

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION
OF THE
CITY OF FRANKLIN
CITY COMMISSION**

February 27, 2023

**City Hall
117 West Cedar Street
Franklin, Kentucky**

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **February 27, 2023**, in the City Hall meeting room located at 117 West Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky.

Members attending were as follows:

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| Mayor Larry Dixon | Present |
| Commissioner Jamie Powell | Present |
| Commissioner Herbert Williams | Present |
| Commissioner Dale McCreary | Present |
| Commissioner Wendell Stewart | Present |

Others present included City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; City Personnel Director Rita Vaughn; City Finance Director Carol Riggenbach; Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon; City Clerk Cathy Dillard; Tammie Carey, Community Development Director; Trent Coffee, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent; Johnie Skipworth, Water Treatment Superintendent; Lee Anglea, Water Treatment Coordinator; Keith Pyles, Franklin Favorite/WFKN; and, Derek Parham, WBKO.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and Commissioner McCreary offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes as presented of the Franklin City Commission February 13, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION

The Commission recognized the City of Franklin Water Treatment Plant for achieving Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) goals for 2021. In meeting these goals, the Water

Treatment Plant provided customers of Franklin Municipal Utilities with protection against waterborne disease and disinfection byproducts that extend beyond the regulatory requirement. Standards for these goals are set the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Kentucky Division of Water and were voluntary. These awards are representative of the consistently high standards of the Water Treatment Plant staff. Johnie Skipworth and Lee Anglea were present on behalf of the Water Treatment Plant.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Development Director Tammie Carey asked the Commission to consider approval to apply for a Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to construct sidewalks on North Street from Main Street to KY Highway 1008 connecting to the Franklin-Simpson Community Park. Estimated project costs are approximately \$1.4 million and the City would be required to provide a 20% match which is estimated to be approximately \$282,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to authorize the submission of an application for funding to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for the North Street sidewalk project and commit to a funding match of \$234,325 plus any cost overruns and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents related to the project.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider approval to close downtown streets on Saturday, March 18, 2023, for the annual Kids on the Block Shamrock Sprint.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCreary and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to close South College Street just past the four-way stop on South College Street and West Madison Street to just past the curve on South College Street at Cardinal Drive from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 18, 2023, for the Kids on the Block Shamrock Sprint.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider two dates for budget planning meetings. Proposed dates are Monday, May 8, 2023, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon; and, Monday, June 5, 2023, from 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to hold two special called budget planning meetings on Monday, May 8, 2023, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon; and, Monday, June 5, 2023, from 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

UTILITIES

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Trent Coffee asked the Commission to consider approval of two work order changes for the Kentucky Downs Wastewater System Improvement project. Scott & Ritter, Inc., projected both change orders would total \$12,530.00 and would be reimbursed by Kentucky Downs.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCreary and seconded by Commissioner Williams to accept the change orders as presented and further authorized the Mayor to sign all documents relating to these change orders.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider approval of an easement agreement with Simpson County Water District. This easement will allow SCWD to locate equipment and transmission lines from the Water Treatment Plant to Henderson Industrial Park and further allow them 24-hour access to the property to install and maintain their equipment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the Water Line and Pump Station Easement and a Lease Agreement between the City of Franklin and Simpson County Water District and further authorized the Mayor to sign the easement and lease agreement on behalf of the City.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:30 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: (1) 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(1)(b)}; (2) LITIGATION – Discussion of proposed or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(1)(c)}; and, (3) PERSONNEL – Discussions or hearings which might lead to the appointment, discipline, or dismissal of an individual employee or member {KRS 61.810(1)(f)}.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

Entering Executive Session were Mayor Dixon; Commissioners Powell, Bennett, Williams and Stewart; City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; Finance Director Carol Riggerbach; and, Chief Roger Solomon.

Chief Solomon exited Executive Session at 12:45 PM.

At 1:46 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

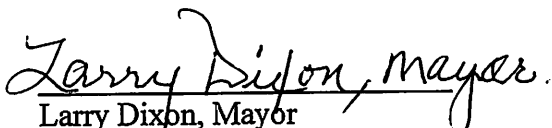
Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to accept the resignation of Brian Wise from the Franklin Police Department effective February 20, 2023.


Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:47 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adjourn the regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.


Larry Dixon, Mayor
City of Franklin, Kentucky


Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
City of Franklin, Kentucky