

The Franklin, KY City Commission convened in **regular session** at 6:00 pm, **Monday, December 12, 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 Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; F-S Parks & Recreation Director, Terry Joiner; F-S Parks Board chairman, Chuck Fleming; 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 City Manager Kenton Powell offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Barnes, to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2011 regular Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Cancelling December 26th, 2011 Regular Commission Meeting**
- **Discussion Regarding City Observed Christmas and New Year's Holidays**

The last regular Commission meeting of 2011 is scheduled Monday, December 26. Typically, the Commission cancels the second meeting in December due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays. This year Christmas Eve and Christmas Day fall on Saturday and Sunday, December 24th and December 25th; and New Year's Eve and New Years Day fall on Saturday, December 31st and Sunday, January 1st. Per City personnel policies, employees will observe the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th and the New Year's holidays on Friday, December 30th and Monday, January 2nd. **Motion** by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to cancel the regular scheduled December 26 Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding ONE CALL NOW Notification Service**

Bob Palmer, Director of Simpson County Emergency Management, has worked with WonWay Communications, Elizabethtown, KY, to develop a One Call Now emergency notification proposal for the County/City and Electric Plant Board (EPB); by grouping the three entities for this proposal, an approximate fifty percent savings can be realized. Mr. Palmer and City Manager Powell discussed the advantages they see with the system.

One Call Now is a notification system using a telephone number designated by the citizen, and with one call, a pre-set group can be notified, whether the info is regarding street closure, water leaks, impending service interruption, inclement weather, etc. The One Call Now system is powerful enough to alert entire cities in the event of emergencies or disasters, yet versatile enough to notify small teams or groups, track detailed information and supply real-time reports. This type notification should not be a replacement of radio, television, or radio alerts, but an additional service. One Call Now notification is a fast and easy way to get the word out, and offers officials the tools to help control a situation and make informed decisions. The system can send notifications such as severe weather, evacuations, flooding, water main breaks, boil water advisories, gas leaks, downed power lines, police actions and criminal activity, road closures, and many other notification needs.

Included in this meetings agenda packet were details of the WonWay Communications proposal for a four year agreement (Year 1 cost \$8,789.66, Year 2 cost \$7,489.66, Year 3 cost \$7,489.66, and Year 4 cost \$7,489.66) along with indication of commitment from the Electric Plant Board. The proposed commitment from the City would be \$2,929.89 the first year, and \$2,496.55 for years two, three and four. Following discussion, motion made by Commissioner Stone and second by Commissioner Powell to approve the Cities participation as discussed in the four-year proposal from WonWay Communication for a One Call Now system, and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement as needed. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding the Emergency Replacement of Air Conditioning Unit in the Regions Bank Area of City Hall**

On November 30, 2011, the air conditioning unit on the south side of Regions Bank failed. This makes the second occurrence that a service call was required for repairs for this unit. The unit in question is twenty years old and is in need of replacement. City Manager Powell requested quotes from H Brown & Son to replace or repair the 2.5 ton split A/C system, which supplies the back mechanical, data room, and offices in the Regions Bank section of 117 W Cedar Street Building. Three options were suggested.

Replace compressor / 90 day guarantee	\$1,150
Replace with same type unit / 10-year parts warranty	\$2,605
Replace with Heat Pump / 10-year parts warranty	\$2,850

City Manager Powell chose replacement of the unit with a heat pump; this unit will reduce the usage of electricity and can expect to pay for itself over time; City Manager Powell reported the unit was installed and operational. Following discussion, motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to ratify the action and approve the emergency expenditure of \$2,850 to H Brown & Son to replace the heat pump unit at 117 W Cedar Street as discussed. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding the Interlocal Agreement with the Frankin-Simpson Board of Education**

This agenda item tabled indefinitely.

PUBLIC SERVICES

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- **Franklin-Simpson Parks & Recreation Report by Terry Joiner, Director**

F-S Parks & Recreation Director Terry Joiner presented a report on his department's activities. Summary follows:

The Parks department is a non-profit entity governed by a joint City/County government appointed board. The F-S Parks Department maintains and provides for public use of their facilities, which include the Agriculture Community Center, horse arena, multi-purpose arena, stage area, sports playing fields, and pavilions. These facilities are provided to non-profits, civic organizations, school groups and government agencies at no-charge. Some of the groups that use these facilities include the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, area churches, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Community Action, F-S Educational Excellence Foundation, Franklin Rotary Club, County Clerk's Office, Simpson County Drug Court, local Police and Fire departments, and several agriculture related groups and businesses. The Parks Board offers several programs to the community including Fireworks in the Park, assistance with horse shows, ball games, after Prom Parties, etc. The Parks Department employs three full time, five part-time and three seasonal employees. Funding for the Department is in the form of appropriations from City and County government and profit from charitable gaming activity.

Mr. Joiner reported that in the past couple years, profits from charitable gaming for the Parks have decreased drastically, and he urged the City Commission to consider this when preparing the next City budget.

UTILITIES

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Replacing Light Fixtures at the Public Works Facility on Claire Avenue**

Existing light fixtures in the maintenance facility located at 706 Claire Avenue are as old as the building itself with the exception of a few that have been installed in recent years. Currently, approximately fifty percent of the lights are not working. In an effort to organize and improve the work area, City Manager Powell explained replacement of the lighting needs to be addressed. Three quotes were obtained:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>QUOTE</u>
Charlie's Electric Service	\$5,880
Woods Electric	\$6,269.06
Thurman Electric	\$6,488.87

Charlie's Electric reported they could start as soon as possible as long as nothing else comes up; Woods Electric said they could start the job as soon as the fixtures came in and complete the work in about a week from start; Thurman Electric said they would work it into their schedule. Following discussion, **motion** made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Barnes to approve the request to replace lighting at the City facility on 706 Claire Avenue and authorize Charlie's Electric do the work at the quoted price of \$5,880. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Award of Contract for Purchase of Electronic Equipment for Fiber Optic Project**

On November 3rd and 17th, an ad appeared in the Franklin Favorite requesting bids for the purchase of electronic equipment for the Fiber Optic project. The bid packet was requested and sent electronically to nine companies, and three proposals were submitted by the bid deadline of 2:00 pm, Thursday, December 8th. Bids were opened at City Hall as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>1st BID AMOUNT</u>	<u>Revised BID</u>
Stansell Electric	\$865,893.00	\$865,893.00
Cornerstone Information Systems	\$335,157.50	\$392,310.50
JBK Network Consulting	\$716,372.13	\$397,278.63

After Glenn Dalcourt, City Fiber Network Engineer, and Tammie Carey, Fiber Services Manager, evaluated the first submittals, they reviewed the line item of each bid to determine the reason for the large price difference. They found that Cornerstone had contacted Cisco and was able to purchase the equipment at a discounted rate; identified a typo with some cabling, and that Cornerstone had left off one piece of equipment from their quote. Fiber Service Manager Carey contacted Cornerstone and JBK to request they revise these items on their bids and resubmit their quote. Mrs. Carey requests the Commission award a contract to Cornerstone Information Systems for the purchase of electronic equipment for the Fiber Optic project. Following discussion, **motion** made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Powell to award the contract for purchase of the Fiber Optic Project electronic equipment to Cornerstone Information System at the bid price of \$392,310.50, and further to authorize the Mayor to sign any documents necessary per this motion. Ayes: all. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Barnes to enter in to executive session for the purpose of discussions or hearings, which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810(f)}. Ayes: all. Motion carried unanimously at 6:55 pm. Entering executive session were Mayor Clark and the four Commissioners, City Attorney Crabtree, and City Manager Powell.

At 7:15 pm, **motion** made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Powell to close the executive session and return to open session. Ayes: all. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Barnes wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried at 7:16 pm.



 Ronnie Clark, Mayor



 Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk
