

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

November 13, 2023

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, November 13, 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

Commissioner/Mayor Pro Tem Jamie Powell chaired the meeting at the request of Mayor Dixon.

Others present included City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; City Finance Director Carol Riggenbach; Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon; City Clerk Cathy Dillard; Trent Coffee; Darrell Mallory; Kenny Massey; Lee Anglea; Megan Purazrang; Jon Zambrano; Bailey Pickens; Patrick Stephens, Barge Design Solutions, Inc.; and Amanda East.

Commissioner/Mayor Pro Tem Jamie Powell called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and Commissioner Stewart offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mayor Dixon and seconded by Commissioner McCreary to approve the minutes as presented of the Franklin City Commission October 23, 2023, Regular Meeting and the October 17, 2023, Regular Joint City/County meeting.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

RECOGNITIONS

Lee Anglea from the Water Treatment Plant asked the Commission to recognize Justin Spears. Spears recently received his certification as a Class I Water Lab Analyst from the Kentucky

Water & Wastewater Operators Association. KWVOA promotes the development of precise and accurate data for the protection and interest of water quality laboratories and systems. Spears satisfied a longtime professional goal to earn this certification. Congratulations to Justin Spears for his motivation and dedication in accomplishing his professional goal.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider a street closing request by Franklin-Simpson Renaissance for Small Town Christmas scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2023. They have requested to close College Street from West Cedar to West Kentucky Avenue from 7:00 AM until 4:00 PM to accommodate the Toyland Express train ride. The street will be reopened for the parade.

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to close College Street from West Cedar to West Kentucky Avenue from 7:00 AM until 4:00 PM on Saturday, December 2, 2023, for F-S Renaissance Small Town Christmas.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manger Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider approval to upgrade a water line for the Franklin-Simpson High School auditorium fire suppression system. Replacing the six-inch line with an eight-inch line would cost the City approximately \$53,000.00 and would save the school over \$500,000.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to authorize the replacement of the six-inch line with an eight-inch water line at approximately 350 feet at an estimated cost of \$53,000.00 to improve water pressure at the Franklin-Simpson High School auditorium fire suppression system and further authorized the Mayor to sign a letter to the state department of Building Code Enforcement confirming the City's commitment to replace the line.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider entering into a Professional Services Agreement with Barge Design Solutions, Inc. for a sewer capacity study for the property located at 6250 Nashville Road currently owned by 31-W Holdings with an agreement for reimbursement after the study is complete.

Motion was made by Mayor Dixon and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to authorize entering into a Professional Services Agreement with Barge Design Solutions, Inc. for a sewer capacity study for the property located at 6250 Nashville Road currently owned by 31-W Holdings with an agreement for reimbursement after the study is complete.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider approval to submit a grant application for a community safe room (tornado shelter) to be located on a three-acre tract of land owned by the City of Franklin located off Redbud Drive and Bluegrass Road. The grant amount is \$600,000.00 with a 13% match by the City for a total commitment of \$78,000.00. This location is desirable due to the dense residential population and accessibility.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Mayor Dixon to authorize the City of Franklin to submit a grant application by and through the Barren River Area Development District Disaster Resiliency Coordinator for a community safe room (tornado shelter) to be located on the three-acre tract of land owned by the City of Franklin located off Redbud Drive and Bluegrass Road.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission for approval to award the bid for construction of Dixon Way. A bid opening was held on Friday, November 3, 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. One (1) bid was received as follows:

Infinity Pipeline, Inc.	\$103,880.00
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Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to award the bid for the construction of Dixon Way to Infinity Pipeline, Inc. in the amount of \$103,880.00 and further authorized the Mayor to sign any and all necessary documents for this project.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

UTILITIES

Wastewater Superintendent Trent Coffee asked the Commission to consider approval to award the bid for Phase I Sewer Rehabilitation. A bid opening was held on Thursday, November 2, 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. Four bids were submitted as follows:

Pipeworks Plus, Inc	\$3,300,481.25
Portland Utilities Construction Co., LLC	\$2,642,775.00
Morgan Contracting Inc.	\$3,090,326.00
Bobby Luttrell & Sons, LLC	\$2,301,025.00

Motion was made by Mayor Dixon and seconded by Commissioner McCreary to award the Sewer Rehabilitation Phase I to Bobby Luttrell & Sons, LLC in the amount of \$2,301,025.00 and further authorized the Mayor to sign any and all necessary documents.

Voting Aye: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided second summary reading of Ordinance No. 2023-036 titled: *An Ordinance of the City of Franklin, Kentucky Repealing Certain Existing Ordinances Relating to Bonfires and Open Burning and Enacting New Provisions Relating to the Regulations of Open Burning in the Corporate Limits of the City of Franklin, Kentucky*

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-036 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>		

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:29 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Mayor Dixon 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 Rigggenbach and City Attorney Scott Crabtree and Amanda East. East exited Executive Session at 12:35 PM.

At 1:45 PM, motion was made by Commissioner McCreary 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

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to consider a proposed ordinance annexing approximately 11.589 acres located on the north side of Highway 100 (Scottsville Road). The current property owner asked to annex the property and executed a Consent to Annexation. Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Williams asked to sponsor the ordinance and City Clerk Cathy Dillard provided first summary reading of the following ordinance titled:

Ordinance No. 2023-037: *Ordinance Annexing to the City of Franklin, Kentucky Approximately 11.589 Acres Located on the North Side of Ky. Hwy. 100 (Scottsville Road) in Accordance with the Comprehensive Plan of Annexation.*

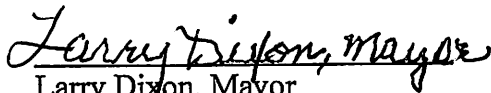
No Commission action is required on first reading of an ordinance.


Commissioner McCreary asked City Manager Kenton Powell for a brief summary of the long-term sewer improvements plan. Powell indicated that each year the City allocates funding for sewer improvements as the existing infrastructure continues to age. The current project which was approved today will address some of the oldest sewer lines in the system

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:53 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