

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

June 12, 2023

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

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

Members attending were as follows:

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 Rigggenbach; Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon; City Clerk Cathy Dillard; Tammie Carey; Darrell Mallory; Moe Hillard; Damian Walker; Wanda J. Tuck; James R. Tuck; Bailey Wilson; Kristin Wilson; Brian Deenihan; Debby Helton; Trey Holman; Sam Upperman; Bailey Pickens; and, Amanda East.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the minutes as presented of the Franklin City Commission May 22, 2023, Regular Meeting and the June 5, 2023, Special Called Meeting and Budget Work Session.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

City Manager Kenton Powell introduced Brian Deerihan from Clark Mosquito Control to provide information and answer questions regarding the City's current spraying methods. Mr. Deerihan made recommendations regarding current our application practices. Most notably, application only in the hours from dusk until dawn to avoid an impact on pollinators and/or

wildlife. In addition, he recommended a product that has a lower environmental impact and should result in less spraying and better mosquito control.

No action was required by the Commission regarding this matter. City Manager Kenton Powell indicated that mosquito spraying would resume with improved processes based on these recommendations.

Sam Upperman with Scott Waste Services provided an update for the Commission and the community regarding lingering service issues. He indicated that phone complaints were down from over 1,000 per day to 200-300 per day and attributed new equipment and continued efforts to hire and retain employees as the primary source of improvements to service to Scott Waste customers. Mr. Upperman also introduced Trey Holman, their newest employee in the area.

Several members of the public asked questions, particularly regarding bulk item pickup. Scott Waste requires a notification by telephone for bulk items placed for pickup with bulk items continuing to be picked up every Friday.

No action was taken by the Commission regarding this matter.

The final budget amendment of the FY 2022-23 budget approved pre-funding for the following community service organizations:

Hope Harbor	\$ 5,000.00
United Way 211 Program	2,500.00
Gallery on the Square	10,000.00
BRADD Aging Services	2,000.00
On Track Program – SKYCTC	10,000.00
F-S Arts Council	5,000.00
Good Samaritan, Inc.	8,000.00
F-S Renaissance	5,000.00
Simpson County Friends of the Shelter	15,000.00

In addition, the FY 2023-2024 budget approves funding for the following community service organizations:

Boys & Girls Club of Franklin-Simpson	\$ 50,000.00
F-S Chamber of Commerce	35,000.00
Southern KY Drug Task Force	25,000.00
F-S Human Rights Commission	5,000.00
Simpson County Historical Society	12,500.00
Good Samaritan, Inc.	2,000.00

The budget also approved funding for Franklin-Simpson Parks & Recreation in the amount of \$250,000.00 but an agreement was not required for this organization.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreements for Services for each of the organizations as provided in the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget amendment and the fiscal year 2023-2024 annual budget.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Community Development Director Tammie Carey provided the Commission with an update regarding the comprehensive plan. The process to develop a comprehensive plan began one year ago and is now three-fourths complete with an anticipated completion date sometime this fall. Carey indicated the final community meeting is Tuesday, June 20 at 6:00 PM.

No action was required by the Commission regarding this matter.

Franklin-Simpson Human Rights Commission will hold a community event on Saturday, June 24, 2023, from 12:00 Noon to 9:00 pm. They have requested to close John J. Johnson Street between Roosevelt Street and Sunset Circle from 9:00 am until 10:00 pm for the Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to close John J. Johnson Avenue between Roosevelt Street and Sunset Circle from 9:00 am until 10:00 pm on Saturday, June 24, 2023, for the F-S Human Rights Commission Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider approval to renew the City of Franklin's workers compensation coverage with Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance Company for the fiscal year 2023/2024. The premium amount is \$50,135.00, which was a reduction of \$21,872.00 from the previous fiscal year.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCreary and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to renew the City of Franklin's workers compensation coverage with Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance in the amount of \$50,135.61 and further authorized the Mayor to sign any documents necessary for this service.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider changes to the City's current burn ordinance due to concerns about commercial burning within the City limits. Powell asked for two sponsors to move forward with revisions to the current ordinance.

Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Stewart asked to sponsor the proposed ordinance amendment. A draft of the ordinance was anticipated for the next regular meeting on June 26.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission for two sponsors of a proposed ordinance amending the ordinance regarding erosion and drainage control.

Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Williams asked to sponsor the proposed ordinance with first reading taking place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission for two sponsors of a proposed ordinance annexing approximately 1.184 acres located in the Henderson Industrial Park for property owned by Precision Power, LLC. In addition, Simpson Fiscal Court agreed with the annexation and waived the 45-day notification period.

Commissioner Stewart and Commissioner Powell asked to sponsor the proposed ordinance with first reading taking place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission for two sponsors of a proposed ordinance amending the City's property maintenance code relating to grass and weeds. The amendment will add language regarding violations for tall grass and weeds in the rights-of-way and easement areas.

Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Williams asked to sponsor the proposed ordinance with first reading taking place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

City Finance Director Carol Riggerbach asked the Commission for two sponsors of the proposed budget ordinance for fiscal year 2023/2024. Riggerbach presented two drafts of the proposed budget, one version included an allocation for F-S Fire & Rescue and one did not. The Commission recommended the version containing the allocation for the Fire Department.

Commissioner McCreary and Commissioner Stewart asked to sponsor the proposed ordinance with first reading taking place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

ORDINANCES

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided second summary reading of the following ordinances:

Ordinance No. 2023-020 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 2.7876 Acres Located on the East Side of West Madison Street (KY Hwy 383) From B-3 (Neighborhood Business District) to R-2 (Single Family and Two-Family Residential District) by Quy Le; Tom Phan; Tammy Yen Nguyen; and Prime Investment Group, LLC*

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Powell to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-020 and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Dixon	<u>Yes</u>	Commissioner McCreary	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Powell	<u>Yes</u>	Commissioner Stewart	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Williams	<u>Yes</u>		

Ordinance No. 2023-021 titled: *Ordinance Annexing to the City of Franklin, Kentucky Approximately 7.5 Acres located on the West Side of U.S. Highway 31-W North in Accordance with the Comprehensive Plan of Annexation*

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-021 and was unanimously approved by the following roll call vote:

Mayor Dixon	<u>Yes</u>	Commissioner McCreary	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Powell	<u>Yes</u>	Commissioner Stewart	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Williams	<u>Yes</u>		

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided first summary reading of the following ordinances:

Ordinance No. 2023-022 titled: *An Ordinance Amending a Prior Ordinance of the City of Franklin Regarding Erosion Control and Natural Drainage*

Ordinance No. 2023-023 titled: *Ordinance Annexing to the City of Franklin, Kentucky Approximately 1.184 Acres Located in the Henderson Industrial Park in Accordance with the Comprehensive Plan of Annexation*

Ordinance No. 2023-024 titled: *An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023, and Ending June 30, 2024, by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations*

Ordinance No. 2023-025: *An Ordinance Amending Property Maintenance Code Ordinance Relating to Grass and Weeds*

No Commission action is required on first reading of an ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:02 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner McCreary to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: (1) Litigation – Discussion of proposed or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(1)(c)}; (2) 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)}; 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)}; and,

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

Entering Executive Session were Mayor Dixon and Commissioners Powell, McCreary, Williams and Stewart; City Manager Kenton Powell; City Finance Director Carol Riggenbach City Attorney Scott Crabtree.

Commissioner Williams exited the meeting at 1:30 PM.

At 1:31 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner McCreary 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 Stewart to hire Jon Zambrano effective July 1, 2023.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

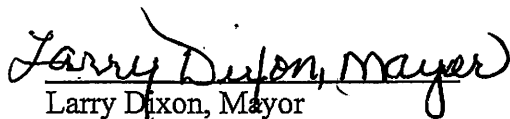
Motion was made by Commissioner McCreary and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the easement between Woodmen of the World Lodge No. 66, Joshua and Shellie Jones, and the City of Franklin and to further authorize the Mayor to sign the easement in the form and substance as is approved by the City Attorney.

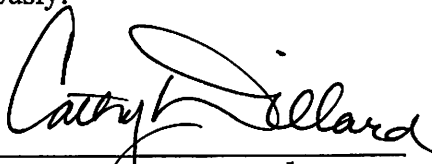
Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:34 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart 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