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At a regular joint meeting of the Franklin City Commission and Simpson County Fiscal Court held at Franklin City Hall located at 117 West Cedar Street, Franklin Kentucky, Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at noon.

Present: Honorable Mason Barnes, Judge Executive
Honorable Marty Chandler, East Magistrate
Honorable Jeffrey Burr, West Magistrate
Honorable Scott Poston, North Magistrate
Honorable Myron Thurnan, Scoth Magistrate
Honorable Sam Phillips, County Attorney
Pam Rohrs, Fiscal Court Clerk

Present: Honorable Larry Dixon, Mayor
Honorable Dale McCreary, Commissioner
Honorable Jamie Powell, Commissioner
Honorable Wendell Stewart, Commissioner
Honorable Herbert Williams, Commissioner
Honorable Scott Crabbree, City Attorney
Kenton Powell, City Manager
Cathy Dillard, City Clerk

At noon Mayor Larry Dixon called the regular joint session of Franklin City Commission and Simpson County Fiscal Court to order and opened the meeting with prayer. Mayor Dixon welcomed newly elected Magistrate Jeffrey Burr to his first joint meeting and asked that due to this meeting's heavy agenda that participants keep their remarks concise and to the point. County Judge Executive Mason Barnes called Fiscal Court into joint regular session with the Commission and led in the pledge.

Parks Director Lisa Deavers, who has been in this position for just over a year, addressed the joint session with information regarding what she referred to as a bold 30-year plan for the Jim Roberts Park which has been designed by LOSE Design to take us into the future to meet the growth and serve the needs of our community. Surveys, both online and in-person, were conducted in August. Two hundred ninety-eight participated in the survey. The city had done a survey as well and Ms. Deavers felt the surveys yielded a good representation with no results being heavily focused in favor or opposed to any one thing. Plans involve updating existing amenities and adding new ones with sponsorships contributing additional revenue for the development process. Flood zones in the park could dictate use of some of the areas. Power point was used with her presentation and those print outs may be seen in this meeting's attachment file. According to Ms. Deavers's information, parks along with schools and hospitals are top factors considered when folks consider relocation to a community and safe walking trails rank high with many people in this community. This 30-year Master Plan creates a more walkable, pedestrian-friendly plan that will be implemented with growth in mind and the Parks Board must determine the order of progression of this implementation. Costs were not presented during this discussion, but she explained that as each phase and cost is estimated, meetings will be held for ideas for that phase and sponsorships will be sought. She explained that REACH (Racial Equality through Action & Community Hopfelly) is a funding mechanism for Lincoln Park improvements. She concluded that as soon as the Parks Board has definitive plans they will get with the City and County hopfelly next month as budgets are being prepared and sources of funding can be discussed.

Franklin Simpson Fire Rescue Chief Leslie Goodrum addressed the joint session regarding a plan to adequately protect the community until a full-time fire department can become a reality. This meeting's discussion was a continuation of the October 18th special-called joint city county meeting. There had been no change to the staffing of the fire department since that meeting which is five full-time firefighters on an 8-4 shift Monday thru Friday. A vote was taken by both bodies after lengthy discussion of staffing options.

Motion by Chandler

Second by Thurman

Yes-All

Authorize Fire Chief Leslie Goodrum to have up to four people for a stipend on call after hours on weekdays, Sunday, and holidays as soon as possible and amend the county budget accordingly with the stipulation that by the next joint meeting in September there will be a plan in place to staff the fire department with whatever contingency plan has been decided upon by that time:

Motion by Stewart

Second by McCreary

Yes-All

Authorize the Fire Chief to have up to four people for a stipend on call after hours on weekdays, Sunday, and holidays as soon as possible with the stipulation that by the next joint meeting in September there will be a plan in place to staff with at least two and have at least two on call after hours.

Emergency Management Director Robert Palmer addressed the joint session by reporting that he thinks Simpson County will qualify for FEMA funds for damages sustained during the March 3rd windstorm event. At this point he was aware of thirty counties and ten cities that have made disaster declarations due to this storm. He commended the emergency response of all the local agencies, of the electrical utilities, Dispatch, and his Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) who unctioned in the capacity of an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during and following the event. Director Palmer continued his report regarding the status of the SAFE room to be located at the entrance of the community park with a capacity of 300 and he anticipates completion within 18-24 months. He plans to apply for additional safe rooms for a couple of other locations. He anticipates that radio tower site work, which will be on community park grounds, will start by the end of April with KSP and Motorola working to determine the best elevation for the tower. The building at the base of the tower has been ordered and should be delivered in October with tower completion expected about that time. The majority of the radios have been delivered to the Motorola dealer in Bowling Green with the tri-ban radios delivery coming later. As new law enforcement vehicles are received, new equipment is being installed. A delay is expected with KSP until March/April of 2024 for the switch to the new system.

Magistrate Chandler announced that a manned disposal site on Kenneth Utley Drive will open Saturday, March 11th to receive vegetative debris from the windstorm. The site will be open every Saturday and possibly one day a week for the next several weeks from 8-4 with an hour lunch break from 12:00-1:00.

Judge Executive Barnes asked that the F-S Planning and Zoning regulations be revised to address situations such as if a development plan changes after a zone change has been approved that there be some mechanism in place to address this. City Attorney Scott Crabtree explained that regulations can require development plans with conditional use qualifications and 'binding elements' can be included in contracts to help alleviate situations of this nature. Another concern discussed was mixed use ratios, but it appears that this is usually where business and residential are the most common mix and both Judge Barnes and Attorney Crabtree agreed that was acceptable. There was disagreement among the bodies regarding requiring the P&Z Commission bylaws to address the matter of requiring all appointees of this commission to be Simpson County residents. That is not currently a requirement, but Attorney Crabtree said that a request for the Commission to consider that revision could be submitted.

Motion by Commissioner Powell Motion by Magistrate Chandler Adjourn. (2:34 PM) Second by Commissioner McCreary Second by Magistrate Thurman Yes-All Yes-All

COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

See Attachments File March 7, 2023 (Joint).