

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

October 26, 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, **October 26, 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 Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; City Personnel Director/Deputy Clerk, Rita Vaughn; City Police Chief, Roger Solomon; City Clerk, Cathy Dillard; Dick Timmerman; Doug Bower, Atmos Energy; and, Dylan Holder, The Legendary Legacy Association.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the minutes as presented of the October 12, 2020, regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

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

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Dixon presented Dick Timmerman with a Key to the City in recognition to his service to the Franklin-Simpson community. Mr. Timmerman served on the Housing Authority Board for several years, the Barren River Area Development District Aging Services Board, has been

active in the Feeding America program, Simpson County Habitat for Humanity, Community Garden and his church. Mr. Timmerman has dedicated his personal time to give back to the community and especially the senior citizens in our community.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Doug Bower with Atmos Energy provided the Commission with an update regarding replacement of low pressure gas lines in areas within the City. The Kentucky Public Service Commission approved a Pipeline Replacement Program (PRP) for its service territory in Kentucky. This program enables Atmos Energy to replace bare steel and other aging infrastructure. The first project replaces approximately 6,779 feet of bare steel main with 80 services involved. This phase of the project is projected to end late March 2021.

Streets involved:

Lemon St
Breckenridge St from Main St to Bradley Community Park
S Railroad St from Breckenridge St North 266'
E Cedar St from S Court St to Railroad St
N Court St from E Kentucky St to McGoodwin Ave
E Washington St from N Court St to N Main St
N High St from W Washington St to Tulip Dr
Tulip Dr from N High St to dead end
Walker St from N High St to N College St
College St from Walker St North 310'
Roosevelt St from N High St East 100'
Walker St from Tyan Ave to Pelham St
Sarver St from Pelham St to Bryant St
Morgantown Rd from N Main St to N High St
Larue St from Finn St to Cemetery St Intersection
of Green & Finn St

The second phase of the project will replace approximately 9,400' of bare steel main with 137 services involved. This phase of the project is projected to end late in September.

Streets involved:

W Cedar St from West St to N High St
W Kentucky Ave from West St to N College St
John Johnson Ave from KY 383 to W Washington St
KY 383 from Liberty St to N Main St
S College St from E Madison St to Montague St
N High St from W Cedar St to W Kentucky Ave
E Madison St from N Main St to S Court St

Mr. Bower indicated that Atmos Energy would work with local officials if street closures become necessary or if changes occur as the project progresses.

No action was taken by the Commission regarding this matter.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Manager Kenton Powell introduced Dylan Holder from The Legendary Legacy Association regarding a street closure request for the Historic Harristown Holiday Parade tentatively scheduled to take place on November 28, 2020. Mr. Holder also presented a contingency plan for a “drive by” parade. The Commission encouraged Mr. Holder to pursue the proposed contingency plan due to COVID-19 social distancing recommendations.

No action was taken by the Commission regarding this matter.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to ratify the Mayor’s signature on the City’s FEMA grant application documents relating to CARES monies.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to ratify the Mayor’s signature on the FEMA grant application documents relating to CARES monies and further authorized the Mayor to sign any and all other necessary documents relating to this grant application.

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

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider a proposed ordinance amending Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Regulations relating to non-conforming lots with exceptional circumstances. The F-S Planning & Zoning Commission recommended these amendments at their meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Stewart asked to sponsor the ordinance. First reading of the proposed ordinance took place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider approval of amendments to the Franklin Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual. The sections amended were as follows:

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| Section 2, Chapter 12 | Prisoner Transport |
| Section 2, Chapter 20 | K-9 Operations |
| Section 2, Chapter 44 | Early Intervention System (<i>new policy</i>) |
| Section 3, Chapter 3 | Confidential Informants |
| Section 3, Chapter 4 | Undercover Funds |
| Section 3, Chapter 5 | Narcotics |
| Section 3, Chapter 6 | Surveillance Equipment |
| Section 3, Chapter 7 | Evidence – Collection & Preservation |
| Section 3, Chapter 11 | Asset Forfeiture |
| Section 4, Chapter 2 | Ride Along Program |

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve and adopt the amendments to the above-referenced Franklin Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual.

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

Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon provided the Commission with a three year overview of Computer Aided Dispatch (“CAD”) statistics for the Police Department. The six major crime categories – DUI, assault, robbery, burglary, theft and drugs - are trending down. Friday and Saturday continue to have higher rates of incidents with daily calls peaking during the hours of 2:00 to 6:00 PM.

The Franklin Police Department responds to 15,900 calls and 900 traffic stops per year for an annual total of 16,800. Of the 16,800 total annual calls, approximately 10-12 incidents required use of force. Since 2014 the department has had no excessive use of force complaints.

Chief Solomon recognized officers who earned awards this year as follows:

Officer Travis Frank: Purple Heart, Drug Enforcement, Chiefs Commendation (kidnapping), and Officer of the Year

Officer Clayton Montgomery: Lifesaving (2), Chiefs Commendation (kidnapping)

Officer Troy Lamastus: DUI Enforcement, Lifesaving

Officer Tyler Anderson: Lifesaving

Officer Michael Carder: Lifesaving

Officer Coby Scharklet: Military Service

Officers of the Franklin Police Department are highly trained and take pride in protecting and serving our community with professionalism and commitment.

ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 2020-016 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning 4.00 Acres (Consisting of Two Tracts) Located on Brown Road and Kentucky Highway 1008 From B-4 (Highway Business) to I-2 (Heavy Industrial) by Gail H. Manning, Trustee of the James A. Manning and Gail A. Manning Revocable Trust*

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-016 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 ordinance:

Ordinance No. 2020-017 titled: *An Ordinance Amending Local Zoning Regulations Concerning Non-Conforming Lots with Exceptional Circumstances in Franklin, Simpson County, Kentucky.*

No action is taken on first reading of an ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:21 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

LAND ACQUISITION – 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)}

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 Manager Kenton Powell; and City Attorney Scott Crabtree. Jon Hall entered Executive Session at 1:25 PM and exited at 2:00 PM.

At 2:29 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 Vote: All. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to accept the resignation of Shauna Cornwell as Finance Director for the City of Franklin.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to retain Wildwood Consulting Services to provide consulting services to hire a Finance Director.

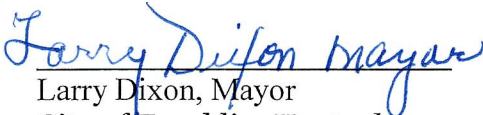
Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: All. Motion carried unanimously.


Commission members acknowledged and thanked Shaunna Cornwell for her service to the City of Franklin as its Finance Director.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:40 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adjourn the regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

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


Larry Dixon, Mayor
City of Franklin, Kentucky


Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
City of Franklin, Kentucky