

The Franklin City Commission convened in regular session at 6:00 pm, Monday, November 22, 2010, in the Simpson County School Board meeting room, 430 S. College Street, Franklin, Kentucky. Member attendance as follows:

Mayor Herbert S. Williams	Present and in the chair presiding
Commissioner Jamie Powell	Present
Commissioner Mike Simpson	Present
Commissioner Wendell Stewart	Present
Commissioner Henry Stone	Present

Others present included Finance Director/Interim City Manager, Cendy Dodd; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; Police Chief, Todd Holder; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; Community Development Director, Tammie Carey; Franklin Housing Authority Board Member, Mary Cummings; Franklin Housing Authority Executive Director, Hal Toomey; F-S Human Rights Commission Chairperson, Wanda Tuck; Mayor-elect, Ronnie Clark; Commissioner-elect, Mason Barnes; and several other members of the public. Meeting Videographer, F-S School employee Allie Meador; and Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative; Keith Pyles.

Honorable Mayor Herbert S. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm, and Commissioner Wendell Stewart offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Stewart, to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2010 regular Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

None

At this time, Mayor Williams acknowledged the agenda item involving the Franklin Housing Authority.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Request for Assistance from the Housing Authority of Franklin**

~~Franklin Housing Authority Executive Director, Hal Toomey, addressed the Commission regarding assistance installing a water main. As discussed in previous meetings, the Housing Authority plans to construct single family housing on property near the present Housing Authority apartments on and around Lemon and Orange Streets. The homes will further the mission of the Housing Authority by assisting transition of low income renters into home owners. It appears a sewer main is in place for the area, but a water line needs to be installed in an approximate three hundred fifty to five hundred foot section on Lemon Street. Mr. Toomey is requesting City staff assist in completing the installation with the Housing Authority paying for the materials. After further discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Powell to assist the Franklin Housing Authority with labor costs, using City staff, to install water lines in the area discussed, provided no un-usual installation problems come up. Ayes: All. The Housing Authority is hoping to have all the infrastructure for the project complete between now and spring, 2011.~~

REGULAR BUSINESS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Street Closure for Small Town Christmas**

City Hall has received a request from the County Extension Service to close College Street from Cedar Street to Kentucky Street from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 11, 2010 for activities hosted by 4-H during Small Town Christmas activities. They are planning to offer wagon rides during the festivities. Interim City Manager Dodd has already contacted the First United Methodist Church and the closing hours will not interfere with any activity at the church. **Motion** was made by Commission Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stone to grant the request and close College Street from Cedar Street to Kentucky Street on Saturday, December 11, 2010 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Observance of Christmas and New Years Holidays**

Section VLB 2 in the City Personnel Policies dictate the Commission will determine the days when observed holidays will be taken when the holiday falls on a weekend. Since upcoming Christmas Day and New Years Day Holidays fall on Saturdays, Interim City Manager Dodd requests the Commission make those designations now, and recommends the Holiday Eve and Holidays be observed on Thursday and Friday. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to authorize Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Holidays be observed by City employees on Thursday, December 23 and Friday, December 24, 2010, and the New Years Eve and New Years Day holidays be observed on Thursday, December 29 and Friday, December 30, 2010. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Purchase of Police Cruisers**

In late August, Chief Holder presented a proposal to the Commission to purchase six (6) Ford Crown Victoria police cruisers. Finance Director Dodd requested action be delayed until the fiscal year first quarter revenues were in and evaluated. The main revenue sources for the first quarter have been analyzed as follows:

	FY Q1 Budget	FY Q1 Actual	Variance
Occupational Fees	\$519,652	\$551,948	\$ 32,296
Insurance Premium Fees	280,284	275,587	(4,697)
Property Tax Omitted Tangibles (annual)	10,982	38,766	27,784
Total	\$810,918	\$866,301	\$ 55,383

Mrs. Dodd reported since net revenues over expenditures for FY 2010 and 2011 to date are favorable to budget projections, she is recommending the City make the purchase of six police vehicles and also authorize the accessories to place the vehicles in service. It was noted that Ford is in the process of changing the body styles for police issue vehicles, and by submitting the order prior to December 31, 2010 the City will be save approximately \$30,000 by being able to transfer existing lights and other equipment from existing department vehicles. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Powell to accept the Interim City Manager and Police Chief's recommendations and authorize purchase of six police cruisers for \$129,300 and \$5,700 for stripes, logos, brackets and incidental equipment. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Fiber Optic Project**

A memo from Community Development Director Tammie Carey was included in this meeting's packet and she reported the fiber optic project continues to make progress. Staff discussed the need for someone with technical experience with a computer network of this magnitude and a Request for Quotes (RFQ) has been developed and sent to six individuals/companies for a Network Analyst that would work with the City to resolve issues and carry out the details associated with the fiber optics project. Mrs. Carey was present at the meeting and reported that three responses had been received and after further discussion, recommends that Steve Weiss and Travis Satterly be contracted with for a Network Analysis and technical support. **Motion** was made by Commission Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stone to authorize contracts, as discussed, with Steve Weiss in the amount of \$3,000 and Travis Satterly of K & S Consultants for no more than \$17,000 and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary per this motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

At the October 11, 2010 meeting, the City Commission authorized \$42,285.78 for WRECC to begin work on the make ready work for the segment of the fiber optic route from the Sanders East Industrial park to the Sygen building on Highway 31-W South. Upon review of the project, a couple of poles at the Sanders East Industrial park were not included in the original estimate and the final price for the make ready work is \$43,891.45. Interim City Manager Dodd requests the Commission authorize the additional \$1,605.67 to complete this segment of the fiber optic make ready project. **Motion** was made by Commissioner Stone and seconded by Commissioner Powell to authorize the additional payment of \$1,605.67 to complete the make ready work performed by WRECC in the East Industrial Park, and authorize the Mayor to sign any documents necessary per this motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Interim City Manager Dodd gave a brief review of the Fiber Optic Project to date: The project is estimated to total \$2,000,000 and is a City, County and Industrial Authority joint project. A \$1m matching grant was procured; the City has a loan for the \$1m match. A commitment has been made to the Industrial Authority to have fiber optic service on line for the East Industrial Park by July 1, 2011, and staff estimates the entire service will be completed no later than December 31, 2011. Commissioner Stewart wished to share what a valuable industrial recruitment tool bringing dependable high speed internet to our businesses will be; this improvement to the City and County infrastructure will be invaluable to our future growth and development and Commissioner Stewart urges the community to support this endeavor.

PUBLIC SERVICES

No business

PUBLIC SAFETY

No business

COMMUNITY SERVICES

No business

UTILITIES

None (The agenda item scheduled under this item was addressed near the beginning of the meeting.)

ORDINANCES

- **First Reading of an Ordinance Rezoning 2.19 Acres From I-1 (Light Industrial) to B-2 (General Business) at 803 Claire Avenue**

City Clerk Kathy Stradtner gave first reading to ordinance number 920.4-11-2010 rezoning 2.19 acres at 803 Claire Avenue from I-1 (Light Industrial) to B-2 (General Business as requested by Oakwood Properties, Inc. The entire text of the ordinance, attachments, public hearing record and finding of facts can be viewed at City Hall during normal business hours.

Before the final agenda item was addressed, Mayor Williams again ask if anyone wish to address the Commission. Mr. Phil Lockhart, 515 Sarver Street, and member of the Housing Authority, addressed the Commission regarding the negative appearance of neighborhoods in the City. Mr. Lockhart stated the main streets look good, but the appearance of side streets and neighborhoods are degraded by trash and debris. Mr. Lockhart inquired as to codes and enforcement. City Attorney Crabtree was able to give some information on the process, and referred to the Code Enforcement Officer, Police Office Kelly Mayfield.

Ms. Donzella Lee, member of the F-S Human Rights Commission, addressed the Commission with concerns regarding Police Department and Sheriff Officers. Ms. Lee referred to times she and others believe officers have harassed citizens and the public has not received satisfactory answers regarding officer's treatment or actions. Ms. Lee referred to specific incidents, and Mayor Williams urged any individuals with complaints to speak directly with the Police Chief or City Attorney as some matters are sensitive and not appropriate for a public forum. Following further discussion, City Attorney Crabtree and/or Chief Holder stated they would be happy to attend any Human Rights Commission meetings to address issues of concern or meet with individuals.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Simpson and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to enter in to executive session for the purpose of discussion of proposed, or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(c)}, discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810(f)}, and discussions between a public agency and 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)}. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 7:10pm. Entering executive session were Mayor Williams and the four Commissioners, City Attorney Crabtree, Interim City Manager Dodd, Mayor-elect Ronnie Clark and Commissioner-elect Mason Barnes.

At 8:12 pm those in executive session returned to open meeting, and **motion** was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Simpson to close the executive session and return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Interim City Manager Dodd reported on the following:

- City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday
- 2010 City Property Taxes are now due at face value thru November 30, 2010. All payments made or postmarked after that date will incur a 10% penalty
- The current Safe Routes to School Sidewalk program is almost completed and several new sidewalks have been constructed to aid in students walking to school
- Painting of the Quail Ridge Water Tank was completed and the tank re-filled last week. All tests were completed successfully and the tank has gone back online.

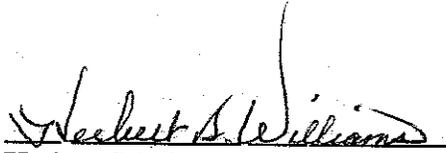
Mrs. Dodd sends Happy Thanksgiving wishes to all.

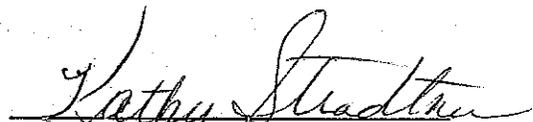
OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Simpson to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 8:17 pm.


Herbert S. Williams, Mayor


Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk