

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED SESSION  
OF THE  
CITY OF FRANKLIN  
CITY COMMISSION**

**October 14, 2019**

**Lincoln Park  
Gentlemen’s Unlimited Pavilion  
John J. Johnson Avenue  
Franklin, Kentucky**

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Special Called Session at 6:00 PM, Monday, **October 14, 2019**, in the Gentlemen’s Unlimited Pavilion in Lincoln Park located on John J. Johnson Avenue in 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 Manager Kenton Powell; City Personnel Director/Deputy Clerk, Rita Vaughn; City Police Chief Roger Solomon; Public Works Director Chris Klotter; City Clerk Cathy Dillard; Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles; City Community Development Director, Tammie Carey; City Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell; Phil Lockhart; Chris Davidson; Jacky Hunt, Southcentral KY Drug Task Force; Sgt. Kelly Mayfield; Lt. Dale Adams; Michael Kennedy; Lisa Deavers; Alice Bailey; Sharon Carillo-Taylor; City Public Works Supt. Darrell Mallory and City Public Works Scheduler Steve Akin.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and Chris Patterson from the Franklin First United Methodist Church 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 September 23, 2019, regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

## **RECOGNITION**

Mayor Dixon presented a proclamation to the Franklin Business & Professional Women's Club proclaiming the week of October 20 – 26, 2019 as Kentucky Professional Women's Week in Franklin, Kentucky. Sharon Carillo-Taylor and Alice Bailey accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Franklin chapter of Business & Profession Women's Club.

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The City Officials Training Center (COTC) Awards Program event was held at the 2019 Kentucky League of Cities annual conference in Covington, Kentucky.

City Manager Kenton Powell recognized Mayor Larry Dixon for achieving the Level III Master of City Governance which requires 90 hours of approved training; Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell achieved Level II which requires 60 hours of approved training; and, City Attorney Scott Crabtree and Community Development Director Tammie Carey received Level I certification which requires 30 hours of training.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Kentucky law allows law enforcement agencies who seize cash and assets from suspected drug traffickers use it for direct law enforcement purposes. The Franklin Police Department recently purchased a drone with funds provided by drug seizure proceeds. Lt. Dale Adams spoke briefly about the drone purchase and provided a demonstration at the meeting. Prior to operating the drone for law enforcement purposes, Lt. Adams was required to pass a licensing examination administered by the FAA. Lt. Adams said the drone will be utilized for public safety, accident reconstruction, and for locating children or elderly adults who are lost.

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Police Chief Roger Solomon asked the Commission to consider trading in the vehicle used by the department's representative to the Southcentral Kentucky Drug Task Force. Hunt Ford has offered a trade-in value of \$20,000 for the 2016 Dodge Ram pickup for the purchase of a 2017 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$26,800 with the Drug Task Force paying the price difference of \$6,800. The City will then transfer the vehicle to the Southcentral Kentucky Drug Task Force.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to trade in with Hunt Ford a 2016 Dodge Ram pickup used by the Franklin Police Department's Drug Task Force representative for a 2017 Ford Explorer, with the Southcentral Kentucky Drug Task Force paying the price difference, and further authorizing the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the trade in, purchase and transfer.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Community Development Director Tammie Carey provided the Commission with an update of the development of Hoy Park. This recreational trail park will be located near the corner of Highway 1008 and U.S. 31-W North and will be developed with funds from the Kentucky Department of Local Government Recreational Trail Grant. The City will utilize in-house labor as matching funds for the project. Development should be complete by spring of 2020.

No action was taken on this matter.

Community Development Director Tammie Carey provided the Commission with an update for the Highway 100 Beautification Project. The sponsorship of the initial phase was provided by FPI during their 30 year anniversary celebration. FPI’s sponsorship also includes funds to replace missing or damaged trees in the courtyard around the Courthouse. Additional phases will be completed as other sponsorships or donations are secured.

Carey asked the Commission to consider approval to utilize City labor to remove the asphalt in the median on Highway 100 and replace it with top soil. The State Highway Department has provided guidelines for plants that are suitable for the site.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the use of City labor to remove the asphalt in the median on Highway 100 and replace it with top soil to prepare for the Highway 100 beautification project.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Director Chris Klotter provided the Commission with an overview of funding for street paving along with the list of streets scheduled for paving. The summary of funding is as follows:

Road Aid Funds	\$110,000.00
Commission Approved City Funds	\$100,000.00
Discretionary Funding	<u>\$114,482.00</u>
Total for Paving 2019-2020	\$324,482.00

The following street are scheduled for paving with Road Aid funding and Commission Approved City Funds: John J. Johnson Street, North Street, Morris Street, Railroad Street, Washington Street, House Street, Valleyview Drive and Filter Plant Road.

The following streets are scheduled for paving with the additional State approved Discretionary Funding: Village Drive, McDowell Avenue, Page Drive, John J. Johnson Avenue, Portland Avenue, Cherry Street, West Breckenridge Street and Colonial Drive.

No action was taken on this matter.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Franklin-Simpson Renaissance and Franklin-Simpson Fair Board requested the Commission approve street closures for Boo Fest on Saturday, October 26, 2019.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the following street closures for Boo Fest on Saturday, October 26, 2019: (1) Close College Street from West Cedar Street to West Kentucky Avenue from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM; and, (2) Close West Kentucky Avenue from Main Street to College Street from 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

The First United Methodist Church requested the Commission approve street closures for Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31, 2019.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve closing College Street in front of the United Methodist Church from West Cedar Street to West Kentucky Avenue for Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31, 2019, from 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCES**

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided second summary reading of Ordinance No. 2019-023 titled: *An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Franklin, Kentucky.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve Ordinance No. 2019-023 and was unanimously 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 Ordinance No. 2019-024 titled: *An Ordinance of the City of Franklin, Kentucky Repealing and Restating the Permit and Inspection Rate Schedule and Expanding the Local Inspection Jurisdiction to Include Commercial Inspections for the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Commission.*

No action was taken at first reading of this ordinance.

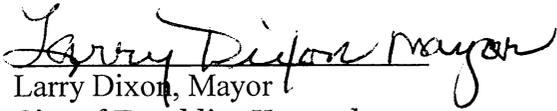
**COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Dixon asked if anyone in attendance had any comments or questions. Commissioner Bennett provided an update regarding the alleyway improvements for the alley beside and behind Brickyard Café. Bennett indicated the mural painting would begin next week.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:50 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the special called meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting Aye: All. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Larry Dixon, Mayor  
City of Franklin, Kentucky

  
Cathy Dillard, City Clerk  
City of Franklin, Kentucky