

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

July 12, 2021

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

The Franklin, Kentucky City Commission met in Regular Session at 12:00 Noon, Monday, **July 12, 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 Personnel Director/Deputy Clerk, Rita Vaughn; City Finance Director Carol Riggerbach; City Police Chief Roger Solomon; Public Works Director Chris Klotter; City Clerk Cathy Dillard; Community Development Director Tammie Carey; Jon Zambrano; and, State Representative Wilson Stone and his wife and daughter; and, Debbie Hall.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 12:00 Noon, and Chris Patterson from the First United Methodist Church offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Williams to approve the minutes as presented the June 28, 2021, special called meeting.

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

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Dixon recognized former State Representative Wilson Stone. Stone served the 22nd House District from 2009 until 2020. During his tenure in the State Legislature Stone was elected by his peers as House majority whip in 2017.

Mayor Dixon and the Commission thanked Wilson Stone for his commitment to Franklin and Simpson County by presenting him the Key to the City.

HEAR THE PUBLIC

Dylan Holder asked the Commission to consider a street closing request for an upcoming event. The Historic Harristown District will hold a summit and music festival on July 23-25, 2021, and asked the Commission to close John J. Johnson from Jackson Street to Washington Street and a portion of Jefferson Street to Johnson J. Johnson Avenue beginning at 3:00 a.m. on Friday, July 23, 2021, until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, 2021. Holder indicated that he was still waiting for confirmation from residents who live in this area.

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to close John J. Johnson from Jackson Street to Washington Street and a portion of Jefferson Street to Johnson J. Johnson Avenue beginning at 3:00 a.m. on Friday, July 23, 2021, until 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, 2021, pending approval from all residents and businesses/churches in this area.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Development Director Tammie Carey asked the Commission to consider approval for Arnold Consulting and Engineering Services to begin the planning and engineering phase for the College Street sidewalk. City Manager Kenton Powell indicated this was a budgeted expenditure that was a carryover from the previous fiscal year.

Motion was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve Arnold Consulting and Engineering Services to begin the planning and engineering work for the proposed sidewalks along South College Street.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

City Clerk Cathy Dillard asked the Commission to consider the proposed ordinance to approve adopting the supplement to our Code of Ordinances. Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Stewart asked to sponsor this ordinance with first reading taking place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider the proposed ordinance approving the Taeyang Metal North America Kentucky Business Investment (KBI) program. Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Bennett asked to sponsor this ordinance with first reading taking place during the ordinance portion of the meeting.

City Manager Kenton Powell asked the Commission to consider appointing Mayor Dixon to the BRADD Council on Aging. This appointment was previously held by Dick Timmerman and has been vacant for approximately seven months.

Motion was made by Commissioner Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Powell to appoint Mayor Larry Dixon as the City of Franklin representative to the Barren River Council on Aging for a two (2) year term to expire on June 30, 2023.

Voting Aye by Roll Call: Commissioners Powell, Williams, Bennett and Stewart with Mayor Dixon abstaining. The motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon asked the Commission to consider approval of the purchase of new firearms for the department. These firearms will replace the duty weapons that are currently ten (10) years old.

Motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Stewart to approve the purchase of 25 Glock 45 9mm pistols, 25 Glock 43X 9mm pistols (as backup weapons), and all associated equipment from Kiesler Police Supply at a total cost of \$34,049.95; and, in addition, to further authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents related to this purchase.

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

Franklin Police Chief Roger Solomon asked the Commission to consider approval of Resolution No. G-2021 approving the transfer of ammunition to the Simpson County Sheriff's Office. This ammunition will be obsolete after the purchase of the new firearms for the Franklin Police Department.

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

RESOLUTION NO. G-2021

CITY OF FRANKLIN

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Franklin, Kentucky has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Franklin, Kentucky, to dispose of certain police department assets consisting of firearm ammunition formerly used by the Franklin Police Department to Simpson County, Kentucky for the use and benefit of the Simpson County Sheriff; and,

WHEREAS, the Franklin Police Department is discontinuing the use of certain firearms and, as a consequence, the ammunition will no longer be needed by the Franklin Police Department, and the ammunition can and shall be used by the Simpson County Sheriff in the operation of said Sheriff's Department, and the property will be transferred to Simpson County, Kentucky and/or the Simpson County Sheriff's Department without compensation.

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 it is in the best interest of the City of Franklin, Kentucky to convey, without compensation, to Simpson County, Kentucky, the following equipment:*

- (a) Approximately ten thousand (10,000) rounds of .40 caliber ammunition; and,*
- (b) Approximately 640 rounds of .308 caliber ammunition.*

2. *It is the intent to transfer all of the ammunition remaining at the time of discontinuance of the above-referenced caliber firearms from the Franklin Police Department to the Simpson County Sheriff's Department. The intended use of the above-listed items shall be to benefit the operation and maintenance of the Simpson County Sheriff's Office to the benefit of all of the residents of Franklin, Simpson County, Kentucky.*

3. *All liability, maintenance and upkeep with regard to said property shall be the responsibility of Simpson County, Kentucky.*

4. *In accordance with KRS 82.083, the City Commission hereby adopts this Resolution as its written determination which describes the property, identifies the intended use and the reasons why it is in the public interest to dispose of the property, and the Commission affirmatively states that the method of disposition is by and through the transfer of title of the above-referenced items to Simpson County, Kentucky with no compensation.*

5. *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.*

This resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the Franklin City Commission at a meeting held on July 12, 2021.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2021.

UTILITIES

Public Works Director Chris Klotter asked the Commission to consider approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement for GIS services with Jon Zambrano.

Motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with Jon Zambrano and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract on behalf of the City of Franklin.

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

ORDINANCES

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

Ordinance No. 2021-014 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 TMC-NA Taeyang Metal North America, LLC. 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

Ordinance No. 2021-015 titled: *An Ordinance Enacting and Adopting a Supplement to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Franklin, Kentucky*

No action was taken on first reading of an ordinance.

Emily Hathcock and Mary Adams with the Barren River Area Development District Office of Community and Economic Development Services provided the Commission with information regarding Franklin and Simpson County’s local steering committee related to the long term community strategic planning activities. They indicated that the local steering committees are the backbone of the plan as it identifies goals and objectives for long range plans for our city and county. Ms. Hathcock and Ms. Adams encouraged elected officials to actively participate in the planning process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:58 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)}; and, (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 Chief Roger Solomon.

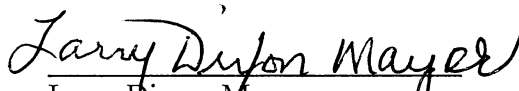
At 1:33 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Stewart and seconded by Commissioner Bennett to exit Executive Session and return to open session.

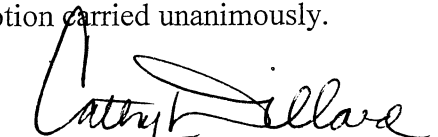
Voting Aye by Roll Call Vote: All members present. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:44 PM, motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Bennett 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