

The Franklin, KY City Commission convened in **regular session** on **Monday, May 9, 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	ABSENT
Commissioner Jamie Powell	Present
Commissioner Wendell Stewart	Present

Others present included City Manager, Kenton Powell; City Attorney, Scott Crabtree, City Chief of Police, Roger Solomon; City Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; City Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell; City Personnel Director/Deputy Clerk, Rita Vaughn; City Community Development Director, Tammie Carey; and Franklin Favorite / WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles.

Mike Stacey, new pastor of Sulphur Springs Church, offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Barnes to approve as presented the minutes of the April 25, 2016 regular scheduled City Commission meeting. Voting aye: all those present. Motion carried 4-0.

RECOGNITION

None

HEAR THE PUBLIC

None

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Report/Update – Wayne Goodrum, Franklin Electric Plant Board Regarding Local Fiber Network

Franklin Electric Plant Board (EPB) Fiber Operations Director Wayne Goodrum along with EPB Manager Bill Borders addressed the Commission regarding the updates and additional services being offered by the Fiber Network since the Board took over management of the network approximately eleven months ago.

- Proclamation Requests

City received two requests for proclamations for events during May. Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to adopt proclamations declaring May, 2016 as Older Americans Month, and a Joint Proclamation with Simpson County declaring May 1 thru 7, 2016 as Small Business Week in Simpson County, and authorizing and ratifying the Mayor's signatures on each. Voting aye: all those present. Motion carried 4-0.

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Franklin, Kentucky is a community in which many citizens age 55 and over make their home; and

WHEREAS, older adults in the City of Franklin and throughout the nation are an increasing population, with evolving needs and are valuable members of our society; enhancing our communities and personal lives and bringing a unique perspective to our lives; and

WHEREAS, our older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and involved older adult populations in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that communities modernize systems of care to help empower older Americans and give them more control over their own lives; and as the theme for this year's celebration says, Blaze a Trail.

NOW THEREFORE, WE, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Franklin, Kentucky do hereby proclaim May 2016 to be Older Americans Month and urge everyone to take time this May to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and citizens who care for them.

Joint Proclamation

City of Franklin, Kentucky And County of Simpson, Kentucky

WHEREAS, the vibrant entrepreneurial spirit in the Commonwealth of Kentucky is a strong, fundamental force driving Kentucky's economy and creating valuable jobs for our communities; and,

WHEREAS, Men and women who own small businesses should be applauded for taking risks and making sacrifices to achieve their dream and secure a better life for themselves, their families and employees; and,

WHEREAS, According to the U S Small Business Administration and the Kentucky Small Business Development Center, there were 28 million small businesses in the United States last year, and 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees are considered small; and,

WHEREAS, according to the U S Census Bureau, Statistics of U S Businesses, small businesses in the Commonwealth total more than 340k,000 and employ about half of the private workforce; and,

WHEREAS, small businesses spur Kentucky's economic growth by generating billions of dollars in small business income, that provides substantial dollars in tax revenue for local, state, and federal governments; and,

WHEREAS, small businesses throughout the Commonwealth receive assistance through the U S Small Business Administration, created through the ratification of the Small Business Act of 1953, with the mission to maintain and strengthen the nation's economy by providing access to capital, counseling, training and contracting to entrepreneurs and small businesses and by assisting families and business to recover from natural disasters; and,

WHEREAS, we are calling upon Kentuckians to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Kentucky's small businesses by joining the SBA in celebrating National Small Business Week May 1-7, 016;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Franklin Board of Commissioners and Simpson County Fiscal Court, do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2016 as SMALL BUSINESS WEEK IN SIMPSON COUNTY and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of small businesses in our county.

- Discussion and Possible Action – Appointment to fill Vacancy on Electric Plant Board

The City received notice of the resignation of Electric Plant Board member Frances Nash. Mrs. Nash's term was scheduled to expire later this year, and she decided to resign early. The Mayor is recommending Carl Stoner, resident of this City, to fill that vacancy, and also appoint him to additionally fill a full new term beginning in September. Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to appoint Carl Stoner to fill the remaining term on the Electric Plant Board of resigning member Frances Nash (expiring September 6, 2016), and to additionally appoint Mr. Stoner to a full new four year term on the Board, such term to expire on September 6, 2020. Voting aye: all those present. Motion carried 4-0.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- Announcement of May 23 Public Hearing Scheduled

City Community Development Director Carey addressed the Commission regarding a Public Hearing that has been scheduled for 11:50 am, 2016 at City Hall. The hearing is a requirement of the rail spur project being proposed for the Fritz Winter development.

- Discussion and Possible Action --Purchase of Folding/Mailing Machine for City Hall

Finance Director Conwell discussed a request for purchase of a document folder/insertion machine. City Hall staff routinely sends out a significant amount of correspondence on a weekly basis, including bills and notices from property taxes, occupational and business taxes and fees, in addition to Franklin Municipal Utility bills and notices. As the City migrates to a new accounting and billing software, the utility bills will become an 8 1/2 x 11 documents which will allow for more ease in conveying necessary information to our customers. The City currently pays approximately \$3,500 annually for outsourced mailing of documents that is too cost and time prohibitive for City Hall staff to process manually. Three quotes were obtained for purchase of a folding/insertion machine.

<i>BIDDER</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
<i>Scott Mailing Service</i>	<i>\$10,984</i>
<i>Neopost SE</i>	<i>\$10,984</i>
<i>Tri-State Mailing Systems, INC</i>	<i>\$13,790</i>

After careful scrutiny and comparison of the products quoted, Finance Director Cornwell is recommending purchase of the Tri-State Mailing System machine for reasons including ease of use and long term durability. During discussion Mrs. Cornwell noted the budget amount for this purchase is \$12,000, but any variance in purchase can be made up in other budget areas of this department that are coming in lower than budget. **Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Barnes to approve purchase of a folding/insertion machine for City Hall from the lowest and best responsive, responsible bid received from Tri-State Mailing Services in the amount of \$13,790. Voting aye: all those present. Motion carried 4-0.**

PUBLIC SERVICES

No business

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Discussion and Possible Action -- Police Department Taser Purchase

Subsequent to the action taken at the April 25 meeting regarding purchase of equipment for the Police Department, Chief Solomon was made aware of the Taser 60 program allowing agencies to trade in all their old Tasers for a \$150 value per Taser and become fully equip0ed with the new X2 Tasers. Originally the Franklin Police Department budgeted for a five year capital plan to replace Tasers, and this program would allow the City to pay on that for a period of five years, but the Department would already have all of the updated Tasers and associated equipment for immediate use. Following discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to authorize entering into a five year Taser 60 agreement between the City of Franlin and Taser international, and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City. Voting aye: all those present. Motion carried 4-0.**

UTILITIES

• Announcement – Hydrant Flushing Program to Begin

City Manager Powell discussed the Franklin Municipal Utility’s semiannual flushing program: As part of the regular maintenance of the City water distribution lines, the Water Distribution Department performs a semi-annual water main flushing program. The program will begin on Monday, May 16 and a public notice is being published in the Franklin Favorite and will continue to be published each week until this part of the program is completed. Normally flushing of the entire system takes less than a month to complete, but in order to maximize our efforts, additional maintenance is being performed at the same time, so staff is allowing up to six weeks for completion.

• Discussion and Possible Action – Installation of Transformer at Waste Water Treatment Plant

The Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) needs to install a pad and mount a new transformer for the plant. The Electric Plant Board reviewed the condition of the present transformer and pole and noted it is in danger of failure and past time for it to be replaced. As this transformer provides all the power to the WWTP, it is critical that the work be completed as soon as possible. Quotes were received for installation of the pad and transformer.

<i>COMPANY</i>	<i>QUOTE</i>
<i>Thurman Electrical of Franklin, INC</i>	<i>\$15,203</i>
<i>Diversified Electrical, INC</i>	<i>\$17,802</i>

City Manager Powell presented information regarding the request to authorize the budgeted work. Installation of the Concrete pad and conduit will be performed using in house labor. Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to authorize contracting with Thurman Electric for the electrical work associated with the transformer changeover at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$15,203, and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City any necessary documents per this motion. Voting aye: all those present. Motion carried 4-0.

• Discussion and Possible Action – Repairs to Water Treatment Plant Damaged Walkways and Tank

The Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Settling Basin walls need repair to prevent water seepage, and additionally the sidewalks and porches need caulking to prevent freezing and expansion during the winter months. WTP Superintendent Jerry Farmer requested quotes from five contractors that were recommended as being familiar in doing this kind of repair. Out of the five contractors, only one gave a usable bid.

<i>COMPANY</i>	<i>QUOTE</i>
<i>ABG Caulking Contractors INC</i>	<i>\$9,500</i>
<i>Alpha Insulation & Waterproofing</i>	<i>No Bid</i>
<i>Williams Restoration</i>	<i>Not a complete bid – want to experiment</i>
<i>N & S Water Proofing</i>	<i>No Bid</i>
<i>Gary Faulkner</i>	<i>No Bid</i>
<i>Jamie Gann Sevens Construction</i>	<i>No Bid</i>

This is a budgeted repair and the recommendation is that ABG be authorized to do the work. Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Powell to award the repair of the Water Treatment Plant Settling Basin and Sidewalk & Porches to ABG Caulking Contractors INC in an amount not to exceed \$9,500, and authorize the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City any necessary documents per this motion. Voting aye: all those present. Motion carried 4-0.

ORDINANCES

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to enter executive session for the purposes of 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 those present. Motion carried 4-0 at 12:35 p.m. Entering executive session were the Mayor and Four Commissioners, City Manager Powell, and City Attorney Crabtree.

At 12:35 p.m. Electric Plant Board representatives Wayne Goodrum and Bill Borders entered the executive session, and left at 12:50 p.m.

Motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to close the executive session and return to open session. Voting aye: all those present. Motion carried 4-0.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

None

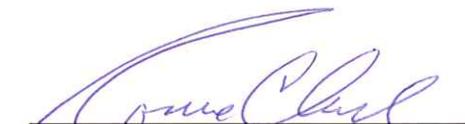
OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Voting aye all those present. Motion carried 4-0 at 1:10 pm.

Approved the 23rd day of May, 2016


Ronnie Clark, Mayor


Kathy Stradtner, City Clerk