

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
of the  
FRANKLIN CITY COMMISSION  
and  
SIMPSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 12:00 Noon**

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

The City of Franklin City Commission and Simpson County Fiscal Court met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, in the City Hall Meeting Room located at 117 West Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky. Mayor Larry Dixon called the City Commission to order, and County Judge Executive Mason Barnes called the Fiscal Court to order at 12:00 Noon, the member attendance was as follows:

Franklin City Commission

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

Simpson County Fiscal Court

County Judge Executive Mason Barnes  
Magistrate Marty Chandler  
Magistrate Myron Thurman  
Magistrate Jeffrey Burr  
Magistrate Scott Poston

Others present were Fiscal Court Clerk Pam Rohrs; City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; City Clerk Cathy Dillard; County Attorney Sam Phillips; City of Franklin Finance Director Carol Riggerbach; Lisa Deavers F-S Parks Director; F-S Fire Chief Leslie Goodrum; Robert Palmer Franklin-Simpson OEM Director; Nelson Slaughter F-S Fire & Rescue; Brownie Bennett; and, Lisa Bashant.

Mayor Larry Dixon offered an opening prayer and Judge Executive Mason Barnes asked everyone in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

REGULAR BUSINESS

The advance agenda included the following:

- **Discussion regarding Franklin-Simpson Parks**

F-S Parks Director Lisa Deavers addressed the joint session with information regarding the proposed 30-year plan for the Jim Roberts Park. The 30-year plan creates a more walkable, pedestrian-friendly park environment that can be implemented with growth. The Parks Board will determine the implementation and progression of improvements.

No action was taken by the governing bodies regarding this matter.

- **Discussion and/or possible action regarding F-S Fire & Rescue**

Franklin-Simpson Fire & Rescue Chief Leslie Goodrum addressed the joint session regarding a plan to provide additional staffing for the fire department. Chief Goodrum proposed to have four (4) additional people for on call pay at a higher rate than volunteer pay after hours on weekdays, Sunday and holidays.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner McCreary to authorize Fire Chief Goodrum to hire up to four (4) people for on call pay at a higher rate than volunteer pay for calls after hours on weekdays, Sundays, and holidays with a contingency to review in six (6) months.

Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: All City Commission members present. Motion carried unanimously.

- **Update regarding Radio Communications Equipment Purchase**

Simpson County Office of Emergency Management Director provided the governing bodies with an update regarding the progress of the new radio communications equipment. In addition, Palmer reported that he thinks Simpson County will qualify for FEMA funds for damages sustained during the March 3 windstorm and commended all local agencies and electrical utilities for their response and continued support.

No action was taken by the governing bodies regarding this matter.

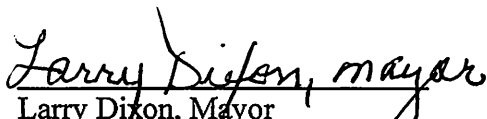
- **Discussion and/or possible action regarding F-S Planning & Zoning Regulations**

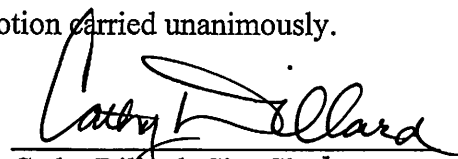
Judge Barnes asked the governing bodies to discuss zone change requests, mixed use ratios, and Planning & Zoning Commission bylaws. After some discussion regarding these matters, no action was taken by the governing bodies regarding these matters.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:36 PM, a motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner McCreary to adjourn the Franklin City Commission.

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