

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

**September 25, 2023**

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **September 25, 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; Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon; City Clerk Cathy Dillard; Jennifer Knight; Jon Zambrano; Matt Pedigo; Bailey Pickens; Tammie Carey; and Lee Ross Dinwiddie.

Mayor Larry Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and Commissioner Powell 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 September 11, 2023, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing regarding the 2023 real and personal property tax rate.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Dixon recognized Bill Edwards, Larry Deweese and Denver Bell who were inducted into the Western Kentucky University Athletic Hall of Fame. Congratulations to these Franklin natives on this esteemed honor.

In addition, Mayor Dixon recognized three City of Franklin employees who received the Kentucky League of Cities training awards for continuing education. Tammie Carey, Carol Riggerbach and Cathy Dillard were recognized at the Kentucky League of Cities annual conference this year. Carey and Riggerbach received their awards in person at the conference.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Purchasing Agent Jennifer Knight asked the Commission to award the bid for Camera Monitoring System at the new police station. A bid opening was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2023, at City Hall, 117 West Cedar Street, Franklin, Kentucky for the purpose of receiving bids. The bid notice was advertised pursuant to KRS 424.260. Six (6) bids were received as follows:

Southeast Banking Systems	\$62,305.00
Cornerstone Information Systems	\$192,516.38
PC Guru LLC dba Core Tech	\$61,937.00
Structured Inc	\$83,682.68
Digital Integrations LLC	\$54,709.00
Koorsen Fire & Security	\$119,866.45

The bid from Koorsen Fire & Security was disqualified for failure to submit the bid in accordance with the bid specifications.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner McCreary to award the bid for New Police Station – Camera Monitoring System to Digital Integrations, LLC in the amount of \$54,709.00, and further authorized the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary for this project.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Purchasing Agent Jennifer Knight asked the Commission to consider approval of authorized signors for the South Central Bank pledgee signature card and to consider approval for the Mayor to sign the Collateral Security Agreement for the City of Franklin which would authorize the bank to substitute bonds for this pledge without signature authority.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to authorize the Mayor, City Manager Kenton Powell, and Finance Director Carol Riegenbach as signors on the pledgee signature card with South Central Bank/First Horizon and further authorized the Mayor to sign the Collateral Security Agreement on behalf of the City of Franklin which would authorize the bank to substitute bonds for pledges without signature authority.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider a request by Franklin Bank & Trust Company to add a crosswalk on North College Street between the newly constructed Main Street location and the Leon & Lassie Page training center located on North College Street. The bank proposes to install and maintain street markings and the pedestrian crosswalk signal.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve Franklin Bank & Trust Company to install and maintain a pedestrian crosswalk on North College Street.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

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City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider the reappointment of Dawn Spencer for another four (4) year term to the Board of Directors of the Franklin Electric Plant Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the reappointment of Dawn Spencer to the Board of Directors of the Franklin Electric Plant Board for a four (4) year term to expire on September 30, 2027.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

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City Clerk Cathy Dillard asked the Commission to consider declaration of surplus property and to dispose of this property by online auction with GovDeals. The proposed property is as follows:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION / I D NUMBER</u>
1	Public Works	2004 Chev Dump Truck
2	Public Works	2005 Ford Explorer
3	Public Works	2008 Crown Vic
4	Wastewater	2010 Crown Vic
5	Public Works	2011 Crown Vic
6	Public Works	2012 Case Backhoe
7	Public Works	Cattle Gate
8	Public Works	Dog Kennel
9	Public Works	Military Trailer
10	Water Dist	Miscellaneous Parts (Sell as One Lot)
11	Public Works	Vermeer Chipper
12	Public Works	Military Container
13	Wastewater	2006 International Vac Truck

Motion was made by Commissioner McCreary and seconded by Commissioner Williams to declare the above-listed items as surplus property and approve to sell the items on GovDeals online auction platform and further authorize the Mayor to sign any and all necessary final sale documents.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 12:19 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell 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)}.

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 Attorney Scott Crabtree and Chief Roger Solomon.

Chief Solomon exited Executive Session at 12:32 PM.

At 1:08 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 McCreary and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to accept the resignation of Officer Brandon Johnson from the Franklin Police Department effective September 13, 2023.

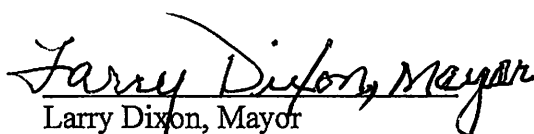
Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.


City Attorney Scott Crabtree recognized Mr. Thomas Moody on his retirement from Bowling Green Presbyterian Church after more than 60 years as their organist. Mr. Moody has been a lifelong resident of Franklin and was a well-respected teacher at Franklin-Simpson High School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:11 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