

The Franklin, KY City Commission convened in **regular session** at 12:00 pm, **Monday, February 9, 2015**, 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 Manager, Kenton Powell; Franklin Chief of Police, Roger Solomon; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell; Personnel Director/Deputy Clerk, Rita Vaughn; Franklin Police Officers Vickie Kristiansen and Dale Adams; and Franklin Favorite / WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles.

Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and Faith Baptist Church Pastor & Academy Principal David Peirce offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by **Commissioner Powell** and second by **Commissioner Dixon** to approve the minutes from the **January 26, 2015** regular Commission meeting. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION

Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon recognized Police Sergeant Vicki Kristiansen regarding her recent actions, which were related in a letter to the editor published in the February 5 issue of the Franklin Favorite. Officer Kristiansen was on her lunch break when she was unknowingly observed performing an act of kindness and generosity toward a fellow citizen. The action made a lasting and positive impression on visitors to our community, and Chief Solomon wished to commend and recognize Officer Kristiansen's actions and presented her with a Community Commendation. Chief Solomon, City Manager Powell, and the Board of Commission wished to recommend this sort of community involvement to all City employees, and the unknown and positive impact such actions can have.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

Lynette McKnight, Executive Director of Simpson Treatment Center and Holly Broce, Regional Director, were present to discuss the recently opened Simpson Treatment Center located on Highway 31-W in south Franklin. The center is a treatment center for opiate abuse individuals. Ms. Broce gave a wealth of information regarding the center and its operations.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- **Possible Action Regarding Proclamation Request**

As part of their seventy-fifth anniversary celebration, Mr. Dick Timmerman representing the Franklin Lions Club, has requested a proclamation honoring the event. The Club will be hosting an open house at the Bradley Blewett Building on High Street from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Saturday, February 21. **Motion by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commission Barnes to adopt a proclamation declaring February 21, 2015 Franklin Lions Club Day in recognition of the clubs seventy-fifth anniversary and authorize the Mayor's signature on behalf of the City. Voting aye: all. Motion carried.**

PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, THE Franklin Lions Club was founded February 22, 1940; and
WHEREAS, Lions Clubs are an international organization with high marks for integrity and a mission statement to empower members to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding; and*

WHEREAS, the Franklin Lions Club has as a main goal to assist youth and adults alike with eye care, and promotes the search to find a cure for blindness, as well as being very active in the Franklin-Simpson community, instrumental in many of our communities events and outlets for our youth; and

WHEREAS, all of the many characteristics of the Franklin Lions Club are an excellent example of an active and involved community citizen, and the City wishes to promote and recognize such organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Clark, on behalf of the Board of Commission for the City of Franklin, do hereby proclaim FEBRUARY 21, 2015 as FRANKLIN LIONS CLUB DAY and extend our best wishes on the 75th anniversary celebration of the founding of the club, as they reflect on their past and look forward to an exciting future.

- **Follow Up Regarding Methadone Clinic Discussion**

City attorney Crabtree was called away before the meeting began, and in addition to the report the Commission heard earlier in the meeting, City Manager Powell reported that confirmation had been received from the State that Simpson Treatment Center is up to date with all required certification and licensing with the state.

- **Discussion and Possible Action — F-S Industrial Authority Board Appointment**

At the last City Commission meeting, Ordinance No. 2015-002 was adopted amending the F-S Industrial Board membership; bringing the total number of City appointments to four. The Mayor recommends the appointment of Kenton Powell to fill the vacancy. **Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to appoint Kenton Powell to a new member term on the F-S Industrial Authority Board, such term to expire on July 28, 2017. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.**

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Discussion and Possible Action — Certified City of Ethics Program**

City Manager Powell discusses the Kentucky League of Cities Certified City of Ethics program. The City of Franklin adopted their current ethics ordinance in 1994 and City Manager Powell felt it may benefit the community for the Commission to revisit the legislation. The program would also provide training to the members of the Board of Commissioners, as well as to our other employees and boards. The program not only insures Cities' are complying with the Kentucky Legislators intent when they established the ethics

guidelines, but to also increase the public's trust and confidence in their local government. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Powell to authorize entrance into the Kentucky League of Cities Certified City of Ethics program, adoption of City Resolution Number A-2015, and finally, authorize the Mayor to sign any documents necessary per this motion. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioners Barnes and Powell sponsored the preparation of any updates to the City of Franklin ethics ordinance Number 130.7-12-94

PUBLIC SERVICES

No business

PUBLIC SAFETY

• **Discussion and Possible Action – Adoption of Additional Police policies and Procedures**

Police Chief Roger Solomon was present to request approval for two additional policies and procedures for the Police Department. The Chief reviewed the policies prepared by the Police Department: Section 1, Chapter 28 – Physical Fitness Standards, and Section 6, Chapter 5 – Missing Persons. Motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to approve Section 1, Chapter 28 – Physical Fitness Standards, and Section 6, Chapter 5 – Missing Persons for the Franklin Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

• **Discussion and Status – Police Hiring Process**

Franklin Police Captain Art McFadden addressed the Commission regarding the hiring process for the Police Department, including the state training requirements and the length of time it takes from the request for employment applications until a qualified officer can be placed on the City streets. Discussion included the Police Officer Professional Standards (POPS) requirements which were mandated in 1998; POPS requires the applicants to not only comply with local standards, but also undergo, and successfully complete, testing administered by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council. From the time the hiring process starts, it is approximately one year from the time the City advertises for applicants before an officer can be placed, independently, on the city streets. The selection procedure is a step process requiring successful completion before proceeding to the next step.

<i>Advertise for applicants</i>	<i>Varies, put usually 2 – 3 weeks</i>
<i>Complete POPS</i>	<i>Subject to state scheduling, 2-4 weeks</i>
<i>Written exam</i>	<i>Subject to scheduling, 2 – 4 weeks</i>
<i>Successful candidates interview before Internal Police Department Board</i>	<i>Subject to scheduling, 1 – 3 weeks</i>
<i>Successful candidates then have an interview before the Police Hiring Board</i>	<i>Subject to scheduling, 1 – 4 weeks</i>
<i>Recommendation to the Board of Commission</i>	<i>Subject to scheduling, 1 – 3 weeks</i>
<i>Approved candidates subject to employment testing</i>	<i>Subject to completion, 2 – 4 weeks</i>
<i>Successful cadets subject to Basic Training</i>	<i>Subject to scheduling, 22 weeks at ECU</i>
<i>New officers required to complete Police Officer Training Program</i>	<i>Subject to performance</i>

Police Officer McFadden furnished this information to the Commission in order to demonstrate the need to start the Police Department hiring process at least one year prior to the anticipated departure of current officers so that trained officers can be available to serve the citizens of Franklin.

- **Discussion and Status — Purchase of Police Vehicle**

Police Chief Solomon appeared before the commission requesting purchase of a new Police cruiser. After reviewing the present Police department fleet vehicle inventory, it was evident that a cruiser needs to be added: the FY 14-15 city budget provides for the purchase of one new cruiser. Chief Solomon obtained two bids for the purchase

<i>Crossroads Ford Lincoln</i>	<i>\$24,412.81 vehicle base Price</i>
<i>Hunt Ford Chrysler</i>	<i>\$25,070 vehicle base Price</i>

Additional cost of 46,685 will be required for either option to be made road ready for the department. Following discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Stewart to award the purchase of a new cruiser for the Franklin Police Department to the lowest and best responsive, responsible quote from Hunt Ford Chrysler at the base vehicle price of \$25,070.00, and authorize the Mayor to sign any documents necessary to place the new vehicle on the street. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Discussion and Possible Action — Fireworks Display Request**

The City has received a request from F S Parks & Recreation Director Terry Joiner to hold a fireworks display on Friday, July 3, 2015 (with a rain date of July 5) on the grounds of Kentucky Downs, 5629 Nashville Road. This annual display is open to the public and Parks and Recreation have made arrangements for proper safety precautions to be in place during the event. **Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the F-S Parks & Recreation public fireworks display to be held on July 3, 2015 at Kentucky Downs, 5629 Nashville Road, also approve a rain date for the event of July 5, 2015, and authorize the Mayor to sign any documentation necessary per this motion. Voting aye: all. Motion carried.**

UTILITIES

No business

ORDINANCES

No business

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Barnes to enter executive session for the purpose of LAND ACQUISITION — Deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency where publicity would be likely to affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use or sold by a public agency {KRS 61.810 (b)}; 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 1:05 pm. Entering executive session were the Mayor and four Commissioners, and City Manager Powell.

At 2:15pm, motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Barnes to exit executive session and return to open session. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Stewart to hire Barry Mallory in the Water Distribution Department as a full time employee effective February 10, 2015. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to accept the resignation of Justin Casada from the Franklin Police Department effective February 18, 2015. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

No business

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

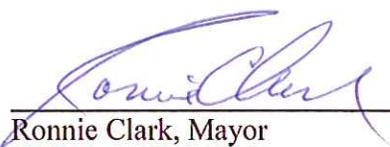
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OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

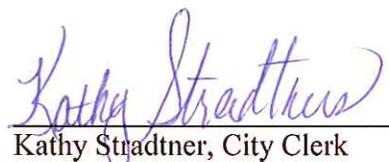
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously at 2:15 pm.



Ronnie Clark, Mayor



Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk
