



**Town of Franklin Council**

**Agenda**

**March 2, 2020**

**6:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order**- Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
3. **Adoption of the March 2, 2020 Town Council Agenda**- Town Council
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for March 2, 2020**- Town Council
  - A.) Approval of February 3, February 21 and February 22, 2020 Town Council Minutes
  - B.) Budget Amendment
  - C.) Special Use Permit Extension for Verbena Development
  - D.) Set Public Hearing for Land Use Comprehensive Plan
  - E.) Audit Contract with Martin Starnes for FY 19-20
  - F.) Water and Sewer Allocation for 4501 Highway 441 By-Pass, Franklin, NC
5. **Public Session**
6. **New Business:**
  - A.) Street Closing Request for 80's Flashback Event and Parade- Dave Linn
  - B.) Appointment of Charlie Pinkston to the Franklin Fire and Rescue Relief Fund Board- Town Manager Summer Woodard
  - C.) Budget Amendment for Franklin Fire Department- Town Manager Summer Woodard & Fire Chief Matt Breedlove
  - D.) Proposed Budget Calendar and Work Sessions for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Town Budget- Town Manager Summer Woodard
  - E.) Appointment of Town Liaisons – Town Manager Summer Woodard
  - F.) Sewer Line Access for Allman Drive- Council Member David Culpepper
7. **Legal:**
  - A.) Update on 441 South Sidewalks from Wide Horizon to Tractor Supply- Town Manager Summer Woodard and Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
  - B.) Discussion on Substance Abuse Partnership with Macon County- Town Manager Summer Woodard and Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
  - C.) Discussion on Outdoor Seating Areas- Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
8. **Announcements:**
  - A.) Public Input for the Town of Franklin Comp Plan will be Wednesday March 4, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at Tartan Hall
  - B.) Retirement Ceremony for Detective Tracy Chastain Thursday March 19, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Town Hall
9. **Adjourn**

### **March 2, 2020 meeting,**

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Council was held on Monday March 2, 2020 at 6 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 March 2, 2020 Town Council Agenda**

Town Manager Summer Woodard asked to add a street closing request to the Consent Agenda for March 28, 2020 for the Vietnam Veterans' request to close Iotla Street from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a ceremony on the Town Square.

Council Member Culpepper said that he would like to move 4(F) to 6(G).

**Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Culpepper to approve the Town Council Agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda for March 2, 2020**

Council Member Mashburn said the dates in the February minutes needed corrected.

- A.) Approval of the February 3, February 21, and February 22, 2020 Town Council Minutes
- B.) Budget Amendment
- C.) Special Use Permit Extension for Verbena Development
- D.) Set Public Hearing for Land Use Comprehensive Plan
- E.) Audit Contract with Martin Starnes for FY 19-20
- F.) Vietnam Veteran's request to close Iotla Street

**Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Lewis to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

### **Public Session**

Diana Thomas talked about the homeless population.

Bob Bourke talked about the homeless population.

### **New Business: Street Closing Request for 80's Flashback Event and Parade**

Collins said he didn't think it was necessary to close the road for so long.

Woodard said that Dave Linn, the organizer of the event could work with Franklin Police on appropriate times to close the streets.

**March 2, 2020 meeting continued,**

**Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by McRae to allow Franklin Police Department to work with Linn to close the streets for the 80's Flashback Event and Parade in August. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Appointment of Charlie Pinkston to the Franklin Fire and Rescue Relief Fund Board**

Woodard presented this item.

**Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Collins to appoint Charlie Pinkston to the Franklin Fire and Rescue Relief Fund Board. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Budget Amendment for Franklin Fire Department**

Fire Chief Matthew Breedlove told the Town Council that Macon County had allotted across the board to the fire departments in the county equally and that Franklin Fire still needed about \$14,166 to purchase additional viper radios to switch to the Viper Radio System.

Council Member Horton said that he thought it would be a benefit to be able to coordinate with the other departments in the county and local law enforcement agencies since they are all going to be on the new system.

Council Member Lewis said that he thought Franklin Police Department had switched to the Viper Radio System already. He asked if everybody being on the system would have made dealing with the widespread forest fires that the area had seen easier to combat.

Breedlove said it would have.

Council Member Collins asked if the Town had a choice in the matter.

Breedlove said he thought this purchase was in the best interest for the fire department.

Collins asked if the Franklin Fire Department, being a bigger department, got more money than smaller departments for the radios.

Breedlove said that the funds were evenly distributed to the departments in the county. He said that he is a few radios short but that these additional funds would ensure that every member and apparatus is outfitted with a radio.

Mayor Scott said that he was okay with the purchase but urged Chief Breedlove to maintain the old system just in case.

**Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Lewis too approve the budget amendment and move \$14,166 from the Fire Department Fund Balance to purchase the remaining radios. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**March 2, 2020 meeting continued,**

**New Business: Proposed Budget Calendar and Work Sessions for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Woodard presented this item.

**Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to approve the proposed budget calendar and work sessions for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Appointment of Town Liaisons**

Mayor Scott presented his proposed list of Town Liaisons.

Council Member Collins asked if the liaisons could work on budget for their departments.

Woodard said that they could.

**Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Lewis to appoint the department liaisons as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. List is attached.**

**New Business: Sewer Line Access for Allman Drive**

Council Member Culpepper showed the Council maps of a sewer line that is on Main Spring's property. He proposed a sewer line access road to the line through different plots. He said that if the Board agreed that he would like to ask the Town Attorney to look into a means to obtain an easement.

**Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Lewis to allow the Town Attorney to research the steps to obtain a sewer line easement. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Water and Sewer Allocation for 4501 Highway 441 By-Pass**

Woodard presented the water and sewer allocation for the old Walmart property located at 4501 Highway 441 By-Pass on behalf of Ingles.

**Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by McRae to approve the water and sewer allocation for 4501 Highway 441 By-Pass. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Information is attached.**

**Legal: Update on 441 South Sidewalks from Wide Horizon to Tractor Supply**

Woodard told the Town Council that lighting for the project could cost \$100,000 or more since the last line would have to be extended from the Dairy Queen building south.

Council Member Culpepper said that if we don't do it that people will still walk through there and it will be unsafe without sidewalks or lighting.

Council Member Collins asked if the Town could back out of the agreement if the costs were too high.

Woodard told him that once the Town has agreed, they can't back out.

**March 2, 2020 meeting continued,**

Culpepper asked if a dark sidewalk is better than no sidewalk.

Horton said the Town would also have to maintain it.

McRae said that solar lighting would be a good idea.

Woodard reminded the board that general maintenance would come from the General Fund, not the Enterprise Fund.

Horton suggested the possibility of a bike lane instead.

Collins said that was a good idea and that maybe the Town should revisit the issue with the NCDOT to consider that option.

**The Town Council agreed and directed town staff to do so.**

**Legal: Discussion on Substance Abuse Partnership with Macon County**

Woodard presented this item. This partnership would require \$20,000 from the Town of Franklin for a partial salary of a substance abuse professional at No Wrong Door.

**Motion made by McRae, seconded by Horton to approve \$20,000 for a substance abuse position in partnership with Macon County. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**Legal: Discussion on Outdoor Seating Areas**

Henning Jr. presented a draft ordinance that would permit outdoor seating areas for consumption of alcohol. He said there were some things to work out and if were the will of the board then he would bring a draft ready to vote on at the April meeting.

Mayor Scott said that he thought it was time to pass an ordinance that would permit alcohol at designated areas on the sidewalks.

**Adjournment**

**Motion made by Culpepper, seconded by Mashburn to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Robert S. Scott, Mayor

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Travis Tallent, Town Clerk