

The Franklin, KY City Commission convened in **regular session** at 12:00 pm, **Monday, April 14, 2014**, in the City Hall meeting room, 117 W. Cedar 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 Wendell Stewart	Present

Others present included City Attorney, Scott Crabtree, Chief of Police, Todd Holder; City Clerk, Mandy Cassidy; Finance Director Shaunna Cornwell; Personnel Director, Rita Vaughn; Housing Authority of Franklin Director, Jolie Chandler and Housing Authority of Franklin Board members, Tim Croker, Phil Lockhart, Dick Timmerman, Martha Rohde and Carey Bowen; and media representative from the Franklin Favorite, Keith Pyles.

Mayor Ronnie Clark, called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM, and Franklin police Chaplain Kenny Dale Reeve, offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by **Commissioner Barnes** and second by **Commissioner Stewart** to approve the minutes from the regular scheduled meeting on **March 24, 2014**. **Ayes: Commissioner Powell, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Stewart and Mayor Clark**. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION

- **Request by Child Services for Proclamation Declaring April, 2014 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Deputy City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner, presented the commission with a request from Child Services to proclaim April, 2014 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. A motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Powell to adopt the joint City/County proclamation as presented declaring April, 2014 as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City of Franklin. **Ayes: All**. Motion carried unanimously.

City of Franklin & County of Simpson, Kentucky Proclamation NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH APRIL 2014

WHEREAS, National Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 3,000,000 children are reported abused or neglected in the United States each year, with 249 reports of abuse or neglect reported in Simpson County from January 2013 through December 2013, and of these reports, 116 children in Simpson County were substantiated and/or In Need of Services; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and its effects are a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among social services agencies, law enforcement, schools, religious communities, businesses, and civic organizations throughout the whole community; and

WHEREAS, the official recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month by the City of Franklin and Simpson County affords child abuse prevention advocates an opportunity to coordinate their efforts and to educate the public in unison, causing citizens to become more aware of the negative effects of child abuse and the strategies for preventing child abuse.

*NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City of Franklin and the County of Simpson, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2014 as **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH** and hereby call upon all residents of Franklin and Simpson County to observe this month by continuing to build awareness and a network of services in this community that can better address the needs of children and families in distress.*

- **Presentation by Housing Authority of Franklin**

City Manager, Kenton Powell, welcomed Housing Authority of Franklin members who are present and welcomed Mrs. Jolie Chandler, Housing Authority Director, to address the commission. Mrs. Chandler addressed the commission and honored prior board member Carey Bowen and Martha Rohde for their years of service to the Housing Authority. City Attorney, Scott Crabtree, also gave recognition to Mrs. Bowen for her service to the Property Maintenance Board and thanked her again for her years of service.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

COMMUNITY SERVICES

None

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Street Closing Request from Simpson County Relay for Life Committee**

Deputy City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner, addressed the commission with a street closure request for the annual fundraising event for the American Cancer Society to be held on the square beginning May 16, 2014 to May 17, 2014. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Stewart to grant the street closure request from Simpson County Relay for Life Committee for College Street on May 16, 2014 from Cedar Street to Kentucky Avenue, and authorize the City Manager, to negotiate beginning closure time with the Bus Garage and Police Department to insure safety of school traffic, ending May 17, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. and further authorize the street closure of Kentucky Avenue from College Street to Main Street on May 16, 2014 from 5:00 pm ending May 17, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Discussion and or Possible Action Regarding Fiscal 2014-2015 Budget Planning Activities**

City Manager, Kenton Powell, informed the commission of the schedule of upcoming budget planning activities beginning Monday, April 14, 2014 and ending Monday June 23, 2014.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Sponsors for Preparation of an Amendment to the Ordinance Regarding Participation in the Kentucky Business Incentive Program**

City Attorney, Scott Crabtree, presented the commission with a request to receive two (2) sponsors for an amendment to the existing KBI (Kentucky Business Incentive) Ordinance relating to city notification of KBI activation date. Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Stewart agreed to sponsor.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Amendments to Personnel Policies & Procedures**

City Manager, Kenton Powell, and Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell, addressed the commission regarding revisions to the current Personnel Policies & Procedures. Commissioner Barnes presented many questions and requested clarification on several revisions in which Kenton Powell, Shaunna Cornwell and City Attorney, Scott Crabtree, addressed. **A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to approve the revisions and amendments to the City of Franklin Personnel Policies and Procedures as presented. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC SERVICES

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Development of a Police Employment Stand-By List**

Franklin Police Chief, Todd Holder, informed the commission of Corporal Ben Harper's (U/915) upcoming retirement effective May 1, 2014. Due to this retirement and the need to fill a vacancy, Chief Holder addressed the commission with a request to populate a "Stand-By" List. Chief Holder explained that due to the lengthy hiring process it would be beneficial to the City Police Department to have a list of qualified candidates who are eligible for employment and also requests the qualified candidates remain on the Stand-By list for one (1) year. **A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Stewart to authorize the Franklin Police Department to populate a "stand-by" list. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Animal Control Update**

City Manager, Kenton Powell updated the commission regarding recent complaints and suggestions received from citizens in regarding to Animal Control. Mr. Powell wanted the commission to be informed and the steps being taken to resolve such complaints.

UTILITIES

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Fire Sprinkler System Metering per Water Loss Recommendation**

Water Distribution Superintendent, Clif Beecher, updated the commission regarding high water loss and current projects which are set to alleviate some loss. In addition, Mr. Beecher addressed the commission regarding the need for an ordinance setting forth requirements for meters to be installed on fire sprinkler systems to monitor leakage/usage for all new buildings and declaring a deadline for all existing buildings with fire sprinklers to install a meter by January 30, 2015. Commissioner Barnes and Commissioner Stewart agreed to sponsor the draft of such an ordinance.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding South Sewer Improvement Project**

City Manager, Kenton Powell, addressed the commission regarding the South Sewer Project. Mr. Powell stated all easements have been signed and approval from the state is received, and drawings drafted by Barge Wagoner Sumner and Cannon have received approval from Frankfort for construction. Mr. Powell requests the commission approve the advertisements for bids as written by Barge Wagoner Sumner and Cannon. **A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Powell to approve the advertisement bids for the South Annexation Sewer Project from Barge Wagoner Sumner and Cannon as written. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCES

- **First Reading of Ordinance No. 920.4-04-2014 Rezoning 5.457+/- Acres and 0.265+/- Acres Located at 106, 108, 110, 112, 114 and 116 Creekside Drive from R-2 (Single Family and Duplex) to R-4 (Multi-Family High Density)**

City Clerk, Mandy Cassady, gave first reading to Ordinance No. 920.4-04-2014.

- **First Reading of Ordinance No. 920.4-04-28-2014 Rezoning Property Located at 513 Portland Avenue From R-2 (Multi-Family) to I-1 (Light Industrial)**

City Clerk, Mandy Cassady, gave first reading to Ordinance No. 120.7-04-2014

- **First Reading of Ordinance Amending a Previous Ordinance Regarding Regular Meetings of City Commission and Joint City/County Meetings**

NOTE: This Agenda item was delayed to allow time for review by County officials; the amendment has to do with the regular location of the joint meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Stewart to enter in to executive session for the purpose of Litigation – Discussion or proposed or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(c)} Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously at 12:58 PM.

Entering executive session were Mayor Clark, Commission Barnes, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Powell, Commissioner Stewart, City Manager Powell, City Attorney Crabtree.

At 1.15 p.m. session was returned to open meeting, and motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Stewart to close the executive session and return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

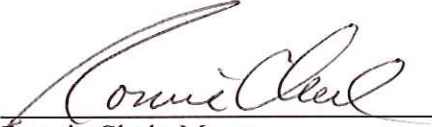
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OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

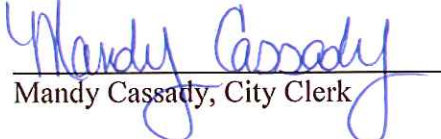
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously at 1:16 pm.



 Ronnie Clark, Mayor



 Mandy Cassady, City Clerk