

The Franklin, KY City Commission convened in **regular session** on **Monday, February 22, 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 Chief of Police, Roger Solomon; Franklin Police Captain of Operations, Larry Schultz; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; City Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell; City Personnel Director/Deputy Clerk, Rita Vaughn; Retired City Employee Derick Minnicks; Franklin Police Chaplain, City Street Superintendent, Derick Minnicks; Franklin Simpson Human Rights Commission Representative, Donzella Lee and Media representatives from Franklin Favorite / WFKN and Bowling Green Daily News.

Franklin Police Chaplain Kenny Dale Reeve offered an opening prayer.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Barnes to approve the minutes as presented of the February 8, 2016 regular City Commission meeting. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

#### RECOGNITION

- Franklin Police Department obtaining Accreditation Status

Shawn Butler of the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Program presented the City with the official accreditation designation of the Franklin department. This is a five year certification that will be reviewed to continue the designation. Accreditation helps in a multitude of positives, including lower liability insurance rates, and increased community confidence. The Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police Accreditation Program is intended to encourage and provide law enforcement agencies of the Commonwealth with the opportunity to show that they meet commonly accepted professional standards for efficient and effective operations. Law Enforcement executives who choose to have their agencies accredited under this program are examined in all aspects of their operations, and have made conscious decisions about policies and procedures that fit the law enforcement requirements of their jurisdictions and have implemented those policies and trained their employees in their use. Accreditation reflects that the agency was carefully measured against an established set of standards and has met or exceeded these professional standards. The road to accreditation of the Franklin department has been a long one, and on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015, KY Chiefs of Police completed an audit of the local Department. Following the audit, a nine member committee met and approved Franklin City Police for accreditation. City Manager Powell noted the successful audit could not have happened without the leadership of Chief Solomon who lead the eighteen months of pre-audit improvements which included reviewing/rewriting police policies, retraining officers to the new procedures plus re-organizing and updating of the existing Police Department facilities. Retired Franklin Police Captain Art McFadden was present to receive the Commission's gratitude for his contributions to our successful completion of the accreditation program.

#### HEAR THE PUBLIC

None

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES

None

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- Presentation of Completed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Audit

Kim Kirby of Kirby & Kirby CPA's presented the completed audit of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 City accounts. The City financials were audited using Generally Accepted Accounting Standards and additionally using those contained in government auditing standards. The City was issued an unqualified, or *Clean*, opinion. Mr. Kirby reviewed several points of the comprehensive audit, and stated the audit showed positive monitoring and accounting procedures, and congratulated Finance Director Cornwell and the City on the healthy state of the City records and finances.

- Discussion and Possible Action — Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Revision

Finance Director Cornwell reviewed the current Fiscal Year budget and gave a comprehensive explanation of each item needed to amend the operating budget to actual. Following discussion, Commissioners Powell and Dixon sponsored preparation of Ordinance No. 2016-002 amending the annual City budget.

- Discussion and Possible Action – Fiscal Year 2016-2016 Budget Planning

City Manager Powell discussed the need to begin preparation of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 City budget and the accompanying work sessions and public hearings. **Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve special called meetings for budget work sessions of the City Commission to be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, and schedule the FY 17 Budget Hearing for 12:00 noon on May 23, 2016. Voting aye: all. Motion carried.**

## PUBLIC SERVICES

- Discussion Regarding Update on Cleanup of Carter Moore Hospital

City Manager Powell gave a Power Point presentation outlining the property at the south-west intersection of Main and Madison Streets on which the former Carter-Moore Hospital was located. The fire which destroyed most of the structure took place in August, 2012, and clean up was finally completed in February, 2016. City Manager Powell wished to congratulate Street Department Superintendent Derick Minnicks who saved the City millions by using City personnel and inmate labor to complete many of the clean-up jobs. Mr. Minnicks will be retiring from the City effective February 29, 2016. City Manager Powell wished to recognize Mr. Minnicks and his years of dedicated service to the citizens of Franklin. *(NOTE: Mr. Minnicks is to receive a key to the City in recognition of his years of service to our citizens, and presentation of the plaque has been delayed.)*

- Discussion Regarding Update on Robey Street Widening Project

City Manager Powell reported on a meeting he attended at the District 3 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet regarding the Robey Street widening project. The State has scheduled widening of Robey Street in Simpson County from its intersection with Cedar Street (Highway 73) south to the intersection with North Street. This was a very preliminary meeting, with the project projected to begin in 2018 and to include installation of sidewalks. During discussion the City Manager noted this may be a big step in connecting our Community Park on North Street with the rest of the City via pedestrian sidewalks.

- Discussion and Possible Action – Planning & Zoning Regulations Upgrade

Some time ago in a joint meeting with Simpson County, both governmental bodies agreed to split the cost of revising the City/County Zoning Regulations. A proposal has been received from Shawn Moore, CFM, CZI to provide an up to date and stream lined revision to the current joint zoning ordinance in accordance with the provisions of Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 100 – Planning and Zoning. The proposal estimated completion of the work within three months from the date of acceptance, with the total cost being \$5,000; \$2,500 due upon initial acceptance of the proposal and the balance of \$2,500 due upon adoption of the completed revised ordinances by both governments. **Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the proposal from Shaw Moore to revise the present City/County Zoning ordinance for a cost of \$5,000 with the City to pay \$2,500 and County pay the balance, and authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents per this motion. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

None

**ORDINANCES**

- Possible First Reading of Ordinance Number 2016-002 Amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget  
 Earlier in this meeting Finance Director Cornwell gave first summary reading to Ordinance Number 2016-002 amending the City Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Powell to enter executive session for the purposes of 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 12:40 pm. Entering the closed session were the Mayor and four Commissioners, and City Manager Powell.

At 12:45pm, Industrial Authority Executive Director, Dennis Griffin, entered the closed session.

At 1:10 pm, Mr. Griffin exited the executive session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to return to open session. Voting aye: all. Motion carried at 1:25 pm/

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS**

None

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

None

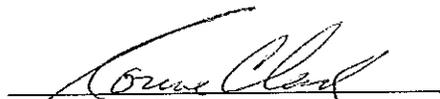
**OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS**

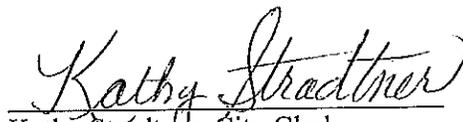
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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Approved the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March,, 2016

  
Ronnie Clark, Mayor

  
Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk

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