

The Franklin, KY City Commission convened in **regular session** at 12:00 pm, **Monday, October 14, 2013**, 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 Attorney, Scott Crabtree, Chief of Police, Todd Holder; City Clerk, Mandy Cassady; Administrative Deputy Clerk, Kathy Stradtner; Human Resources Director, Rita Vaughn who videoed the meeting; Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell; FiberNet Network Engineer, Glenn Dalcourt; Franklin Police Officer, Mike Jones; Scott Waste employees, Pete Reckard and Brittney Howell; Habitat for Humanity Director, Cheryl Goodlad and Franklin Favorite/WFKN media representative, Keith Pyles.

Honorable Mayor Ronnie Clark called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM, and Franklin Community Church Pastor, Eric Walker, offered an opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by **Commissioner Barnes** and second by **Commissioner Powell** to approve the minutes from the **September 23, 2013 Regular Commission Meeting**. **Ayes: Commissioner Powell, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Stewart and Mayor Clark.** Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION

- **Franklin Business & Professional Women's Club Proclamation**

Mayor Ronnie Clark recognized a Proclamation request on behalf of the Franklin Business and Professional Women's Club and the City of Franklin declaring October 20th thru October 26th, 2013 as National Business Women's Week in recognition of their work. **A motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Stewart declaring October 20 – October 26, 2013 as National Business Women's Week. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, working women constitute 66 million of the nation's work force and strive to serve their communities, their states, and their nation in professional, civic, and cultural capacities; and,

WHEREAS, women-owned businesses account for 28 percent of all U.S. business, generating \$1.15 trillion in sales; and,

WHEREAS, the major goals of Business and Professional Women/USA are to promote equality for all women and to help create better conditions for working women through the study of social, educational, economic, and political problems; all of us are proud of their leadership in these many fields of endeavor; and,

WHEREAS, the Franklin Business & Professional Women organization provides its members with professional development programs, networking, participation

in grassroots activism, and opportunities to support scholarships for disadvantaged women; and,

WHEREAS, for years Business and Professional Women/USA has been spotlighting the achievements and contributions of working women during National Business Women's Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Ronnie Clark and the City Commission of the City of Franklin, Kentucky hereby proclaim the week of October 20th through 26th, 2013, as

NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK

and urge all citizens and organizations in the City to join this salute to working women, and additionally encourage and promote the celebration of the achievements of all business and professional women as they contribute daily to our economic, civic, and cultural purposes.

- **Medical Assistant Week Proclamation**

Mayor Ronnie Clark recognized a Proclamation request on behalf of a request from Casey Dalton declaring October 21st thru October 25th, 2013 as Medical Assistant Week. **A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Stewart declaring October 21 – October 25, 2013 as Medical Assistant Week. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the health of all Americans depends upon educated minds and trained hands; and

WHEREAS, the practice of modern medicine at the exacting standards we now enjoy would be impossible without the clinical and administrative duties performed daily in the physician's office, clinic, laboratory or hospital; and

WHEREAS, these multi-skilled professionals help create a professional and comforting atmosphere for patients by offering them guidance and support; and

WHEREAS, through this dedication the medical assistants of the United States have made a vital contribution to the quality of health care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Clark, Mayor of the City of Franklin, Kentucky, by and thru the Board of Commissioners of the City of Franklin, Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the week of October 21-25, 2013 as

MEDICAL ASSISTANT WEEK

and urge all citizens to recognize and support the vital service provided by medical assistants for the benefit of all citizens.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

Franklin Police Chief, Todd Holder, introduced Officer Mike Jones as a newly appointed Detective within the Franklin Police Department.

REGULAR BUSINESS

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- **Report by Habitat for Humanity of Simpson County Executive Director/Cheryl Goodlad**

Habitat for Humanity, Executive Director, Cheryl Goodlad, updated the commission on services provided to the community from Habitat for Humanity. Mrs. Goodlad stated more than 25 homes have been constructed or remodeled in Simpson County since 1997 and have completed 1 (one) home for the 2013 year. Mrs. Goodlad informed the commission of the need for a storage building to house materials and supplies and gave special thanks to Code Enforcement Officer, Kevin Allen for assisting in cleaning up several blighted areas. Mrs. Goodlad informed the commission their HUD funding has been cut \$15,000.00 and are currently looking at fundraising ideas to replace those funds lost. Mrs. Goodlad thanked City Manager, Kenton Powell, for the additional street lights at Pepper Street and thanked the commission for their time.

- **Scott Waste Services Update Regarding Sanitation Services**

Scott Waste Services Employee, Pete Reckard and Brittney Howell, were present to provide an update on newly contracted sanitation services. Mr. Reckard and Mrs. Howell reported the transition from Waste Management to Scott Waste has gone smoothly. All sanitation and recycling carts have been delivered to citizens/customers and pick-ups have been on schedule. Mr. Reckard indicated the recycling program began its first week of pick-up and they anticipate more participation as time goes on. Mr. Reckard and Mrs. Howell thanked the commission for their time.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Renewal of City Hall Office Space Lease to KY Career Center**

City Manager, Kenton Powell, addressed the commission regarding the renewal of office space lease for the KY Career Center/Workforce Investment. Mr. Powell reminded the commission we currently lease the office space at no cost. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Barnes to renew the Commonwealth of Kentucky lease for office space in City Hall for another year and authorize the Mayor to sign any documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this motion. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Wiring City Facilities for Network and Phone Upgrades**

Network Engineer, Glenn Dalcourt, addressed the commission regarding the VoIP (voice over internet protocol) telephone system which was recently approved. Mr. Dalcourt informed the commission of the outdated network wiring infrastructure currently installed in the city facilities and request an additional \$10,000.00 to rewire existing data networks for each City Department. Mr. Dalcourt informed the commission he has conferred with Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell, and the funds are available to install this upgrade. Discussion was held by commission regarding budgeted amounts and Mr. Dalcourt informed the commission he has conferred with Street Department Supervisor, Derick Minnicks, who has agreed to provide some of his staff to assist in the labor costs of rewiring the city facilities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to approve the increase of the original computer standardization budget of \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00 for a total of an additional \$10,000.00 to rewire existing data networks for each City department and deploy the network infrastructure required to build out the voice network for each City Department. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Update of 2013 City Property Taxes**

City Clerk, Mandy Cassady, updated the Commission regarding the mailing of 2013 City Property Tax Bills. Ms. Cassady stated approximately 5000 bills were mailed on October 11, 2013. Ms. Cassady also stated the due date is November 30, 2013; however, that date falls on a Saturday so payments will be received thru December 2, 2013 without penalty.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Additional Signor for Drug Forfeiture Account**

Finance Director, Shaunna Cornwell, addressed the commission regarding a request for an additional check signor for the Drug Fund Accounts. Mrs. Cornwell recommends the authorization of Chief of Police, Todd Holder, as an additional Signor for Drug Forfeiture Account due to his active involvement and knowledge of information pertaining to use of these accounts. Mrs. Cornwell reminded the commission that 2 (two) signatures are required on each check issued. A motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and second by Commissioner Barnes to approve the City of Franklin Police Chief, Todd Holder, to be added as a signor on all Drug Forfeiture bank accounts and authorize the Mayor to sign any documentation and correspondence related to this action. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SERVICES

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding a Change to Brookhaven Road Speed Limit**

City Manager, Kenton Powell, addressed the commission regarding the decrease of speed limit on Brookhaven Road. Mr. Powell informed the commission he has received several calls regarding the 35 mph speed limit and due to increase in pedestrian traffic contributed by the new Blackberry Ridge Subdivision, Mr. Powell recommends the speed limit be dropped to 25 mph. A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Dixon to approve the change of speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph on Brookhaven Road. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

UTILITIES

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Engineering Services for Water Distribution Projects**

City Manager, Kenton Powell, addressed the commission regarding the need for fire hydrants along highway 31W. Due to the 31 W widening project being performed by the state, the city would have a decreased cost for fire hydrant installation on Highway 31 W. Mr. Powell stated the Simpson County Water District services water in that area and provided a cost estimate of \$3500.00 per hydrant installation. Mr. Powell requests the commission approve 5 (five) hydrants to be installed on Highway 31W from Wal-Mart to the state line. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Stewart to approve the installation of 5 (five) fire hydrants along Highway 31W between Wal-Mart and the state line in the amount of \$17,500.00 with the hydrant location to be determined by Fire Chief, Mark Holcomb. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Discussion and/or Possible Action Regarding Utility Rate Study**

City Manager, Kenton Powell, submitted a request to the commission for a Utility Rate Study to be performed. The last comprehensive utility rate study was completed by Barge, Wagoner Sumer and Cannon in 2002. Mr. Powell indicated a study is needed due to major capital improvement projects and to provide an understanding to the commissioners and managers of the financial soundness of the utility system over the next five years. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to approve a Utility Financial Analysis to be performed by Barge Wagoner Sumner and Canon in the amount of \$20,000.00. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

- **Second Summary Reading of Ordinance No. 110.80-10-2013**

City Clerk, Mandy Cassady, gave second summary reading of Ordinance No. 110.80-10-2013 Annexing to the City of Franklin, KY Approximately 173.80 Acres Located on the East and West Side of US 31W South Being Contiguous to the Existing City Limits of Franklin, KY In Accordance with the Comprehensive Plan of Annexation. A motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Barnes to adopt Ordinance No. 110.80-10-2013. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

- **First Summary Reading of Ordinance No. 920.4-10-2013.**

City Clerk, Mandy Cassady, gave first summary reading to Ordinance No. 920.4-10-2013 an Ordinance Rezoning approximately .65 acres of property located on the south side of Hillcrest Drive from R-2 (multi-family) to R-4 (multi-family).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Stewart to enter in to executive session for the purpose of deliberations on acquisition, or sale, of real property where publicity would be likely to affect the value {KRS 61.810(b)} and Discussion of proposed or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(c)} and Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810(f)} Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously at 12:41 PM.

Entering executive session were Mayor Clark, Commission Barnes, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Powell, Commissioner Stewart, City Manager Powell, City Attorney Crabtree.

At 1:35 p.m. session was returned to open meeting, and motion was made by Commissioner Dixon and second by Commissioner Stewart to close the executive session and return to open session. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes and second by Commissioner Stewart to approve the hiring of Jasna Kusturica, contingent on obtaining POPS certification, for the Franklin Police Department. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Dixon to approve the purchase of property located at 0 West Madison Street from Joel and Annie Walker in the amount of \$17,500.00 and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of the motion including but not limited to contracts and deeds. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS

None

CITY MANAGER REPORTS

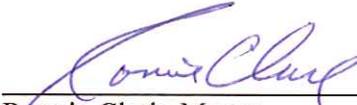
City Manager, Kenton Powell, reported the demolition of a home on Washington Street will begin on October 21, 2013. Mr. Powell also reported the clean-up bids for Carter Moore hospital are due back in on October 24, 2013.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

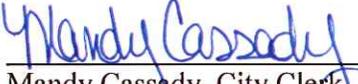
None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Powell and second by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the City Commission meeting. Ayes: All. Motion carried unanimously at 1:44 pm.



Ronnie Clark, Mayor



Mandy Cassady, City Clerk
