MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
OF THE
CITY OF FRANKLIN
CITY COMMISSION

September 25, 2017

City Hall
117 West Cedar Street
Franklin, Kentucky

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 PM, Monday, September 25, 2017, in the City Hall meeting room located at 117 West Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky.

Members attending were as follows:

Mayor Ronnie Clark
Commissioner Mason Barnes
Commissioner Larry Dixon
Commissioner Jamie Powell
Commissioner Wendell Stewart

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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; Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles; WBKO media representative, Glenn Wright; and, Isaac Myers with the Kentucky Department for Local Government.

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM, and Wilbur Powell of the Simpson Baptist Association offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes as presented of the September 11, 2017, regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission. Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Steve Thurmond, Executive Director of the Franklin-Simpson Chamber of Commerce, expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Commission for assistance from the City’s Public Works Department employees during community and Chamber sponsored events. In particular, he described an incident which occurred during the cruise-in event on Friday, September 15, 2017, when two police officers assisted a registered nurse in providing CPR to
City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell requested approval for emergency repairs to an HVAC unit at the Water Treatment Plant. The expenditure exceeds the City’s small purchases policy and requires Commission approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve payment to Turney’s Heating & Cooling, LLC in the amount of $12,554.00 for the emergency replacement of HVAC unit at City Hall. Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree discussed and reviewed the Consent to Annexation and ordinance to annex 46.82 acres located on the corner of Highway 1008 and Highway 31-W North owned by South Street, LLC. South Street, LLC will convey 15.32 acres of this property to the City of Franklin in exchange for maintenance of the property and controlling storm water on the property.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon seconded by Commissioner Powell to authorize the Mayor to sign the deed on behalf of the City of Franklin. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

An individual presented, in writing, a request to close a portion of West Kentucky Avenue on Saturday, October 14, 2017, for a wedding and reception. After some discussion the request was tabled because no precedent exists for requests for street closings for private events.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon presented a request for the reallocation of various line items in the approved budget to purchase uniforms and equipment for the Police Department. The total costs for 23 ballistic vests is $7,086.50 and the total costs for uniforms is $6,969.00 for a total combined cost of $14,055.50.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the reallocation of funds within the Department budget to purchase equipment and uniforms in the amount of $14,055.50. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree discussed the proposed ordinance regarding prohibition of air compression brakes within the City limits. Mr. Crabtree recommended contacting the State Highway Department to allow the City to place signage informing tractor trailer drivers that the use of compression brakes is prohibited. Mayor Clark and Commissioner Barnes agreed and requested the Commission proceed with first reading of the ordinance.
City Clerk Cathy Dillard presented first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-017 entitled *Ordinance Prohibiting the Unlawful Use of Engine and/or Compression Brakes*. No action is taken at first reading of an ordinance.

Mayor Clark took the opportunity to recognize Keith Pyles with WFKN/Franklin Favorite and thanked him for his efforts in reporting City of Franklin business to the public.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 1:00 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to enter into Executive Session for the purpose 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; and City Attorney Scott Crabtree.

At 1:19 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to exit Executive Session and return to open session. Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS**

While the Commission was in regular session, City Clerk Cathy Dillard received a street closing request from the Relentless Car Club. The car club asked the Commission to consider closing a City street for the club to host a benefit on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 6:00 PM. After discussion, the Commission reached a consensus to not approve the street closing because consent from local businesses had not been obtained by the car club and for other reasons.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:24 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.

Ronnie Clark, Mayor  
City of Franklin, Kentucky

Cathy Dillard, City Clerk  
City of Franklin, Kentucky