

The Franklin, KY City Commission convened in **regular session** at 12:00 pm, Monday, August 26, 2013, 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 Cassady; Administrative Deputy Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; Human Resources Director, Rita Vaughn who videoed the meeting; Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell; F.S. Human Rights Commission Representative, Donzella Lee; Franklin citizens, Frederick Newland, Caresha Newland, several members of the Flying Panthers Motorcycle Club and Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles.

Honorable Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM, and Faith Baptist Church Pastor and Academy Principal; David Pierce, offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2013 Regular Commission Meeting. Ayes: Commissioner Powell, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Stewart and Mayor Clark. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION

None

HEAR THE PUBLIC

Mr. Frederick Newland addressed the Commission regarding the Flying Panthers Rally. Mr. Newland expressed his frustration with how local law enforcement handled the reunion which celebrates the African American Heritage and celebration of the freedom of slavery. Newland stated the rally has taken place for the last forty (40) years in the same location. Mr. Newland stated he did not see the purpose of the mobile command unit set up by law enforcement officials.

Mrs. Caresha Newland addressed the Commission regarding the Flying Panthers Rally. Mrs. Newland stated she felt the amount of officers present was unnecessary and stated attendees were harassed and members of the community were afraid to leave their homes due to the amount of law enforcement officials present in the Harristown Community. Mrs. Newland stated pictures of her vehicle were taken by officers for an unknown reason. Mrs. Newland stated cops are here to protect and serve and the club was not protected during the rally. Mrs. Newland stated the shooting which occurred on Thursday, August 8, 2013, had nothing to do with the Rally; it was two (2) residents who were previously feuding.

Betty Brown addressed the Commission, stating she was videotaped by officers while visiting her sister in the area.

City Attorney, Scott Crabtree, addressed those present at the commission meeting regarding the Flying Panthers Rally. Mr. Crabtree stated club members were aware of police presence and mobile command unit from previous meetings with members. Mr. Crabtree stated the club members spoke with city officials regarding the increase of attendance of the rally and had discussed moving the rally from a residential location. Mr. Crabtree reiterated the City Commission is not against the rally only the location being held in a residential neighborhood and requested again the Flying Panthers find another location to hold the Rally.

Pastor Annie Spickard addressed the Commission in regards to relocating the location of the Flying Panthers Rally. Pastor Spickard stated the type of behavior that follows this function is not behavior she wants placed around her church property.

Mr. Walter Spickard addressed the Commission in regards to the Flying Panthers Rally and the debris and disrespect brought into the residential area and requests the location to be moved.

Lula Woods, a member of First Born Baptist Church, addressed the Commission regarding debris found in church parking lot from Flying Panthers Rally.

Commissioner Barnes addressed the public regarding relocating the location of the Rally for future events and stated he supported such a move.

Mayor Clark requested a five (5) minute recess before moving on to regular city commission business.

Commission recessed at 12:47 pm.

Mayor Clark called the City Commission meeting to order at 12:51 pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- **Proclamation – Franklin Garden Club 50th Anniversary**

Mayor Clark presented a Proclamation to the Franklin Garden Club 50th Anniversary. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Stewart to Proclaim Wednesday, August 28, 2013 as Franklin Garden Club Day. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation

City of Franklin, Kentucky

WHEREAS, Gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of our community and add beauty and knowledge to our lives; and,

WHEREAS, in 1963 a group of dedicated individuals came together to form the Franklin Garden Club with the goal to enrich the lives of their members and their community through the growing of herbs, vegetables, and flowers and the sharing of information; and,

WHEREAS, for more than fifty years the Franklin Garden Club has succeeded in preserving our community's spirit of independence and hard work, shown that gardening promotes a

healthy lifestyle, is a source of productive activity for our citizens, and shown that rewards come from diligent effort;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commission of the City of Franklin, KY, in an effort to recognize the many contributions of the Franklin Garden Club, proclaims

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2013
FRANKLIN GARDEN CLUB DAY

And extends best wishes on the 50th anniversary of the clubs organization.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Term Expiration of Electric Plant Board Member Lester Key**

City Manager, Kenton Powell, addressed the commission regarding the re-appointment of Lester Key to the Electric Plant Board. Powell informed the commission Key's term expires September 6, 2013. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Powell to re-appoint Lester Key to a new full four-year board member term on the Electric Plant Board with the new term to expire September 16, 2017. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Computer Standardization**

FiberNet Network Engineer, Glenn Dalcourt, addressed the commission regarding the need for upgraded technology structure. Mr. Dalcourt informed the commission of several security, management and reliability issues with the City's current technology. Mr. Dalcourt presented the commission with a cost analysis of leasing updated equipment rather than purchasing and entering into a phase of constantly updating hardware, software, etc... A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Powell to approve the lease workstation portion of the network standardization project and replace all networking gear and computing equipment with the 2013-2014 fiscal year and utilize the surplus created in the budget toward the purchase of materials to rewire each city department and authorize the Mayor to sign any documents necessary per this motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding the Simpson County Literacy Request for Temporary Closing of Sections of Montague and College Streets on September 28, 2013**

City Manager, Kenton Powell, addressed the commission regarding street closure request received from Simpson County Literacy for September 28, 2013 for the 1st Festival of Learning. A motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Powell to approve the closings on Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm of Montague Street from the west side of the Corry Spears driveway then east on Montague Street and around corner and north along College Street to the south side of the McMurtry driveway at 226 South College Street. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding the F.S. Chamber of Commerce Request for Temporary Closing During Festival On The Square**

City Manager, Kenton Powell, addressed the commission regarding street closure request received from F. S. Chamber of Commerce for September 20, 2013 from 5:00 pm-9:00 pm to close West Kentucky south to Cedar Street and Cedar Street from College east to Main Street and on September 21, 2013 from 5:00 am – 5:00 pm to close West Kentucky Avenue from Court Street to High Street; College Street from West Washington to back corner of City Hall, Cedar Street from west end to Main Street and Main Street from intersection of Cedar and Main to intersection of Main and Washington. **A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Powell to approve the street closure request at the times and routes submitted by F.S. Chamber of Commerce for the Festival on the Square on September 20 and September 21, 2013. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Western Kentucky University Intern Program**

Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell, addressed the commission regarding a request to approve city participation in the Western Kentucky University's Higher Education Assistance Authority Work-Study Program. Mrs. Cornwell explained the program strives to place students participating in the program with employment related to their field of study. Mrs. Cornwell explained a benefit to this program is the reimbursement the City will receive by Western Kentucky University in the amount of \$2.00 per hour for a successfully placed student. **A motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Powell to approve employer agreement bent the City of Franklin and Western Kentucky University in order to hire a part-time WKU student to assist in the Finance Department and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents per this motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.**

PUBLIC SERVICES

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

UTILITIES

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Contract Employee for Water Distribution Department**

City Manager, Kenton Powell, addressed the commission regarding request submitted by Distribution Superintendent, Clif Beecher. Mr. Beecher requests contract employment with Kenneth Tranter be approved for fiscal year 2013-2014. **A motion was made by Mayor Clark and second by Commissioner Dixon to approve contract of Kenneth Tranter with the Water Distribution Department of the City of Franklin. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.**

ORDINANCES

- **First Reading of Ordinance No. 610.6-9-2013 Amending Portions of a Previous Ordinance Relating to Deposits for Water, Sewer and Sanitation.**

City Clerk, Mandy Cassady, gave first summary reading to Ordinance No. 610.6-9-2013 An Ordinance of the City of Franklin, Kentucky Repealing and Re-enacting in Amended Text and Substance a Portion of a Previous Ordinance Relating to Deposits for Water, Sewer and Sanitation Services

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Stewart to enter in to 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 1:15 PM.

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

At 1:35 p.m. session was returned to open meeting, and motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Barnes to close the executive session and return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

City Manager, Kenton Powell, reminded community of about the rescheduled Community Fireworks Show at Kentucky Downs on Saturday, August 31.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

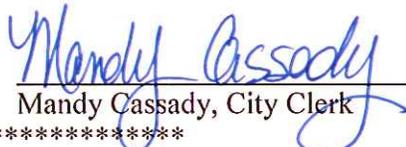
None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Barnes to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously at 1:35 pm.



 Ronnie Clark, Mayor



 Mandy Cassady, City Clerk
