

The Franklin, KY City Commission convened in **regular session** on **Monday, March 14, 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	ABSENT

Others present included City Manager, Kenton Powell; City Chief of Police, Roger Solomon; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; City Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell; City Personnel Director/Deputy Clerk, Rita Vaughn; Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Chris Klotter; Franklin-Simpson Human Rights Commission Representative, Donzella Lee and representatives from the Franklin Favorite / WFKN media.

Mayor Clark offered an opening prayer, and called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to approve as presented the minutes for the February 22, 2016 regular City Commission meeting. Voting aye: all those members present. Motion carried 4-0.

RECOGNITION

- **Key to the City Presentation to City Retiree Derick Minnicks**

City Manager Powell presented a Key to the City to former City employee Derick Minnicks. Mr. Minnicks retired on February 29, 2016 after twenty-five years of dedicated service to the citizens of Franklin. Mr. Minnicks was unable to be present today, and City Manager Powell read the inscription on the plaque.

This Key to the City of Franklin, Kentucky is presented to Derick Minnicks in recognition of twenty-five years of outstanding service to the City of Franklin.. Your Commitment will truly be missed. Your shoes will not be filled very easily. Your shining spirit will never be matched. We wish you smooth sailing on your new adventure with much respect and gratitude.

- **Key to the City Presentation to F S Planning & Zoning Board Resigned Member Carter Munday**

Mr. Carter Munday resigned from the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Commission to accept a job that would take him out of town on a regular basis. Mr. Munday is out of town presently and unable to attend, but City Manager Powell would like to publically recognize him for his work.

*THIS KEY TO THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, KY IS PRESENTED TO CARTER MUNDAY
Thank you for twenty-five years of faithful service and devotion to the F-S Planning & Zoning Commission Board. Throughout the years you have seen, and took an active role in, the many changes that have occurred within City and County. Due to your unrivaled devotion and consistency you have undoubtedly made Franklin-Simpson a better place to live and work.
Job well done!*

- **Introduction and Swearing In of New Police Officers**

At an earlier date City Attorney Crabtree had administered the oath of office to the new officers, and Chief Solomon introduced T J Burnett and Adam Bennett who came to the City as certified officers and are presently working on the streets of Franklin as they go through the Franklin Police Department orientation training.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

None

REGULAR BUSINESS

COMMUNITY SERVICES

City Manager Powell discussed a recommendation from Mayor Clark of an appointment to fill the unexpired term on the F-S Planning & Zoning Commission. Mayor Clark has received confirmation that she is willing to serve, and is recommending Debbie Thornton, Rolling Road Drive Resident, to fill the vacancy. **Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to appoint Debbie Thornton to fill the unexpired term of Carter Munday on the F-S Planning and Zoning Commission, such term to expire on December 31, 2017. Voting aye: all those members present. Motion carried 4-0.**

- **Discussion and Possible Action — Walking with Elected Officials Program**

Christy Ramey with the Simpson County Extension Service discussed with the Commission a “Take a Walk with Your Elected Officials” program that the Get Healthy Simpson County Coalition would like to initiate. The six walking meetings would take place on April 14, 20, 26 and two dates in May yet to be determined. The aim of the program is to promote walking and allow an opportunity for elected officials and their constituents to interact in a more relaxed and informal venue. There will be one official from each the City and County governments as well as a facilitator from the Get Health Simpson Coalition. Ms. Ramey discussed the benefits to be derived from walking and has already received a commitment from the County Fiscal Court members to participate. The consensus of the City Commission was to participate, and a sign-up sheet was provided to the officials.

- **Proclamation Request from Franklin Business and Professional Women’s Club**

Sharon Taylor-Carrillo representing the Business and Professional Women’s Club of Franklin has requested a proclamation recognizing the club’s observance of Equal Pay Day. **Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Powell to grant the request from Franklin BPW and adopt a proclamation declaring April 12, 2016 as Equal Pay Day in the City of Franklin and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City. Voting aye: all those members present. Motion carried 4-0.**

Proclamation City of Franklin, Kentucky

WHEREAS, forty years after the passage of the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, women and people of color continue to suffer the consequences of inequitable pay differentials; and
WHEREAS, according to statistics released in 2014 the average weekly wage for full-time working women was only 79% of the earnings of year-round, full-time working men, indicating little change or progress in pay equity; and
WHEREAS, if women received the same salary as men who work the same number of hours, have the same education or union status, are the same ages, and live in the same region of the country, then these women’s annual family income would rise by \$4,000, and poverty rates would be cut in half; and
WHEREAS, higher education is not free from wage discrimination according to a U.S. Department of Education analysis, reporting that, after controlling for rank, age, credentials, field of study and other factors, full-time female faculty members earn nearly 9% less than their male counterparts; and
WHEREAS, over a working lifetime, this wage disparity costs the average American woman and her family estimated \$700,000 in lost wages, impacting Social security benefits and pensions; and
WHEREAS, fair pay equity policies can be implemented simply and without undue costs or hardship in both the public and private sectors, and fair pay strengthens the security of families today and eases future retirement costs, while enhancing the American economy; and
WHEREAS, Tuesday, April 12, 2016, symbolizes the time in the next year in which the wages paid to American women catch up to the wages paid to men from the previous year,
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Clark, Mayor of the City of Franklin, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim, TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016 EQUAL PAY DAY in our City and urge our citizens to recognize the full value of women’s skills and significant contributions to the labor force, and further encourages businesses to conduct an internal pay evaluation to ensure women are being paid fairly.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

• **Discussion and Possible Action – Approve City Facebook Page**

In an attempt to better serve our citizens and get time sensitive information to them as soon as possible, City staff has been considering the formation of a City of Franklin Facebook Page. Through the page we would include contact information, and information such as water service advisories, street closings, employment opportunities, and upcoming events. The page would be created and monitored by Human Resource/Deputy Clerk Rita Vaughn and the Administrative offices at City Hall. Following full discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Mayor Clark to authorize the formation of an official City of Franklin, KY Facebook page to be monitored and maintained by the administration offices at City Hall. Voting aye: all those members present. Motion carried 4-0.**

• **Discussion – U S Highway 31-W Street Lights Project Status**

City Manager Powell gave a status report regarding the installation of street lights along portions of Highway 31-W south as authorized at the January 25, 2016 City Commission meeting. In an email from Warren Rural Electric (who will be installing the lights per Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KTC) guidelines), several permits are required from the State before the order and installation can take place, and estimates are for a July installation.

• **Discussion and Possible Action – Surplus of Building Components from Carter Moore Hospital Demolition**

City Manager Powell discussed the items that were salvaged from the latest demolition of the final structures in the Blighted Carter-Moore Hospital Complex. During the January 11, 2016 City Commission meeting certain architectural items from the demolition were granted to F S Renaissance, and what is left is approximately two hundred fifty-nine (259) items of various pieces. Following full discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to declare surplus, and authorize advertisement for bids on, the list presented of various items from the final demolition of the Blighted Carter Moore Hospital property, and further to authorize the City Manager to accept the highest bid submitted for each item(s). Voting aye: all those members present. Motion carried 4-0.**

SURPLUS LIST CARTER MOORE HOSPITAL

20 – SLATE ROCKS APPROX.

30 – DOOR FRAMES APPROX.

55 – DOORS APPROX.

90 – WINDOWS APPROX.

2 – BATH TUBS

6 – SINKS

1 – METAL FIREPLACE MANTEL

5 – LIGHT FIXTURE GLOBES

4 – METAL FRAMES FOR OVER DOORS

35 – STAIRCASE SPINDLES

2 – GAS HOTWATER HEATERS SER#0946T408732 & SER#0927T409274

1 – EVAPORATOR SER#L990424321

4 – CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONERS & FURNACES

SER#1002555281, 0906091090, 1003571375, 0908066159

4 – EVAPORATORS SER # 0908209159, 0909731463, 0908209156, 0908205436

PUBLIC SERVICES

- **Discussion and Possible Action – Storm Water Professional Engineering Services Agreement**

City Manager Powell discussed the Storm Water Management program. Former Public Works Superintendent Derick Minnicks recently retired after twenty-five years with the City, and had worked closely with the Storm Water Management program, including approving and reviewing the plans and monitoring the construction progress. In the short term, until current staff feels knowledgeable in processing the program, City Manager Powell is recommending the City use Richard Jones with the Rogers Engineering Group for Storm Water approvals. Working closely with Mr. Jones will be the City Manager and current Public Works Supervisor Joe Link. Rogers Engineering submitted a proposal as follows.

HOURLY RATES

<i>Principal Engineer</i>	<i>\$105.00</i>
<i>Project Engineer I</i>	<i>\$ 95.00</i>
<i>AutoCAD Technician I</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>
<i>Secretarial</i>	<i>\$40.00</i>

During discussion the City Manager estimated the professional use to be five to ten hour a month. Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve using Roger Engineering Group to review the City of Franklin Stormwater Plans, and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary agreements. Voting aye: all those members present. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

UTILITIES

- **Discussion and Possible Action - Award of Phase I Sunset Circle Sewer Rehab Pipeline Replacement Contract**

Per the advertisement published on Thursday, March 10, 2016 in the Franklin Favorite, submittals for the Sunset Circle Rehabilitation Project were opened at City Hall. Both bids were over the budget amount for this project.

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<i>Scott & Ritter, INC</i>	<i>\$625,600</i>
<i>Charles Deweese Construction INC</i>	<i>\$844,585</i>

This particular section of the Sunset Circle sub-basin collection system has continued to be a problem area for structural issues, blockages, as well as inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system. It is made up primarily of brick manholes and clay pipe and is in dire need of replacement. Staff is recommending adjustments be made to the scope of the project per the budgeted amount for this project, and award the contract to Scott & Ritter. **Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Powell to authorize contracting with Scott & Ritter INC for the Sunset Circle Phase One Sanitary Sewer Replacement contract in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, and authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents on behalf of the City per this motion. Voting aye: all those members present. Motion carried 4-0.**

ORDINANCES

- **First Reading Ordinance No. 2016-001 Regarding the Cable Franchise Agreement**

City Clerk Stradtner gave first summary reading to Ordinance #2016-001 (which was sponsored by Commissioners Powell and Stewart) creating a ten (10) year, nonexclusive franchise for a cable system within the confines of the City of Franklin, KY, said franchise providing for: full financial and shareholder disclosure; indemnification by the franchise grantee and adequate insurance coverage; meeting minimum operational standards and providing liquated damages for violations thereof; conditions of road occupancy, use of poles and construction standards; minimum requirements for extending the system; educational and government access channels; emergency alert override; establishment of consumer services standards; establishment of a complaint procedure; approval required for a transfer of control; standards provisions; reserving government rights in the franchise; and protections of subscriber privacy.

- **Second Reading of Ordinance Number 2016-002 Amending FY 2016 City Budget**

City Clerk Stradtner gave second summary reading of Ordinance # 2015-002 amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 City of Franklin budget. **Motion was made by Commissioner Powel and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to adopt Ordinance # 2016-002 upon this second reading. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Mason Barnes, Yes; Commissioner Larry Dixon, Yes; Commissioner Jamie Powell, Yes; Commissioner Wendell Stewart, Absent; Mayor Ronnie Clark, Yes. Motion carried 4-0 and ordinance adopted.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded 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)}; and PERSONNEL — Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810 (f)}. Voting aye: all those members present. Motion carried 4-0 at 12:55pm. Entering the closed session were Mayor Clark, Commissioners Barnes, Dixon, and Powell; and the City Manager.

At 1:00 pm Finance Director Cornwell entered the closed session, and exited at 1:15 pm.

At 1:15 pm Police Chief Solomon entered the closed session, and exited at 2:15 pm.

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to exit the executive session and return to open session. Voting aye: all those members present. Motion carried 4-0 at 2:15pm.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Powell to reluctantly accept the resignation of Steve Akin from the Street Department. Voting aye: all those members present. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Akin is leaving to accept another position, and the Board of Commissioners wish him well.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None

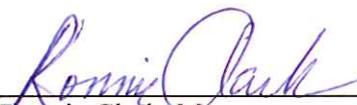
OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

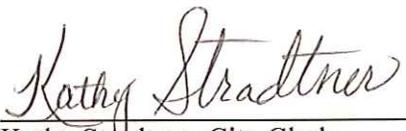
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Voting aye: all those members present. Motion carried 4-0 at 2:45pm.

Approved the 28th day of March, 2016



Ronnie Clark, Mayor



Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk
