

The Franklin, KY City Commission convened in **regular session** on **Monday, April 25, 2016**, in the City Hall meeting room, 117 W. Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky. Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and the City Clerk recorded the member roll 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 Manager, Kenton Powell; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree, City Chief of Police, Roger Solomon; City Police Captain, Larry Schultz; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; City Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell; City Personnel Director/Deputy Clerk, Rita Vaughn; City Community Development Director, Tammie Carey; City Water Distribution Field Supervisor, Daniel Brown; City Utility Billing Supervisor, Jennifer Knight; and Franklin Favorite / WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles.

Eric Walker, Pastor of Franklin Community Church, offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes of the regular April 11, 2016 meeting as presented. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION

Mayor Clark recognized the two inductees to the Franklin-Simpson High 2016 F S Hall of Fame that were present: Steve Thurmond and Commissioner Larry Dixon. Our community has been richly blessed by these two alumni of Franklin-Simpson High School.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Update from Franklin-Simpson Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Steve Thurmond

Mr. Thurmond gave a report on the activities of the Chamber of Commerce, and the excellent working relationship and support the Chamber receives from the City and other local government agencies.

- Discussion and Possible Action - Appointment to Planning & Zoning Board

David Jernigan has resigned his appointment to the F S Planning & Zoning Commission Board, and the Mayor has received confirmation from, and recommends George Weissinger, resident of this city, to fill the un-expired term. Mr. Jernigan was first appointed to the P & C Commission in 2006.

F-S PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

(8 total members - 4 appointments each by county & city Normal Term 4 years)

	TERM EXPIRES
Debbie Thornton	12/31/2017
Jay Savage	12/3/2019
David Jernigan RESIGNED)	12/31/2019
Pat Jones	9/30/2018

Motion was made by Mayor Clark and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the appointment of Mr. George Weissinger to serve the remaining unexpired term of resigning member David Jernigan to the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Commission; such term expiring on December 31, 2019. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- Discussion and Possible Action - Award of Cable Television Franchise.

Request for proposals for the City cable television franchise was authorized by City Ordinance Number 2016-001 and subsequently advertised in the Franklin Favorite in the April 7, 2016 issue. The single proposal was received from Comcast and opened at City Hall on April 15, 2011. Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to award a ten (10) year non-exclusive cable television contract to Comcast of Indiana/Kentucky/Utah per City Ordinance No. 2016-001 and the submitted proposal by Comcast, and authorized the Mayor to sign per this action any and all documents on behalf of the City per this motion. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

- Discussion and Possible Action - Plan for Condemned/Foreclosed Properties

Earlier this year, Community Development Director Tammie Carey and Code Enforcement Officer Kevin Allen presented three options to the Commission of a procedure to reduce the burden on the public in maintaining vacant and neglected properties. Per that discussion, Mrs. Carey has been working to develop proposals for acquiring city owned/foreclosed properties whereby bidders would submit a plan for rehabilitation of the properties, which would factor into the determination of awarding the properties. Following the discussion, **Commissioners Barnes, Dixon, Powell and Stewart and Mayor Clark sponsored preparation of an ordinance incorporating these procedures.**

PUBLIC SERVICES

No business

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Discussion and Possible Action - Purchase of Police Department Replacement Equipment

Police Chief Solomon discussed this agenda item: Tasers used by the police department are recommended to be replaced periodically, and presently some of the department's inventory is out-of-date. Pricing for five new Tasers of the latest version of Taser product totals \$8,009.43. **Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to authorize the purchase of five new X2 Tasers and associated equipment from Taser International for the Franklin Police Department. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.**

- Discussion and Possible Action - Purchase of Police Department Replacement Equipment

Chief Solomon discussed with the Commission the improvements made to the interior and exterior of the Police Department. Currently the desks used by the officers have served their purpose and are well past their shelf life. With the inclusion of a Franklin Police Open House coming up, and our very first Citizens Police Academy to hopefully kick off in August, the Police Department staff feels it important to continue to upgrade the facility. Quotes were received from three vendors for the needed office desks, and Barren County Business Supply has included free delivery, set up and disposal of old furniture if we need it, at the lowest cost of \$11, 845.72. The funding for this is coming from the surplus sale of the military dump trucks.

<i>COMPANY</i>	<i>TOTAL BID AMOUNT</i>
<i>Barren County Business Supply</i>	<i>\$11,845.72</i>
<i>Office Environment Company</i>	<i>\$14,441.28</i>
<i>Office Depot</i>	<i>\$14,401.76 (excluding delivery and set up)</i>

Motion made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to authorize purchase of desks to outfit the Franklin Police Department from the lowest and most responsive, responsible bid from Barren County Business Supply in the amount of \$11,845.72. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

- Discussion and Possible Action - Trotter Lane Street Lights

City Manager Powell discussed the street lights located in north City limits on Trotter Lane. Kirby Auto Auction had previously been paying the entire Warren Rural Electric service bill for the lights, including the six street lights that are on the City portion of Trotter Lane. A request has been made to transfer that portion of the billing to the City of Franklin. City Manager Powell furnished information to the board regarding the monthly billing amounts. **Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to add the six street lights located within the City limits on Trotter Lane to the City of Franklin monthly street light billing charges, and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all necessary documents per this motion. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.**

UTILITIES

- Discussion and Possible Action - Data Logging and Reread Policy

In recent years the utility customer service office has handled many repeat customer complaints of high water bills from the same customer/location. In most cases, after much frustration by the customer and the city, ultimately the problem it is found to be a leak on the customer's side of the meter. In order to better serve the customer and better utilize the City employee's time, staff has been investigating using a method to track rereads as well as consumption patterns. The upgraded AMCO meters now provide a very useful tool in offering this information, and City staff is proposing a reread policy be implemented.

- *If a customer has an AMCO meter, and suspects metering issues, the City will allow two (2) rereads per year at no cost. If the meter is an old meter (it's not a current smart meter) the meter will be changed out and upgraded, free of charge, and the new meter will allow for the data logging of consumption activity.*
- *If a customer has a newer, smart meter, and suspects metering issues, only one (1) reread will be provided free of charge*
- *If the customer requests additional rereads (depending on the style of meter) the customer would have to pay a service fee (\$suggested \$35) and will receive a reread and consumption history from the Data Logging Program*
- *If at any point throughout this process, a meter is tested and fails, the service fee would be refunded*
- *If repairs are necessary, the customer can request a second data log to follow up and make sure the issue has been resolved, again at no cost.*

Following discussion, **Commissioners Dixon and Stewart sponsored preparation of an ordinance regarding Data Logging and a Reread policy as discussed.**

.ORDINANCES

- Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2016-003 Regarding Off-duty Employment of City of Franklin Police Officers

City Clerk Stradtner gave second summary reading to City Ordinance No. 2016-003 adopting policy regarding off duty employment by City of Franklin Police Officers. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Powell to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-003 upon this second reading. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Ronnie Clark, Yes; Commissioner Mason Barnes, Yes; Commissioner Larry Dixon, Yes; Commissioner Jamie Powell, Yes; Commissioner Wendell Stewart, Yes. Motion carried and ordinance adopted unanimously.

City Clerk Stradtner gave second summary reading to Ordinance No. 2016-004 permanently closing a 0.04 acre tract (alley) adjacent to West Madison Street. Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-004 upon this second reading. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Ronnie Clark, Yes; Commissioner Mason Barnes, Yes; Commissioner Larry Dixon, Yes; Commissioner Jamie Powell, Yes; Commissioner Wendell Stewart, Yes. Motion carried and ordinance adopted unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to enter into closed executive session for the purposes of LITIGATION — Discussion of proposed or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(c)}; PERSONNEL — Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810 (f)}; and BUSINESS — Discussions between a public agency a 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)}. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously at 12:50 pm. Entering the closed session were the Mayor and four Commissioners, City Manager Powell, and City Attorney Crabtree. Finance Director Cornwell was invited into the closed session at 12:50 pm and exited the session at 1:15pm.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to close the executive session and return to open session. Voting aye: all. Motion carried at 1:20 pm.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Stewart to accept the resignation of Kent Perry from the Street Department effective April 15, 2016. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Powell to hire Seth Stewart to the Franklin Police Department contingent upon successful completion of all pre-employment testing; at a start date to be determined by Police Chief Solomon. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to ratify the Mayor's signature on an April 18, 2016 letter of support for an incentive program for a yet to be publicly announced potential new business. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None

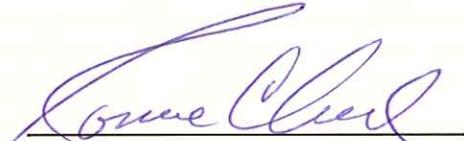
OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commissioner Stewart and other members of the Board of Commissioners wanted to again extended heartfelt congratulations to the well deserving 2016 F S Hall of Fame inductees; particularly Commissioner Dixon.

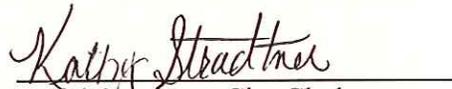
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously at 1:25 pm.

Approved the 9th day of May, 2016



Ronnie Clark, Mayor



Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk
