

**MINUTES
of the
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY OF FRANKLIN CITY COMMISSION
and
SIMPSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT**

Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 12:00 Noon

**Simpson County Fiscal Court Meeting Room
Simpson County Courthouse
100 Courthouse Square
Franklin, Kentucky**

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, in the Simpson County Fiscal Court meeting room located at 100 Courthouse 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 were City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; County Attorney Sam Phillips; Fiscal Court Clerk, Pam Rohrs; F-S Planning & Zoning Administrator Carter Munday; City of Franklin Public Works Director Chris Klotter; Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon; Simpson County Sheriff Jere D. Hopson; City Finance Director Carol Riggenbach; Simpson County Public Works Director Bobby Groves; Deputy Sheriff Matt Freeman; F-S Parks Director Terry Joiner; Emergency Management Director Robert Palmer; Derfra Holt; Lisa Deavers; and, Chuck Fleming.

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

REGULAR BUSINESS

Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Administrator Carter Munday provided the City and County governing bodies with the current financial status of the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Commission and presented a proposal for rate increases for all permits. The current fee rates have not been adjusted since 1986. Munday provided surrounding area fees in comparison to Franklin and Simpson County rates. He indicated that if the proposed fees were adopted it could result in

an increase in estimated annual revenues of approximately \$108,000.00 which would provide an opportunity for the Planning & Zoning Commission to become self-sufficient.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree indicated both governmental bodies are required to adopt an ordinance to modify the rate fees. Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Bennett asked to sponsor the City of Franklin's ordinance to adopt rate changes for the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Commission. Judge Barnes indicated the County would also work to adopt an ordinance.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree presented a draft ordinance to establish a permit system and contract for parades and other special events held downtown. The City currently has an ordinance regarding parades but it does not address events or events whose sponsors desire to sell alcoholic beverages which will be consumed on site. Crabtree indicated that the County could adopt an ordinance that would be effective by the area around the Courthouse courtyard that is located within the sidewalk area.

No action was taken by the Commission on this matter.

Director of Emergency Management Robert Palmer discussed the need for improved radio communication for law enforcement and emergency management agencies in Franklin and Simpson County. The current system has been in place since 2006 and is operating at an estimated 70% efficiency rate. Deputy Sheriff Matt Freeman discussed a recent loss of communication while working in northwest Simpson County. Palmer indicated that he communicated with a provider for pricing on a new system, which would include a new tower, and was quoted a price of approximately \$2.7 million.

No action was taken on this matter at this time by the governmental bodies.

Judge Executive Mason Barnes opened a discussion regarding Franklin-Simpson Parks operations. He indicated that he would also like for the Parks Board to consider guidelines for events. In addition, Barnes asked if Board meetings were held regularly and asked for information regarding planned improvements at the Parks.

F-S Parks Board Chairman Chuck Fleming provided information regarding Board meetings and indicated the Board would work to update their guidelines for events held at the Parks and provide information regarding improvements.

No action was taken on this matter at this time by the governmental bodies.

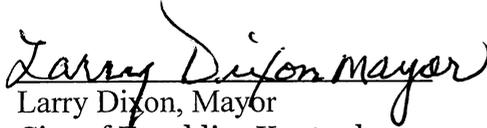
Judge Barnes indicated that he would like to work with City Manager Kenton Powell and Mayor Dixon to explore an option to adjust the current rate for Kentucky Business Investment ("KBI") inducement grant program payments which is currently in place.

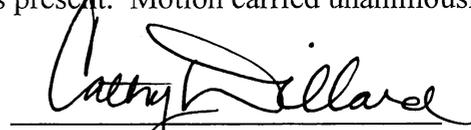
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ADJOURNMENT

At 1:35 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell to adjourn the City of Franklin meeting.

City Commission Voting Aye by Roll Call: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.


Larry Dixon, Mayor
City of Franklin, Kentucky


Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
City of Franklin, Kentucky