

August 7, 2017 meeting,

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Council was held on Monday August 7, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice-Mayor Patti Abel, Council Members Joe Collins, Adam Kimsey, Billy Mashburn, Brandon McMahan and Barbara McRae were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done by Vice-Mayor Patti Abel.

Adoption of the August 7, 2017 Town Council Agenda

John Henning Jr. – Town Attorney – Under 7(A) there is an additional definition that I’ve passed out to all of you. It’s a text amendment under the Unified Development Ordinance.

Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by Kimsey to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Approval of the July 3, 2017 Town Council minutes

Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by McRae to approve the July 3, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Session

No one from the public spoke.

New Business: Discussion of Proposed Duke Energy Utility Easement

Lisa Leatherman – Duke Energy – We needed to approach the Town of Franklin because we need an easement for the Span Wire that would need to go across the parking lot. The reason that we are doing this is because we are putting in a “self-healing circuit.” The benefit that it will have on downtown is that there will be devices on the line and if there is ever a fault on the line, the equipment will isolate that section and the rest of the area will stay on. It doesn’t guarantee that the power won’t go out but it increases the reliability.

Council Member Mashburn – Is there any restriction on what we can do underneath the easement?

John Henning Jr. – Town Attorney – They would reserve the right to remove anything that would be an obstruction.

Lisa Leatherman – Duke Energy – If the Town were to ever decide they wanted to sell the parking lot for an incoming business we would work with you. If you ever decided you wanted to build a parking deck we work with the Town.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to adopt a Resolution Authorizing an Easement for Utility Purposes to Duke Energy. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Resolution is attached.

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New Business: Presentation on the use of Narcan

Jeremy Cabe – Macon County EMS – We’re starting to see the need for Narcan increase. We talked about a program with the Franklin Police Department where each patrol vehicle would have a kit. We’ve had 67 Narcan administrations since January 1. After reviewing the charts I felt like most of these were opioid overdose cases. Several occurred within the Franklin district, at least five of them. Two were cardiac events and the others were related to overdoses that were reversed with the use of Narcan. It’s been very successful.

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – Cost wise, you’re looking at a dose for \$39.22. If we equip all of our patrol cars it is around \$706.

Jeremy Cabe – Macon County EMS – If it’s used by an officer, we replace that dose off of our ambulance so there’s no replacement cost if it’s used. The only way there is a cost is if it goes out of date. The shelf life is about a year.

Mayor Scott – Based on my knowledge of this program I can say that it has saved a bunch of lives. The opioid situation is not getting particularly better.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McMahan to allow the Franklin Police Department to start carrying Narcan in patrol vehicles. Motion carried: 6 to 0.

New Business: Proclamation for WFSC Radio Celebration

Mayor Scott read the Proclamation.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Kimsey to accept the Proclamation as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Proclamation is attached.

New Business: Budget Amendment

Finance Officer Kyra Doster presented this item.

Motion was made by Kimsey, seconded by Abel to approve budget amendment to re-appropriate \$14,487 from the Memorial Park Restoration Grant into the 2017/2018 budget. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Update on 2017 Solar Eclipse

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item.

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New Business: Discussion on Bike Rack Locations

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser presented this item.

Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by Abel to allow Mr. Setser and Town Manager Summer Woodard to place bike racks at Town Hall and at the Gazebo. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Update on Town of Franklin Water Treatment Plant Project

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – We had a preconstruction conference here last Monday and the proposed start date is September 5, 2017. The proposed completion date of September 5, 2018. Final completion date which means the engineers and the Town will have a final walk-through is proposed for October 5, 2018. I just wanted to brief the board that we are moving forward with our Water Treatment Plant.

New Business: Discussion on Outdoor Movie Theater Partnership

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – The owner of Ruby Cinemas recently purchased an outdoor movie theater and I know that some of you have been interested in this. I spoke with David Parlier and the current proposal is a sole partnership between the Town of Franklin and Ruby Cinemas. We were looking at maybe doing a once a month outdoor movie screening. We looked at maybe using the lower parking lot because it acts as a natural amphitheater. We may have to consider removing some shrubbery. This year we may want to look at doing a movie in September and October and then if the Board is happy we could look at doing a series as early as next May. Mr. Parlier said he wouldn't go earlier than May and no later than October. Ruby Cinemas would take care of setup, takedown, staffing and everything for \$500 per show. The Town would be able to pick the movie but they prefer we stay in a G, PG or maybe even a PG13 movies. We have a list to choose from. They do want to ask that they be able to sell refreshments.

Mayor Scott – Older people like myself might like are some of the classics.

Council Member Abel – I thought the price was really reasonable. We have Pickin' on the Square which is more multi-generational and I see this as being more for families.

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – One thing to note, the \$500 includes free admission. This is free for the public.

Council Member Collins – Let's try it.

Motion was made by Abel, seconded by McRae to move \$1,000 from the contingency fund to fund two outdoor moving showings in September and October. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

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New Business: Discussion on the Whitmire Property

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – I know this keeps coming up but the Board has three options. We can continue to sit on the property and if the Board doesn't want to do anything with it then we can take a break from talking about it and come back to it in a few years. If it's the desire of the Board to try selling it then that's something we can look at, too. Or a third option is to look at maybe having a market analysis study conducted. I've been in touch with a firm called Bowman National Research. They're a firm out of Asheville. I've also been speaking with Freddy Harrill to conduct a market analysis. In a market analysis they look at it and see what the most feasible use for this property is.

McRae – I would like to look at an analysis. I feel like our biggest need is housing for millennials—our young professional types.

Mayor Scott – So if we had some hard data, we would have something to work towards.

Council Member Collins – I think that it's important for the board in principle to decide whether we need to get it back in circulation. As much as I admire the people that have come and would like to see it used as a park, I don't think it's a practical option. It is such a beautiful piece of property that nobody can see because of the trees that block the view. It is such a gorgeous piece of land that some due diligence from some people who are in the business and really know what they are talking about would be good. I would absolutely be for that.

The Board directed Woodard to seek proposals for a market analysis on the Whitmire Property.

Legal: Forward Unified Development Amendments Regarding Event Facilities and Housing definitions fo the Town Planning Board

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. presented these items.

Motion made by Collins, seconded by Abel to forward both Amendments to the Planning Board and to set a Public Hearing for September 5 at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried. Vote 6 to 0.

Legal: Contract Award for Actiflo Project

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. presented this item.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McRae to award the Actiflo Project contract. Motion carried. Vote 6 to 0.

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Announcements

Public Safety Day will be held on Saturday August 19, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Gazebo.

Solar Eclipse Block Party will be held on Monday August 21, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Finance Officer Kyra Doster was recognized for passing the final exam to become a certified North Carolina Finance Officer.

Adjournment

**Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Kimsey to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk