

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

October 9, 2023

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **October 9, 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 Finance Director Carol Riggerbach; Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon; City Clerk Cathy Dillard; Public Works Superintendent Darrell Mallory; Dennis Griffin; Ronnie Robertson; Rhonda Mean; Carter Munday; and Judge Executive Mason Barnes.

Mayor Larry Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and Commissioner Williams 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 September 25, 2023, Regular Meeting

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Dixon and the Commission recognized Bill Austin who passed away on September 26, 2023, at the age of 91. Mr. Austin served on the City Commission for 10 years and devoted numerous years to boards and civic organizations in Franklin and Simpson County his entire adult life. We honor and thank Bill for his service and commitment to our community.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider authorizing the Mayor to sign the Inspection and Maintenance Agreement of Private Stormwater Management Facilities between the City of Franklin and Ravinder Kumar for property located on Trotters Lane. In addition, Powell further asked the Commission to consider approval of Municipal Order No. 2023-001 which would grant authority for the Mayor to sign any and all such agreements pending the City Manager’s assurance further agreements were in compliance with the applicable ordinances, regulations and policies of the City.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to authorize the Mayor to sign the Inspection and Maintenance Agreement of Private Stormwater Management Facilities between the City of Franklin and Ravinder Kumar and further adopted Municipal Order No. 2023-001 to wit:

MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. 2023-001

**A MUNICIPAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO SIGN APPROVED INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE
AGREEMENTS FOR PRIVATE STORMWATER MAINTENANCE FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the City Commission previously approved a form agreement for the maintenance of private stormwater maintenance facilities for developments in the City of Franklin; and,

WHEREAS, due to the fact that these are form agreements with little variation, the Commission desires to grant blanket authority for the Mayor to sign any and all of these Agreements on behalf of the City when said Agreement is reviewed and approved by the City Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Franklin, Kentucky as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor of the City of Franklin to sign any and all Inspection and Maintenance Agreements for Private Stormwater Maintenance Facilities as are approved by the City Manager.

2. The City Manager shall be responsible for ensuring said Agreements' compliance with the applicable ordinances, regulations, and policies of the City.

This municipal order was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Franklin at a meeting held on October 9, 2023.

Ordered this 9th day of October, 2023.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider approval of a street closing request by Franklin-Simpson Renaissance. They have submitted a request to close College Street at the intersection of West Cedar Street and South College Street and the intersection of West Kentucky Avenue and South College Street from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 pm for Saturday, October 21, 2023, for BooFest.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCreary and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the street closing request of F-S Renaissance, for BooFest on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 pm for College Street at the intersection of Cedar and College and the intersection of Kentucky and College Street.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works Superintendent Darrell Mallory asked the Commission to consider approval to purchase a 2025 International HV507 Dump Truck from Bluegrass International utilizing the State of Kentucky Contract Master Agreement at the cost of \$192,513.65.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the purchase of a 2025 International HV507 dump truck from Bluegrass International for a total cost of \$192,513.65 and authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents required for this purchase.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Finance Director Carol Riggenbach asked the Commission to consider approval to purchase cubicles for the patrol area of the new Police Department currently under construction. The cubicles will be purchased from Barren County Business Supply, under the Omnia purchasing agreement, guaranteeing the best and lowest pricing available.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner McCreary to approve the purchase of 14 cubicles for the new Police Department from Barren County Business Supply, under the Omnia purchasing agreement, in the amount of \$46,107.58 and to further authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents related to this purchase.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission for two sponsors of a proposed ordinance to rezone property located on Highway 31W South owned by Wayne Powell from B-5 to B-4. Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Commission approved the rezone request on September 19, 2023.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

City Manager Kenton Powell provided the Commission with an update on construction of the new Police Department. The building is currently 70% complete with an estimated date of completion on January 31, 2024. Future site improvements will be an alley connector between Pea Ridge Road and Liberty Street and exterior rehabilitation of the historic Franklin Grade & High School.

ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 2023-034 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning Approximately 27.32 Acres Located on 31-W South from B-5 (Interstate Interchange Business District) to B-4 (Highway Business District by William Wayne Powell*

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:30 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)}; (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, (4) Business – Discussions between a public agency and a representative of a business entity concerning a specific proposal, where open discussions would jeopardize the siting, retention, expansion, or upgrading of the business {KRS 61.810(1)(g)}.

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 Riggenschach and City Attorney Scott Crabtree.

Judge Executive Mason Barnes, Dennis Griffin, and LioChem representatives Ronnie Robertson and Rhonda Mean entered Executive Session at 12:30 PM and exited at 1:04 PM.

Jon Hall and Tammie Carey entered Executive Session at 1:38 PM and exited at 1:50 PM.

Carter Munday entered Executive Session at 1:52 PM and exited at 2:06 PM.

At 2:18 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

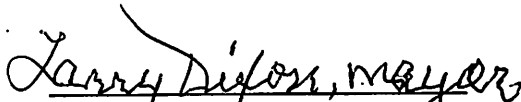
Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to hire Megan Purazrang as Director of Public Relations and Assistant City Clerk.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT

At 2:23 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