

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

February 22, 2021

**City Hall
117 West Cedar Street
Franklin, Kentucky
(Pursuant to Senate Bill 150)**

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **February 22, 2021**, via live video/audio teleconference originating from 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 Brownie Bennett	Present
Commissioner Wendell Stewart	Present

Others present included City Manager Kenton Powell; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; City Personnel Director/Deputy Clerk, Rita Vaughn; City Assistant Finance Director, Daniel Reetzke; City Police Chief, Roger Solomon; Public Works Superintendent, Chris Klotter; City Clerk, Cathy Dillard; Community Development Director, Tammie Carey; and, Eric Chambers and Michael Carrol with Brandstetter Carrol, Inc.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 11:56 AM and offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the minutes as presented the February 8, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: All. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

City Manager Kenton Powell introduced Eric Chambers and Michael Carroll with Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. The firm has been retained to provide design and architectural services for the proposed police station. Powell indicated all land purchase was complete and site preparation would begin within the next two weeks. Chief Roger Solomon presented details regarding the

proposed floor plan of the new facility. Branstetter Carroll, Inc., representatives followed with the three potential elevation concepts for the facility.

No action was taken by the Commission regarding this matter.

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Dixon and the Commission recognized and commended the City of Franklin Public Works and Street Departments for their efforts during last week's winter weather. These crews committed many long hours to clear and maintain City streets during the week and their efforts were appreciated.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Community Development Director Tammie Carey asked the Commission to consider approval of cyber security software. The current cyber security software expires in March and Cornerstone Information Systems recommended Web Root to replace the current software. The new software price was comparably priced at \$850.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the purchase of cyber security software from Web Root, to be installed by Cornerstone Information Systems, and further authorized the Mayor to sign any and all documents necessary for this purchase.

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

PUBLIC SERVICES

City Manager Kenton Powell discussed tree removal on West Cedar Street, near the corner of High Street. Powell indicated there are three trees in the right-of-way between the sidewalk and street that need to be removed due to increased safety hazards. Public Works will be scheduling this tree removal in the near future.

No action was taken by the Commission regarding this matter.

ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 2021-002 titled: Rezoning a Corner Lot Located at 301 South Main Street from R-3 (Single Family through Multi-Family Residential) to B-2 (General Business) by Heartland Sign Solutions, Inc.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-002 and was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Additionally, Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Bennett stated that they approved the zone change for this property as recommended by the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Commission but did not approve of the proposed digital sign the owner wishes to place on the property.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to authorize the City Attorney to write a letter, with all Commission members to sign the letter, to the Franklin-Simpson Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments stating the Commission’s opposition to the placement of a digital sign on the property. In addition, they asked that the engineer opinion letter and report be included with the letter and further requested that Mayor Dixon, City Manager Powell, and City Attorney Crabtree, or at least one of them, attend the Board of Adjustments meeting as a representative of the Franklin City Commission in opposition of the proposed signage.

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

Ordinance No. 2021-003 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning 0.337 Acres Located at 401 South Railroad Street from I-1 (Light Industrial) to R-2 (Single Family And Two-Family Residential District) by Whitetail Properties, LLC*

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-003 and was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Ordinance No. 2021-004 titled: *An Ordinance Rezoning 0.337 Acres Located at 412 South Railroad Street from I-1 (Light Industrial) to R-2 (Single Family And Two-Family Residential District) by Whitetail Properties, LLC*

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Williams to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-004 and was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Ordinance No. 2021-005 titled: *An Ordinance Of The Board Of Commissioners Of The City Of Franklin, Kentucky, Authorizing The Grant Of An Inducement For The Acquisition And Construction Of A Project Pursuant To The Kentucky Business Investment Program (KRS 154.32-010 To 154.32-100) Whereby The City Agrees To Forego The Collection Of The One Percent (1%) City Occupational License Fee On Wages From RKW North America, Inc. That Would Otherwise Be Due With Respect To Project Employees, Which Amounts Shall Be Collected And Remitted To The City To Be Refunded Upon Employer's Request Over A Term Of Not Longer Than Ten (10) Years From The Activation Date Established By Said Program; And Taking Other Related Action*

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-005 and was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:10 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:

1. BUSINESS – Discussions between a public agency 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)}
2. 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 by Roll Call: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

Entering Executive Session were Mayor Dixon; Commissioners Powell, Bennett, Williams and Stewart; City Manager Kenton Powell; and City Attorney Scott Crabtree; Personnel Director Rita Vaughn; and, Jon Hall with Wildwood Consulting Services.

At 2:09 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

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

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

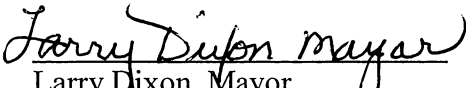
Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve hiring Carol Riggensch as the City of Franklin Finance Director and further authorized the Mayor to sign the Employment Agreement between the City of Franklin and Riggensch.

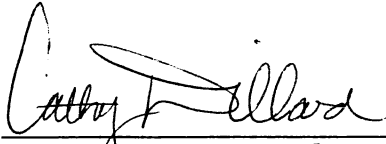
Voting Aye by Roll Call: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:13 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to adjourn the regular meeting of the Franklin City Commission.

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


Larry Dixon, Mayor
City of Franklin, Kentucky


Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
City of Franklin, Kentucky