

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

June 14, 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, **June 14, 2021**, 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 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 Finance Director Carol Riggenschach; City Assistant Finance Director, Daniel Reetzke; City Police Chief, Roger Solomon; Public Works Director Chris Klotter; City Clerk, Cathy Dillard; Assistant Finance Director Daniel Reetzke; Water Distribution Supervisor Kenny Massey; Water Treatment Coordinator Johnie Skipworth; Keith Pyles, Franklin Favorite/WFKN; Lisa Deavers; and, Josh Henderson.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:16 PM and Commissioner Stewart offered the opening prayer.

ORDINANCES

City Clerk Cathy Dillard held second reading of the following ordinance:

Ordinance No. 2012-012 titled: *An Ordinance Establishing a Local Development Area for Economic Development Purposes Within The City of Franklin, Kentucky to be known as the Franklin Gateway Local Development Area (the "Local Development Area"); Approving a Local Development Area Agreement Among the City, the County of Simpson, Kentucky, the Franklin-Simpson Industrial Authority and SAV Investments, LLC; Establishing an Incremental Tax Special Fund for Payment of Redevelopment Assistance; Designating the Franklin-Simpson Industrial Authority, as the Agency Responsible for Oversight, Administration, and Implementation of the Local Development Area; and Authorizing the*

Mayor and Other Officials to take Such other Appropriate Actions as are Necessary or Required in Connection with the Establishment of the Local Development Area

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-012 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>		

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the minutes as presented the May 24, 2021, regular meeting and the June 1, 2021, special called meeting and budget work session.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The third budget amendment of the FY 2020-21 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	5,000.00

In addition, the FY 2021-2022 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	20,000.00
F-S Human Rights Commission	5,000.00
Simpson County Historical Society	5,319.00

A new agreement for services for each of these organizations is attached for your review and approval. The budget also approved funding for Franklin-Simpson Parks & Recreation in the amount of \$239,000.00 but an agreement is not required for this organization.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreements for Services for each of the organizations as provided in the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget amendment and the fiscal year 2021-2022 annual budget.

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

Community Development Director Tammie Carey asked the Commission to consider approval of the request of the Simpson County Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to Historic Cemetery Walk at Greenlawn Cemetery at the Greenlawn Municipal Cemetery on Saturday, October 9, 2021, and Sunday, October 10, 2021. Carey also noted that DAR will provide liability insurance coverage for this event.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the Daughters of the American Revolution organization to hold a historic cemetery walk at the Greenlawn Municipal Cemetery on Saturday, October 9, 2021, and Sunday, October 10, 2021, and to further allow the use of the City owned lot near the Cemetery Office as parking for walk participants.

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

Community Development Director Tammie Carey asked the Commission to consider appointments of two members of the Historic Preservation Committee and to amend the term of two members of the same committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to appoint Mac Donaldson to the Historic Preservation Committee for three-year term to expire on April 30, 2024; to re-appoint Larry Dixon to the Committee for a three-year term to expire on April 30, 2024; and, to approve amending the term of members Debbie Johnson and Tom Moody to expire on April 30, 2022.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: Commissioners Powell, Stewart, Williams and Bennett. Mayor Dixon abstained from voting. Motion carried by majority vote.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Community Development Director Tammie Carey asked the Commission to consider having a neighbor walk and public meeting to discuss the development of sidewalks along South College Street. She recommended having the neighborhood walk on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 6:30 PM following the special called City Commission meeting with the public meeting beginning at 7:00 PM in the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. In addition, Carey proposed sending a letter to the residents along South College Street informing them of the public meeting and neighborhood walk.

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the Mayor to sign the proposed letter to College Street residents and to further approve the Special Called meeting of the City Commission on Monday, June 28, 2021, at 5:30 PM, to have a neighborhood walk beginning at 6:30 PM from the Simpson County Schools Central Office to the Franklin Church of Christ and to hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM regarding the proposed development of sidewalks.

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

Terry Joiner, Director of the Franklin-Simpson Parks, requested permission to purchase a new service truck for the Park under the City of Franklin's Fleet Rate, i.e. the State's contracted price. This would provide a significant savings for the Park, at no cost to the City.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve Terry Joiner, Director of the Franklin-Simpson Parks & Recreation, to purchase a 2021 F150 crew cab 4WD at a cost of \$36,532.00 from Hunt Ford, on behalf of the Park, under the umbrella of the City's fleet pricing; and to authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents reflecting this action, if requested or required.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: Mayor Dixon and Commissioner Powell, Bennett and Stewart. Commissioner Williams abstained from voting as he is a member of the Parks Board. Motion carried by majority vote.

Assistant Finance Director Daniel Reetzke asked the Commission to approve Resolution No. F-2021 which authorizes the Mayor to sign any and all documents relating to the application by the City of Franklin for American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell and by roll call vote unanimously approved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. F-2021

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FRANKLIN, KENTUCKY APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARP) FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ALL APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus created a global pandemic beginning in the United States in early 2020; and,

WHEREAS, due to the pandemic, the federal government has provided funds to assist local governments by and through the American Rescue Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Franklin, Kentucky has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Franklin, Kentucky, to apply for these funds to assist in economic recovery; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Franklin, Kentucky, as follows:

1. *The City Commission hereby finds and determines that the preambles to this Resolution are true and correct, and shall be incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if set forth in full.*

2. *City staff is authorized and directed to complete and/or file any documents on the City's behalf in order to apply for and ultimately receive any and all funding available to the City of Franklin from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds for local non-entitlement units of local governments (NEU), as the Board of Commissions understands and acknowledges that the City of Franklin is a non-entitlement unit as designated by the applicable governmental agencies.*

3. *The Mayor of the City of Franklin, Kentucky, is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution and to facilitate the application for and/or receipt of any available funding.*

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Franklin City Commission at a meeting held on June 14, 2021.

City Finance Director Carol Riggbach briefly reviewed the proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 annual budget and asked the Commission for two sponsors of the proposed ordinance. Commissioner Bennett and Commissioner Williams asked to sponsor the ordinance with first reading during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

City Attorney Scott Crabtree asked the Commission to approve a new Police Policy and Procedure for Section 1, Chapter 23.1 of the Franklin Police Department regarding the take home fleet for officers.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve amendments to Section 1, Chapter 23.1 to the Franklin Police Department Policies and Procedures regarding the Home Fleet Plan.

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

UTILITIES

Water Treatment Plant Coordinator Johnie Skipworth asked the Commission to consider approval for the emergency purchase of a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for one of the high service pumps at the water plant. Skipworth indicated repairs would cost approximately one-third of the price of a replacement pump and recommended replacement. The estimated cost for a new VFD is \$29,940.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the emergency purchase of a new Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) for the Water Plant at a cost of \$29,940.00.

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

ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 2021-013 titled: *An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021, and Ending June 30, 2022, by Estimating Revenues and Appropriations.*

No action was taken on first reading of the ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:51 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Williams to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of: (1) 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)}; (2) Litigation – Discussion of proposed or pending litigation {KRS 61.810(1)(c)}; 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 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; City Attorney Scott Crabtree; Chris Klotter; and, Kenny Massey.

At 1:32 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

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

OTHER COMMISSION BUSINESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the Employment Agreement for Chief of Police and authorize the Mayor to sign any all documents related to this agreement.

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

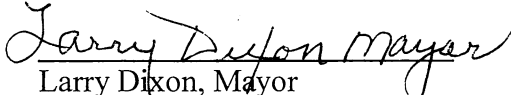
Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to approve the Summer Vibes Music Festival presented by Franklin-Simpson Renaissance including, but not limited to, closing the streets and authorizing the Mayor to sign any letter of support or documents for the event.

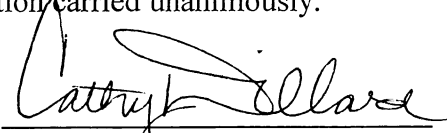
Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:38 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 Vote: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.


Larry Dixon, Mayor
City of Franklin, Kentucky


Cathy Dillard, City Clerk
City of Franklin, Kentucky