



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

June 1, 2020

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order-** Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
3. **Adoption of the June 1, 2020 Town Council Agenda-** Town Council
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for June 1, 2020-** Town Council
 - A.) Approval of the May 4 and May 12, 2020 Town Council Minutes
 - B.) Duke Energy Lighting Agreement for Womack Street
 - C.) Street Closing Request for WFSC Car Show
 - D.) Authorization Agreement for Wells Fargo Signatures
5. **Public Hearings**
 - A.) Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. for Special Use Application for Scenic Ridge Development
 - B.) Public Hearing at 6:10 p.m. for Town of Franklin Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget
 - C.) Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. for Town of Franklin Comp Plan
6. **Public Session**
7. **Old Business:**
 - A.) Discussion on Proposal from Nikwasi Initiative- Elaine Eisenbraun
 - B.) Discussion on Proposal from Macon New Beginnings- Bob Burke
 - C.) Discussion on Town of Franklin Water and Sewer Comp Plan- Town Manager Summer Woodard
8. **New Business:**
 - A.) Board Action on Special Use Application for Scenic Ridge Development- Town Council
 - B.) Board Action on Town of Franklin Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget- Town Council
 - C.) Board Action on Town of Franklin Comp Plan- Town Council
 - D.) Southwestern NC HOME Consortium Resolution and Agreement- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - E.) Discussion on Town of Franklin July 4th Fireworks Event- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - F.) Swearing in Ceremony for Franklin Police Chief Bill Harrell- Mayor Bob Scott
 - G.) Recognition of Finance Officer Kyra Doster- Mayor Bob Scott
9. **Announcements:**
 - A.) Town Hall Offices will be closed Friday July 3, 2020 in observance of July 4th
10. **Adjourn**

June 1, 2020 meeting,

The Franklin Town Council held its monthly meeting on June 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice Mayor Barbara McRae and council members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Jack Horton, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor McRae.

Adoption of the June 1, 2020 Town Council Agenda

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Culpepper to approve the June 1, 2020 Town Council Agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda for June 1, 2020

- A.) Approval of the May 4 and May 12, 2020 Town Council Minutes
- B.) Duke Energy Lighting Agreement for Womack Street
- C.) Street Closing Request for WFSC Car Show
- D.) Authorization Agreement for Wells Fargo

Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Culpepper to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. for Special Use Application for Scenic Ridge Development

Roberto Castro asked if there would be a height restriction on homes.

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser said there is a 65 ft restriction and the base begins at ground level and/or the lowest point of the home meeting the ground.

Neal Enloe said the development will have high speed fiber, sidewalks, and will provide walkability for residents.

Public Hearing at 6:10 for Town of Franklin Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget

Nobody from the public spoke.

Public Hearing at 6:15 for Town of Franklin Comp Plan

Nobody from the public spoke.

Public Session

There were no speakers.

June 1, 2020 meeting continued,

Old Business: Proposal from Nikwasi Initiative

Elaine Eisenbraun introduced herself as the new Executive Director of the Nikwasi Initiative. She asked Town Council if they would be willing to lease or transfer a small piece of Town owned property to the Initiative for installation of a kiosk and the Nikwasi Mound.

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Mashburn to allow the Town Attorney to move forward with a long-term licensing agreement with the Nikwasi Initiative for property that would hold an informational kiosk. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Old Business: Discussion on Proposal from Macon New Beginnings

Bob Bourke from Macon New Beginnings spoke of the homeless population in Franklin.

Town Council requested that Mr. Bourke return with a proposed plan for helping the homeless population.

Old Business: Discussion on Town of Franklin Water and Sewer Comp Plan

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Masburn to approve the Town of Franklin Water and Sewer Comp Plan that was presented at the May board meeting. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Board Action on Special Use Application for Scenic Ridge Development

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to approve the Special Use Application for Scenic Ridge Development. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Board Action on Proposed Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Town of Franklin Budget

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McRae to approve the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Town of Franklin Budget as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Board Action on Town of Franklin Comp Plan

Council Member Culpepper said he would support the plan but would like to wait until the July meeting to vote on it. He said he would like to give the public more time to weigh in.

Mayor Scott said the public had an opportunity to speak at the public hearing but nobody had signed up.

Council Member Mashburn said ads had been ran in the newspaper.

Land Use Administrator said that there had been a link on the website for comments to be left on and it had been at least a month since anybody had left one.

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. said that the maps or changes could be made easily if any issues were to arise in the future by vote of the Council.

June 1, 2020 meeting continued,

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Mashburn to approve the Town of Franklin Comp Plan as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Southwestern NC HOME Consortium Resolution and Agreement

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item to the Board. She said that Haywood County would be the lead agency with other WNC agencies agreeing to sign on.

Council Member Lewis said this agreement seems appropriate considering some of the discussion during the meeting.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McRae to pass the Southwestern NC HOME Consortium Resolution and Agreement. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Discussion on Town of Franklin July 4th Fireworks Event

Town Manager Summer Woodard told the Town Council that the Chamber of Commerce was not going to be able to host a firework show this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Macon County Rec Park is arranged. She said that the Town could host fireworks on the Whitmire Property and that attendees could park around town and be able to remain in their vehicles and social distance better.

Motion was made by Horton, second by Culpepper to move forward with the Town of Franklin July 4th Fireworks Event. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Swearing in Ceremony for Franklin Police Chief Bill Harrell

Mayor Scott swore in Bill Harrell as Chief of Police for the Town of Franklin.

New Business: Recognition of Finance Officer Kyra Doster

Mayor Scott presented Kyra Doster with a plaque to commemorate her 30 years of service to the Town of Franklin and Macon County.

June 1, 2020 meeting continued,

Adjournment

**Motion made by Culpepper, seconded by McRae to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 7:45 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk