

## **September 24, 2018 meeting,**

The Town of Franklin Town Council held a continuation of their September 4, 2018 meeting on Monday September 24, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice-Mayor Barbara McRae, Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Dinah Mashburn, and Brandon McMahan were present.

Council Member Adam Kimsey arrived at 5:55 p.m.

**Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by McRae to table item 2B. The motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

### **Discussion on Non-Profit Funding Pool Applicants**

Council Member Culpepper – I just want to say that I don't agree with giving out the tax payer's money to charities of our choice. I think that in-town residents are on the hook twice. The non-profits will also request money from the county's non-profit funding pool so the residents inside the city limits are paying twice.

Vice-Mayor McRae – We talked about cutting it during our budget meeting and decided to move forward with it this year.

Council Member Culpepper – Maybe we could look at other options in the future like holding a fundraising event on the square. This would allow citizens to actually make the choice to contribute.

Council Member McMahan – I know in the past we did a percentage to all of the requests but I think some of these need the full amounts that they are requesting.

Council Member Mashburn – I've got a big problem with the Literacy Council showing a profit of \$190,000.

Council Member Collins – I don't think the Cemetery Association fits what we usually do with this fund.

Council Member Kimsey – I want to say that I agree with what Dave [Culpepper] said earlier

Council Member Culpepper – I can get behind these requests this year, but I want to stress to everybody in the audience that this may not happen next year.

**Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Culpepper to deny funding for the Cemetery Association and the Arts Council and award the rest of the organizations their grant based on a percentage across the board to utilize \$40,000. Vote: 4 to 2. Mashburn and Kimsey opposed.**

### **Discussion on Town of Franklin Comprehensive Plan**

John Henning Jr. – Town Attorney – We are approaching the point where having a Comprehensive Plan for the town is necessary. We don't have to go with the lowest bidder on this since it's a service contract and you will notice that we are recommending going with the middle option in Stewart at \$80,000.

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Council Member Culpepper – I try to be conservative with our money but the Town Manager has saved us money in this budget so that will help offset some of this cost.

Vice-Mayor McRae – I think this is something that we've needed for a long time.

Summer Woodard – Town Manager – I want to point out that we will be able to split this cost between this fiscal year and next fiscal year.

Council Member Collins – I'm just not sure I see the need for this right now.

John Henning Jr. – Town Attorney – We don't necessarily need a motion if it's the consensus of the board for us to enter into talks with this firm about pursuing an agreement. This will allow us to see the full scale before we agree to anything and then you can vote on it.

Council Member Culpepper – Well if it makes it easier I can just make the motion tonight.

**Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by McRae to allow town staff to engage in talks with Stewart about the potential of a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Franklin. Motion carried: 6 to 0.**

**Adjournment**

**Motion made by Collins, seconded by McMahan to adjourn meeting at 6:40 p.m.**

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Robert S. Scott, Mayor

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Travis Tallent, Town Clerk

