

June 5, 2017 meeting,

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Council was held on Monday June 5, 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, Brandon McMahan and Barbara McRae were present.

Council Member Billy Mashburn was absent.

Motion was made by Kimsey, seconded by Abel to excuse Council Member Mashburn from the Town Council meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5 to 0.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done by Lili Vitale.

Adoption of the June 5, 2017 Town Council Agenda

Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by McRae to adopt the Town Council Agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Approval of the May 1 and May 15, 2017 Town Council minutes

Motion was made by Kimsey, seconded by McRae to approve the May 1 and May 15, 2017 Town Agenda minutes. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Public Hearing 7:05 p.m. for Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Town of Franklin Budget

No one from the public spoke.

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – This budget in front of you looks at decreasing your contingency from \$70,000 down to \$64,500 and places \$5,500 into your Economic Development which brings the total of Economic Development to \$12,500.

Public Hearing 7:10 p.m. for Property Located at 14 Brittney Lane

No one from the public spoke.

Public Session

Avram Freidman – I would like to speak with you briefly about adopting the Climate Solutions Resolution. This report and resolution is part of a nationwide campaign. The report was done by a group of scientists at Stanford University who are attempting to address the climate crisis. Their efforts should not be wasted. They need our help. They have done a comprehensive study of each state to determine how we can reach a goal of only using renewable energy by the year 2050. It is necessary to avoid the worst consequences of climate change. This document tells how to do that. Scientists can't implement this plan by their selves. They need our help. It will take communities all over the country voicing our support for these public policies. Climate change is a local issue, directly and profoundly impacting this community and your constituents. Last year people were reporting their wells drying up, there were forest fires everywhere and the air quality was in the red zone. That's just the beginning of what we can expect. I urge you to review and adopt this resolution.

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Mayor Scott – Would the Board like to amend the agenda to vote on this tonight?

Abel – I would like a chance to review the document.

Mayor Scott – We will vote on this next month Avram.

John Henning Jr. – Town Attorney – Would the Board be interested in looking at different options concerning renewable energy like possibly using the old landfill property to install some solar panels. A lot of municipalities are looking at these types of options. The property may be close enough to actually supply power to some of its enterprise operations.

Council Member McMahan – I certainly would.

Council Member Collins – You know, I would be interested in charging stations for electric vehicles. It looks like we have a good setup.

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – There may be some grant funding for these projects.

Council Member Collins – Solar is the ultimate source of energy. We need to start embracing it. I think John is right. The old landfill could be used for a lot of different things. I think at this point the methane is probably at a manageable level.

Council Member McMahan – Methane capture is something we could look at, too.

Public Hearing 7:15 p.m. for Property Located at 76 Hillcrest Avenue

No one from the public spoke.

Public Hearing 7:20 p.m. for Property Located at 456 Pauline Avenue

No one from the public spoke.

New Business: Board Action Regarding the Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Town of Franklin Budget

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by McRae to adopt the Proposed Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Town of Franklin Budget as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Board Action Regarding Property Located at 14 Brittney Lane, 76 Hillcrest Avenue, and 456 Pauline Avenue

Motion was made by Kimsey, seconded by McMahan to adopt ordinances to pursue demolition measures for properties located at 14 Brittney Lane, 76 Hillcrest Avenue, and 456 Pauline Avenue. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

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New Business: Street Closing Request

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Abel to allow the Iotla Street and Phillips Street to be closed on Saturday August 26, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Budget Amendments

Finance Officer Kyra Doster presented this item. Amendments are attached.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Abel to appropriate an insurance claim and sale of equipment for water and sewer of \$6,104, for Tourism Development Authority to appropriate additional revenues from 2016/2017 \$5,264, and appropriate \$3,255 from insurance settlement to the Police Department. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Permission to Advertise Town Planning Board Vacancy

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser presented this item.

Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by Kimsey to advertise position on the Town Planning Board. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Tax Releases and Tax Overpayments

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item. Information is attached.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to return partial tax of \$2,455.73 to Klatt Family Limited Partnership #1. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Re-appointment of Cheryl Pullium to the Tourism Development Authority

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item.

Motion was made by Kimsey, seconded by McRae to re-appoint Cheryl Pullium to the Tourism Development Authority for a two year term beginning June 5, 2017 and ending June 5, 2019. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

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New Business: Re-appointment of Josh Drake to the Tourism Development Authority.

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item.

Motion was made Collins, seconded by Kimsey to re—appoint Josh Drake to the Tourism Development Authority for a two year term beginning June 5, 2017 and ending June 5, 2019. Motion carried. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Discussion of North Carolina Smoky Mountain Blueways Advisory Council

Mayor Scott – This is a non-regulatory partnership committed to the coordination, interpretation and promotion of resource conservation, public access, and recreational opportunities in the rivers and the lakes of the upper Little Tennessee Watershed. This is non-binding and we can get out of it if we decide. There is no money involved. The county will appoint one member and all of the mayors are assigned. I would like for authorization from the Board to sign us on.

Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by McRae to enter into memorandum of understanding regarding membership of the North Carolina Smoky Mountain Blueways Advisory Council. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Motion made by McRae, seconded by Kimsey to appoint Mayor Bob Scott to represent the Town of Franklin on the North Carolina Smoky Mountain Blueways Advisory Council. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Legal: Discussion on Regulation of Late Night Parties

Town Attorney John Henning presented this item. Ordinance is attached.

Council Member Collins – Bad circumstances make bad laws.

Mayor Scott – I don't consider this a knee-jerk response at all. We've been called out time after time after time. It's been brought to this board time after time.

Council Member Collins – We've never had an action like this before tonight and now it's before us because of one certain type of instance.

Mayor Scott – We've batted this around for some time. If we have a problem with it then we have a problem but what if we get in a problem because we don't have it?

Vice-Mayor Abel – I feel like there is still a lot of questions out there as to what we're making a motion on. I agree that we need to do something but is it a broad spectrum or is it just commercial? We need to figure this out before we pass an ordinance.

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Mayor Scott – What needs to be clarified?

Council Member McMahan – I don't want to let this go but as it reads now, this is my mom's house on Christmas Eve.

No action was taken.

Legal: Forward Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance to the Town Planning Board

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. presented this item.

Motion was made by Kimsey, seconded by McMahan to have a Public Hearing concerning changes to the Sexually Orientated Business Ordinance for July 3, 2017 at 7:05 p. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Announcements

Town of Franklin Employee Luncheon will be Friday June 30, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at Fat Buddies.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Abel, seconded by McMahan to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:52 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk

