*

Ordinance No. 2020-012 titled: *Ordinance Setting Forth The Property Tax Rate For The City Of Franklin, Kentucky For The Tax Year 2020 And Calculated Using The Certified Property Assessments As Provided By The Simpson County Property Valuation Administrator And Levying An Ad Valorem Tax Of 12.2 Cents Per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.000) Assessed Valuation On All Taxable Real Property Within The Jurisdiction And An Ad Valorem Tax Of 12.2 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.

A brief discussion was held regarding 2020 property tax bills and the possibility that due dates for payment of property taxes may be extended for the 2020 tax year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:32 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: (1) Litigation – Discussion of proposed or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(1)(c)} and (2) Personnel – Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810(1)(f)}.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Entering Executive Session were Mayor Dixon; Commissioners Powell, Bennett, Williams and Stewart; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; and, Daniel Reetzke, City of Franklin ABC Administrator/Tax Collector.

Reetzke exited Executive Session at 12:55 PM

Chief Solomon entered Executive Session at 12:55 PM and exited at 1:10 PM.

At 1:56 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: All. Motion carried unanimously.

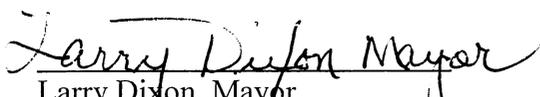
Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commission Williams to accept the resignation of Lieutenant Zach Duke from the Franklin Police Department.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:58 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adjourn the regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: All. Motion carried unanimously.


Larry Dixon, Mayor
City of Franklin, Kentucky


Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
City of Franklin, Kentucky