

The Franklin, KY City Commission convened in **special called session** at 2:00 pm, **Monday, January 26, 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; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell; Personnel Director/Deputy Clerk, Rita Vaughn; Franklin Chief of Police, Roger Solomon; Franklin Police Chaplain, Dale Reeves, Franklin Police Captain, Art McFadden; Simpson County Jailer, Eric Vaughn; Daily News media representative Debbie Highland, and Franklin Favorite / WFKN media representative Keith Pyles.

The regular meeting originally scheduled for 12:00 noon today was cancelled to allow City staff time to attend the funeral of Tim Ferguson, husband of City employee Sandy Ferguson. This special meeting was called and publicly announced and scheduled to address the regular business as listed below.

Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 2:00pm and Franklin Police Chaplain Kenny Dale Reeve offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2015 regular City Commission meeting. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR BUSINESS

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- **Report from Simpson County Jailer Eric Vaughn**

Simpson County Jailer Eric Vaughn was present to report on the hours contributed through the inmate work program during 2014. Eligible inmates may work hours for public and non-profit entities, including the City, County, State and local schools. Jailer Vaughn's report showed 143,188 hours worked by state inmates, and 7,580 worked by unclassified inmates (working inside jail cleaning cells, kitchen & laundry work) for total man-hours in 2014 of 149,768. Estimated at \$7.25 an hour, the program has saved the State, County & City \$1,085,818.00. During discussion the Board of Commissioners congratulated Jailer Vaughn on the Simpson County jail operation.

- **Follow-up Regarding Methadone Clinic Discussion**

During the January 12 City Commission Meeting the Board of Commissioners requested City Attorney Scott Crabtree look into the operation and legalities regarding the methadone clinic recently opening in our community. Attorney Crabtree was unable to attend today's meeting, and City Manager Powell reported they were waiting for information from the State. Scott will report further at the next Commission meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

• **Discussion and Possible Action – Workers Compensation Trust Participation**

The City received a request from Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) Insurance Service to sign an agreement in regard to participation per the Cities Workers Compensation Insurance. KLC has held the Cities Workers Compensation Insurance for some time, and the declaration of trust and trust participation agreement had been signed by a previous administration. In order to update their records, KLC is requesting the current executive sign the new agreement. **Motion made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Barnes to authorize Mayor Ronnie Clark sign on behalf of the City of Franklin the Declaration of Trust and Trust Participation Agreement for the Kentucky League of Cities Workers' Compensation Trust as presented. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.**

• **Discussion and Possible Action – Amend Personnel Policy Regarding Take Home Fleet Policy.**

Pursuant to discussion during the last Commission meeting regarding take home vehicles, City Attorney Crabtree presented an amendment to the City's personnel policy; this change will make all policies consistent and in compliance with the Commission's discussion. **Motion made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Powell to approve the amendment to the City Personnel Policies as presented. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.**

City of Franklin Personnel Policies Amendment Section VI-N City Vehicles

City vehicles are for official City use only. They, along with City-owned equipment, tools, facilities or materials shall not be used for personal use. Employees violating this section will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. In order for a non-sworn employee to qualify to have a fleet or take-home vehicle, the use of the vehicle by the employee must be approved by the City Manager. Further, the non-sworn employee shall not be eligible for a take home vehicle unless the employee resides not more than thirty (30) minutes in travel time (obeying all traffic rules and regulations) from Franklin City Hall. For sworn employees (police officers) rules of relating to fleet take home vehicles, refer to Section 1, Chapter 23.1 of the Franklin Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual

PUBLIC SAFETY

• **Discussion and Possible Action – Additional Police Policies and Procedures**

Police Chief Solomon presented four more Police Department Policy amendments (Section 1 Chapter 4 Crime Reporting; Section 1 Chapter 23.1 Home Fleet Plan; Section 2 Chapter 13 Vehicle Impound; and Section 3 Chapter 11 Asset Forfeiture for the Commission to consider. City Attorney Crabtree has reviewed the documents for correctness with present City policy. **Motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Stewart to approve the amended Franklin Police Department Policies and Procedures as presented: Section 1 Administrative, Chapters 4 and 23.1; Section 2 Operations, Chapter 13, and Section 3 Investigations, Chapter 11 as presented. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.**

• **Discussion and/or Possible Action – Police Department Body Cameras**

The Franklin Police Department has been researching data for the implementation of body cameras. In the past, the department has used in car cameras. Franklin Police Captain Art McFadden shared with the Commission what he has found: *In car cameras have several negative aspects compared to body cameras: in car cameras are more expensive than body*

cameras, have more maintenance and installation issues; ONLY capture what is in front of the police car; the microphone worn by the officer has a limited range when away from the police car. Quotes for body cameras have been obtained from the top two most popular police body cameras with best customer reviews. Tasers price (the Axon Camera) is \$399 and Pro-vision (the Bodycam) is \$299 each. My recommendation is to utilize the Taser product based on the following: Ease of use-operation is simpler with the Taser model being one piece and the Bodycam two separate pieces; The Axon has more mounting options; the Axon was the camera utilized in a study by the International Chiefs of Police Association and received excellent results; The Franklin Police currently utilize other Taser products; Personal interviews- I spoke to an officer who utilizes the Bodycam who are familiar with the Axon and they would have rather been issued the Axon; Interviewing supervisors- I went to Russellville Police Department for a demonstration of the Axon and spoke to their Command Staff. They are very satisfied with the product. Most police body cameras offer an option for online storage for the video, and all offer approximately the same space for the same price. This is VERY cost prohibitive. For twenty officers, with 20 Gigabytes each, the cost is \$20. That equates to \$20,800 annually. This option was quickly dismissed as cost prohibitive. I then examined doing this in house. This involves setting up storage locally so officers can download at the Police Department. A budget of \$1500.00 for parts and equipment will suffice, giving each officer approximately 200 Gigabytes, with me doing the labor as part of my duties. Recommendation: Purchase 20 Axon cameras and 5 data cables. I have older equipment with limited capacity already that can be used to determine if the method of local storage I plan on using will be practical prior to spending funds for storage. The proposed outlay qualifies to come from the Undercover Drug Fund. Following discussion of the information, motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Stewart to accept the Police Department recommendation, and purchase twenty Axon Bodycams and five data cables in an amount not to exceed \$9,660 with expenditure to come from the Undercover Drug Fund. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

- **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2015-001 Amending Municipal Water & Sewer Utilities Use Ordinance Regarding Landlord/Tenant Connections**

City Clerk Kathy Stradtner gave second summary reading to Ordinance # 2015-001 amending a portion of a previous ordinance relating to deposits for water, sewer and sanitation services for the Municipal Water & Sewer Utilities in regard to additional documentation required when a landlord/tenant relationship exists. **Motion made by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Powell to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-001. 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 unanimously and ordinance adopted.**

- **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2015-002 Amending the F-S Industrial Authority Enacting Ordinance**

City Clerk Kathy Stradtner gave second summary reading to Ordinance # 2015-002 amending Ordinance No. 151.10-1999 dated July 12, 1999 which established the F-S Industrial Development Authority; this amendment addressing the number and make up of the Industrial Authority Board Members. **Motion made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commission Dixon to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-002. 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 unanimously and ordinance adopted.**

- **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 2015-003 Amending the Municipal Water & Sewer Utilities Use Ordinance**

City Clerk Kathy Stradtner gave second summary reading to Ordinance# 2015-003 amending the Municipal Water & Sewer Utility Use Ordinance and providing for an approximate five percent increase each year for the next five years. **Motion made by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commission Barnes to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-003. 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 unanimously and ordinance adopted.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Powell to enter in to executive session for the purposes 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)}, 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 2:30pm.

At 3:05pm motion made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Powell to exit executive session and return to open session. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Dixon to ratify the Mayor’s signature on a Quit Claim Deed between the City and Mike Owens for approximately 0.01 acre of property located at West Madison at south edge of sidewalk and was formally designated for an alley. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously. This small piece of property was discovered during final cleanup of former old Carter- Moore Hospital clean up. Mr. Owens is the owner of record adjacent to this property.

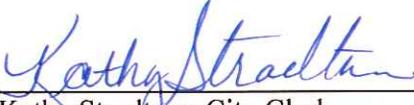
Motion made by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Powell to approve the contract with Kerrick & Bachert as the City’s insurance defense counsel to represent the City in the lawsuit filed by Charles Dewese, and authorize the Mayor to sign. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Dewese’s suit is in regard to the Quarry he is trying to locate in Simpson County, and he has named the City in the action.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Barnes to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Voting aye: all. Motion carried unanimously at 3:06 pm.



 Ronnie Clark, Mayor



 Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk