

The Franklin, KY City Commission convened in **regular session** at 6:00 pm, Monday, **November 28, 2011**, in the Simpson County School Board meeting room, 430 S. College Street, Franklin, Kentucky. Member attendance as follows:

Mayor Ronnie Clark	Present and in the chair presiding
Commissioner Mason Barnes	Present
Commissioner Larry Dixon	Present
Commissioner Jamie Powell	Present
Commissioner Henry Stone	Present

Others present included City Manager, Kenton Powell; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree; Police Chief, Todd Holder; City Finance Officer, Cendy Dodd; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; Fiber Service Manager, Tammie Carey; Good Samaritan Executive Director, Curry Davis; Leon Page; meeting Videographer/F-S school employee Allie Meador; and Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative; Keith Pyles.

Honorable Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, and First Born Church Pastor Spickard was present and offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon, to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2011 regular Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Presentation to Leon Page**

Mr. Page not arrived yet, so this agenda item delayed.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- **Good Samaritan Activity Report**

Curry Davis, Executive Director of the Good Samaritan organization, presented their Annual Report. The Franklin Good Samaritan organization was formed approximately twenty years ago by area ministers and individuals interested in providing assistance to those in need; the organization assists clients in paying rent, heat, water & electricity bills, home furnishings, supplements from the organization's food pantry, and limited medical prescriptions, eyeglasses or other emergency help. Good Samaritan counsels and encourages their clients to discuss limiting resource usage, restructuring expenditures, and discuss sources for increasing income. In the last years, Good Samaritan served more than 3,200 household members, helped more than 48 transients, and counseled more than 150 resident clients. Mr. Davis noted anyone interested in being involved with the efforts of Good Samaritan could call the office at 111 South Main Street at 586-0276; involvement can be in the form of financial help or donation of food and household items to the organization. Mr. Curry noted one way to support Good Samaritan's efforts is to remember Good Samaritan when you buy a new couch or find herself with extra good quality household items that someone may need and can be donated to Good Samaritan.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

• **Presentation to Leon Page**

Mayor Clark invited Mr. Page to come to the front of the meeting room, and in recognition of his many years of service to the Franklin-Simpson community, presented a Key to the City plaque to Mr. Leon Page. Mr. Page was a founder of the Franklin, Bank & Trust Company, served on numerous boards in the community including the Electric Plant Board and F-S Industrial Board Authority, and involved in most every community activity in the City of Franklin and Simpson County. Mr. Leon Page was instrumental in the growth and success of this community, and heartfelt thanks are extended to Mr. Page, who received a standing ovation.

PUBLIC SERVICES

The Boys & Girls Club of Franklin-Simpson is requesting a sign from the City, and consensus of the Commission was to use the City sign machine to fabricate an 18 x 24 **One-Way Only** sign for the Boys & Girls Club Parking lot.

Habitat for Humanity of Simpson County is requesting the City help break up a carport at a site (presently 602 Brevard Street) they are going to build on. Four to five hours of labor is estimated to break up the 10 x 22 concrete slab. **Motion** made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Barnes to authorize the use of City equipment and labor to demolish and haul off the concrete slab at the Brevard Street location as discussed (for Habitat for Humanity of Simpson County). Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

UTILITIES

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Adjusting contract for Sewer Line Relocation at 906 W Madison Street**

City Manager Powell discussed funds requested for the sewer line relocation at 906 W Madison Street. Previously, the Commission awarded S & L Excavating a \$14,900 contract to relocate the sewer line, and unknown to S & L, one manhole in the project was encased in concrete, which made the final tap to the sewer main more costly. The additional charge request of \$375 seems appropriate for the unforeseen expense. Additionally, the invoice for engineering services for the project has been received from Barge, Wagner, Sumer & Cannon (BWSC) who provided construction design for the project and totals \$3,772.45; City Manager Powell recommends the Commission approve both requests.

COST SUMMARY

<i>APPROVED</i>	<i>S & L Construction Contract</i>	<i>\$14,900</i>
	<i>S & L Construction Additional Request</i>	<i>\$ 375</i>
	<i>BWSC Engineering Services</i>	<i>\$3,772.45</i>
	<i>Total Cost 906 W Madison sewer line relocation</i>	<i>\$19,047.45</i>

Motion by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to approve invoices presented for the sewer line relocation at 906 W Madison Street; the \$3,772.45 BWSC Engineering Services Invoice and the additional \$375 to the S & L Construction contract. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Discussion / Update Regarding City's Fiber Optic Project**

Later in this meeting, the Commission will hear second reading of the ordinance setting rates for the Franklin Municipal Fiber Optics Service; as the fiber project approaches completion, Fiber Service Manger Tammie Carey prepared a presentation outlining the history of the project and an update of where we are today. Tammie reported:

In December of 2007 discussions began within the City about a fiber optic system and the advantages it would have for our community as we compete for new businesses and new and expanding industries.

At the January 14, 2008 Commission meeting, the Commission unanimously adopted Resolution # A-2008 to submit an application for funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 to provide a fiber optic loop around Franklin in order to foster industrial development and create jobs.

She said there are 5 contracts for the project. They are: purchase of cable and hardware, construction of the NOC and Nodes, purchase of electronic equipment, splicing and testing of the cable, and the construction of the cable. The purchased cable and hardware are being stored on city property. The contract for the construction of the NOC and Nodes awarded in September will be complete by March 26, 2012. Bids for the purchase of the electronic equipment will be opened on December 8th. The bid documents for the splicing and testing are being finalized by Fiber Planners, and should go to bid in February 2012. The pre-bid meeting for the construction of the fiber cable was held on November 10, 2011. The bid opening was delayed until January 19, 2012 due to questions asked at the pre-bid meeting. Time was given for all questions to be answered and bidders to respond.

Carey concluded the presentation with a discussion about the possibilities for future growth and expansion.

A question and answer opportunity was provided during and after the presentation.

ORDINANCES

- **Second Reading of City of Franklin, Kentucky Ordinance Setting Rates and Charges Related to the Use of Fiber Optic Services and Facilities of the Municipally Owned Fiber System**

City Clerk Kathy Stradtner gave second summary reading to an ordinance setting rates and charges for the use of the services and facilities of the municipally owned fiber services of the City of Franklin, Kentucky. Motion made by Commissioner Henry Stone and second by Commissioner Larry Dixon to adopt Ordinance No. 618.11-2011 setting the Fiber Optic Services and Facilities Rates. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Mason Barnes, Yes; Commissioner Larry Dixon, Yes; Commissioner Jamie Powell, Yes; Commissioner Henry Stone, Yes; Mayor Ronnie Clark, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Powell to enter executive session for the purpose of deliberations on acquisition, or sale, of real property where publicity would be likely to affect the value {KRS 61.810(b)}, and discussion of proposed, or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(c)}. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously at 7:00 pm. Entering executive session were Mayor Clark and the four Commissioners, City Attorney Crabtree, City Manager Powell, and City Finance Director Cendy Dodd.

At 7:28 pm, Finance Director Dodd exited the executive session.

At 7:50 pm members returned to open meeting; **motion** by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to close the executive session and return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

The Fiscal Court contacted City Manager Powell regarding the December Joint City/County meeting. **Motion** by Commissioner Powell and second by Mayor Clark to cancel the December regular joint meeting, and reschedule for a date in January 2012 to be announced. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Powell noted that R H Perdue was employed by the City on a temporary basis in June 2011, to work in the street department beautification program. Using inmate labor, Mr. Perdue's crew included cleaning of 3.2 miles of curbs, 325 miles of striping, and painted 629 hydrants. Commissioner Dixon commented on the improved looks of the City due to the program. The program has been shut down during the cold weather, and City Manager Powell expects the beautification program to start again in March 2012.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS


As the F-S Wildcat football team approaches the State championship games, Mayor Clark wished to congratulate the team on their excellent performance during this season and praise the team for their hard work in reaching the State championship. **Motion** made by Mayor Clark and second by Commissioner Barnes to commemorate the accomplishments of the F-S Wildcat 2011-2012 Football team by declaring Friday, December 2, 2011 as **Franklin-Simpson Wildcat Day**. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 7:55 pm.



Ronnie Clark, Mayor



Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk
