

March 2, 2018 meeting,

The Franklin Town Council held a special called retreat on Friday March 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Park inside the J.C. Building. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice Mayor Barbara McRae, Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Adam Kimsey, Dinah Mashburn, and Brandon McMahan were present.

Town Staff present were Town Manager Summer Woodard and Town Clerk Travis Tallent.

Discussion on Memorial Park

Town Manager Summer Woodard discussed progress and upcoming plans for the park and building.

Council Member Culpepper – I think a concrete floor would work better than tile or laminate.

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – We can look at this. There are some individuals that can actually do concrete floors and can even etch designs into it.

Council Member Culpepper – If we put up drywall it is going to hold moisture I'm afraid. If we looked at doing some wainscoting on the bottom half of the walls and then paint over the paneling that would do a lot for it.

Vice-Mayor McRae – I wonder if there are any artists around who would maybe be interested in doing a mural on that wall.

Council Member McMahan – That would be awesome.

Discussion on Restrooms

Council Member Culpepper – The bathrooms at the courthouse are going to be closed so we need to do something about it.

Mayor Scott – County Chairman Jim Tate informed us that the bathrooms at the courthouse represented a security risk. We've talked to Derek [Roland] and Jim Tate about the need during special events. That's when the restrooms are needed. They like the idea and led me to believe that they would probably pay the bill on port-o-johns like we had during the eclipse. We could bring them in as needed and then haul them off.

Council Member Collins – Those units behind the square come open ever-so-often. We could run the numbers and talk about a long-term lease. We could go ahead and invest, put in a couple of bathrooms and maybe make it a mini-chamber of commerce type kiosk. Shoppers could use it and attendees of the events.

Council Member McMahan – I think that is a great idea.

Council Member Culpepper – I think we should explore that.

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Mayor Scott – But why should that be on the Town to pay? We had no problems until the county decided to close the bathrooms at the courthouse.

Council Member Collins – I believe the Superior Court Judge made that order. We have to have a plan B.

Mayor Scott – I think before we do anything though, we should see what the County is willing to do.

Council Member McRae – I think the best idea is to talk to the county, see what they will do and go from there. They have events, too.

Council Member Kimsey – If they are willing to put money towards port-o-johns long-term which in itself is not going to be cheap, then surely they will work with us.

Council Member McRae – I feel like if you want nice people to come to town then you need to have nice bathrooms for them.

Meeting did not adjourn since Board would reconvene on March 3, 2018.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk