

## **May 15, 2018 meeting,**

A special called meeting of the Franklin Town Council was held on Tuesday May 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice-Mayor Barbara McRae, Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Dinah Mashburn, and Brandon McMahan were present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2018-2019 proposed fiscal year budget.

Council Member Adam Kimsey was absent.

Town Manager Summer Woodard and Finance Officer Kyra Doster were present.

Mayor Scott called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

**Town Manager Summer Woodard presented the 2018-2019 fiscal year proposed budget. A copy of the proposed budget is attached.**

Vice-Mayor McRae – I have to say that the last meeting when a tax increase came up I was a little grumpy about it but I want to say that I do support your suggestion of a four cent tax increase Mayor Scott.

Council Member Culpepper – There are a couple of things in here that I think we can save money on.

Council Member Mashburn – Do you want to cut the Whitmire cleanup? I see that as being so important to you where some of these other services are important to other people?

Council Member Culpepper – I just think if we are going to ask people to pay more in taxes then we have to do our job and do the hard part and look at this budget and say is this worth spending their money on?

Council Member Mashburn – There is a lot of things in here worth spending money on.

Mayor Scott – These town employees have worked like dogs and have cut everywhere that they can cut. I don't know if you are thinking frivolous cuts or what. We are almost required to provide most of these services to people.

Council Member Culpepper – Two items that I think we can look at are the nonprofit funding pool of \$40,000 and the bathroom trailer for \$23,000.

Council Member Collins – We have money in our contingency fund now. We could order it and have it being shipped out of this year's budget. We would just have to vote to spend out of our contingency in our current budget. It is such a superior step-up from port-o-johns.

Mayor Scott – Joe [Collins], this is just the one thing that I do disagree with you on. I did some figuring today and we could have two port-o-johns for 143 events for what we would buy the trailer with.

Council Member Mashburn – If we vote to raise taxes people are not going to like seeing port-o-johns at these events.

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Council Member Culpepper – I think \$23,000 will go a long way towards permanent bathroom. The county seems receptive to being a part of this.

Council Member Collins – We can't do anything in this fiscal year anyway. This budget won't kick in until July 1<sup>st</sup>. From now until June 15<sup>th</sup> we have time to be looking at our options.

**Motion made by Collins, seconded by McRae to approve a four cent tax increase, a four percent water and sewer increase, \$23,000 moving into capital improvements until the restroom issue is resolved, and increasing the Tourism Development Authority budget to \$135,000 for 2018/2019. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 1. Council Member Culpepper opposed.**

**Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Mashburn to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

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Robert S. Scott, Mayor

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Travis Tallent, Town Clerk