MINUTES

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

CITY OF FRANKLIN CITY COMMISSION
and
SIMPSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Tuesday, September 3, 2019, at 12:00 Noon

Simpson County Courthouse
Public Square
Franklin, Kentucky

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session with Simpson County Fiscal Court at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, in the Historic Simpson County Courthouse, Public Square, Franklin, Kentucky.

Mayor Larry Dixon called the City Commission to order and County Judge Executive Mason Barnes called the Fiscal Court to order at 12:00 Noon, the member attendance was as follows:

Franklin City Commission
Mayor Larry Dixon
Commissioner Brownie Bennett
Commissioner Jamie Powell
Commissioner Wendell Stewart
Commissioner Herbert Williams

Simpson County Fiscal Court
County Judge Executive Mason Barnes
Magistrate Marty Chandler
Magistrate Myron Thurman
Magistrate Nathaniel Downey
Magistrate Scott Poston

Others present included City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; City Clerk Cathy Dillard; Fiscal Court Clerk Pam Rohrs; County Attorney Sam Phillips; Bill Rohrs Simpson County Facility Maintenance; Carter Munday, Administrator of F-S Planning & Zoning Commission; Simpson County Sheriff Jere Dee Hopson; EMS Nelson Slaughter; F-S Human Rights Director Donzellia Lee; Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative Keith Pyles; and, Dan Ware, Simpson County Tourism.

Mayor Larry Dixon offered an opening prayer and Judge Executive Mason Barnes asked everyone in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REPORTS

The Franklin City Commission had no reports at this time.

Judge Executive Mason Barnes asked if the City Commission would consider changing the regular meeting from the first Tuesday in September to the third Tuesday of September each year.
City Attorney Scott Crabtree advised that changing the regular meeting day would require an amendment to the ordinance setting the meeting days for the City Commission and Fiscal Court. Commissioner Powell and Commission Williams volunteered to sponsor the ordinance for the City of Franklin.

No action was taken on this matter.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Mayor Dixon asked City Manager Kenton Powell to review the proposed agreement with NextSite, a retail recruitment company. Powell said that NextSite had resubmitted their proposal and reduced the price from $35,000.00 per year to $15,000.00 per year. Mayor Dixon and Judge Barnes had attended a meeting regarding the proposal and were asking both governmental bodies to commit funding in the amount of $3,750.00 each for three years to participate with the Franklin-Simpson Industrial Authority and Simpson County Tourism to participate in this program.

After discussion, the City Commission and the Fiscal Court took no action on the matter.

Judge Executive Mason Barnes asked for approval from Fiscal Court and the City Commission to purchase a new computer for the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Administrator. In addition, he requested that specifications for the computer be provided prior to obtaining a quote from the County’s provider of computer hardware. It was determined that approximately $3,500.00 should cover the proposed purchase.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve to share one-half of the total cost of the purchase of a computer for the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Administrator for an amount not to exceed the total purchase price of $3,500.00.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Magistrate Thurman and seconded by Magistrate Poston to approve to share one-half of the total cost of the purchase of a computer for the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Administrator for an amount not to exceed the total purchase price of $3,500.00.

Voting Aye By Roll Call Vote: Judge Executive Barnes and Magistrates Chandler, Downey, Poston and Thurman. Motion carried unanimously.

Judge Executive Barnes asked Carter Munday, F-S Planning & Zoning Administrator, to provide an update to the City Commission and Fiscal Court regarding permit and inspection fees collected by Planning & Zoning.

Mr. Munday provided a breakdown of building and electrical inspection permits and fees under the contract employee system currently in place versus having two full-time employees in the past.
In addition, Munday provided a brief history of permit and inspection fees and determined it has been over ten (10) years since the permit and inspection fee structure had been modified.

The City Commission and Fiscal Court agreed to modify the building permit fee from $10.00 to $25.00 and to modify the building inspection cost from $10.00 to $50.00 with both increases beginning January 1, 2020.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree advised that modifying the fee structure required adoption by ordinance. Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Powell agreed to sponsor the ordinance for the City of Franklin.

No action was taken on this matter.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider approval of an application for a supervised public display of fireworks for Franklin Precision Industry’s (‘FPI’) 30th Anniversary celebration on September 20, 2019. The application with supporting documents and the site of the display were inspected and approved by F-S Fire Department but required Commission approval pursuant to City of Franklin ordinance.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the application for public display of fireworks for FPI 30th Anniversary celebration on September 20, 2019, to take place between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was required by Fiscal Court on this matter.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 1:05 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: 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: All. Motion carried unanimously.

At 1:05 PM, motion was made by Magistrate Poston and Magistrate Thurman to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: 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 Vote: Judge Executive Barnes and Magistrates Chandler, Downey, Poston and Thurman. Motion carried unanimously.
At 1:20 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to exit Executive Session.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

At 1:20 PM, motion was made by Magistrate Poston and Magistrate Thurman to exit Executive Session.

Voting Aye By Roll Call Vote: Judge Executive Barnes and Magistrates Chandler, Downey, Poston and Thurman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to enter into a contract with Donnie Thompson as an independent contractor for commercial building inspections at the rate provided by the contractor.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Magistrate Thurman and seconded by Magistrate Downey to enter into a contract with Donnie Thompson as an independent contractor for commercial building inspections at the rate provided by the contractor.

Voting Aye By Roll Call Vote: Judge Executive Barnes and Magistrates Chandler, Downey, Poston and Thurman. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to authorize the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Franklin, to sign an Application for Expanded Jurisdiction to be submitted to the State of Kentucky for the City of Franklin and the County of Simpson to expand their local jurisdiction with regard to commercial building inspections.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Magistrate Thurman and seconded by Magistrate Downey to authorize the Judge Executive, on behalf of Simpson County, to sign an Application for Expanded Jurisdiction to be submitted to the State of Kentucky for the City of Franklin and the County of Simpson to expand their local jurisdiction with regard to commercial building inspections.

Voting Aye By Roll Call Vote: Judge Executive Barnes and Magistrates Chandler, Downey, Poston and Thurman. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree advised that setting commercial building inspection rates to be charged by F-S Planning & Zoning Commission would require adoption by ordinance.
Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Stewart asked to sponsor the ordinance for the City of Franklin.

No action was taken on this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:23 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

At 1:23 PM, motion was made by Magistrate Poston and seconded by Magistrate Thurman to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Aye By Roll Call Vote: Judge Executive Barnes and Magistrates Chandler, Downey, Poston and Thurman. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Dixon, Mayor  
City of Franklin, Kentucky  

Cathy Dillard, City Clerk  
City of Franklin, Kentucky