

June 4, 2018 meeting,

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Council was held on Monday June 4, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice Mayor Barbara McRae, Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Adam Kimsey, Dinah Mashburn and Brandon McMahan were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done by Vice-Mayor Barbara McRae.

Approval of the May 7 and May 15, 2018 Town Council minutes

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Kimsey to approve the May 7 and May 15, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Adoption of the June 4, 2018 Town Council Agenda

Mayor Scott – I want to add the Goldstar Camp which is the children of lost military veterans and also a parking issue that we may want to discuss. I would like to move C and D up in New Business. They are proclamations.

Motion made by McMahan, seconded by Kimsey to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Session

Christy Rankin spoke about the dog ordinance.

Public Hearing 6:05 p.m. for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Town of Franklin Budget

Angela Moore opposed the budget as written.

Tamara Zwinak spoke about the budget.

Motion made by Kimsey, seconded by Mashburn to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Hearing 6:10 p.m. for Regulation for the Placement of Utilities

No comments.

Motion made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Proclamation of Support for Homeless Veterans

Mayor Scott presented this item.

Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by Culpepper to proclaim the week of September 9, 2018 as a week of support for homeless veterans. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Resolution is attached.

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New Business: Resolution in Honor of Dr. William O. McLarney

Mayor Scott presented this item.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Kimsey to adopt the resolution in honor of Dr. William O. McLarney. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Resolution is attached.

New Business: Board Action on Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Town of Franklin Budget

The Board discussed restroom facilities -8(M) as a part of this discussion.

Council Member Culpepper – I think we need to look at the future and how to get the Town’s tax base to reflect what the Town actually does instead of at the last second raising taxes.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by McRae to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Town of Franklin Budget as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Council Member Mashburn – We discussed the bathroom back in May. At that time the Town had been put on notice by the county that the bathrooms at the courthouse would not be able to be used after hours for Town events by the senior resident Superior Court Judge William Coward. He felt there were security concerns. We had two options at that time to rent portable toilets or buy a much nicer restroom trailer for \$23,000. I spoke with County Commissioner Ronnie Beale the next day about some options on county property. He said he would call the Honorable William Coward the next day. When Ronnie called me back he said that Judge Coward also didn’t think portable toilets were a good idea. He agreed to let the Town use the restrooms at the courthouse under specifications described by the Sheriff’s Office and the county maintenance supervisor. The cost of the courthouse restroom is a one-time \$150 maintenance fee for some things they need to do. We currently have a part-time police officer that works outside during Pickin’ on the Square. Judge Coward has asked that a Town police officer be placed inside the building. That officer is currently working already for \$56 a night. I’m asking to discuss this night because we can look at spending a one-time fee for maintenance and the \$56 that we are already paying instead of renting a portable toilet each weekend.

Mayor Scott – There are more important things that need to be done by a sworn officer than sitting by the restrooms. I haven’t heard any complaints about the port-o-johns.

Council Member Culpepper – I’m adamantly opposed to having an officer sitting inside the foyer the entire time. If he or she can go out and walk through the crowd as well than I’m okay with that but I’m not okay with having an officer sit in the foyer all night.

Council Member Mashburn – I didn’t reach out to the county to ask about using the courthouse, I asked about using some county property to possibly build a bathroom and this was an option.

Council Member Culpepper – I would like to see the order from Judge Coward.

Council Member Mashburn – He doesn’t have to write an order. That is what he directed.

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Vice-Mayor McRae – Can I suggest that we try using the courthouse to see how it works?

Council Member Kimsey – I would like to try it. After sitting here and raising taxes, this will give us an opportunity to save some money.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Kimsey to utilize bathrooms at the courthouse with Town provided sworn police protection during Pickin' on the Square as directed by the Honorable William Coward instead of port-o-johns. Motion carried. Vote: 4 to 2. Culpepper and McMahan opposed.

New Business: Board Action on Regulation for the Placement of Utilities

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser presented this item.

Motion by Collins, seconded by McMahan to approve Regulations for the Placement of Utilities. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Ordinance is attached.

New Business: Street Closing Request for the Arts Council

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to allow lotla street closing request for 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on June 29, 2018. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Forward Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment to Town Planning Board

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser presented this item.

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Kimsey to forward Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment to the Town Planning Board. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Discussion on Street Lights on Town Bridge

Town Manager Summer Woodard and Town Engineer Nathanael Moore presented this item.

Motion made by Culpepper, seconded by Kimsey to approve placement of six lights on the Town Bridge. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Appointment of James Smith to the Town Planning Board

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser presented this item.

Motion made by Collins, seconded by Culpepper to appoint James Smith to the Town Planning Board. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

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New Business: Transportation Improvement Project Municipal Agreement for U-5604

Town Engineer Nathanael Moore presented this item.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to approve Transportation Improvement Project Municipal Agreement for U-5604 with the NC Department of Transportation. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Road Name Petition for West Trimont Drive

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser presented this item.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McMahan to approve the road name petition for West Trimont Drive. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Use and Occupancy Agreement for US 23/US 441 from US 64 to SR 1652

Town Engineer Nathanael Moore presented this item.

Motion made by McRae, seconded by Kimsey to approve the use and occupancy agreement with the NC Department of Transportation for US 23/US 441 to SR 1652. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Budget Amendments

Finance Officer Kyra Doster presented this item.

Motion made by Kimsey, seconded by Mashburn to appropriate an insurance settlement of \$1,400 to water and sewer, appropriate an insurance settlement check for the police department of \$5,010 into their vehicle maintenance line, and appropriate \$720 for the police department from Buckeye Bridge, LLC into their overtime line. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Camp Gold Star discussion

Mayor Scott presented this item. Camp Gold Star attendees will be visiting the Town of Franklin on June 19, 2018.

New Business: Merchant Parking on Main Street

Mayor Scott – I would like for us to look at this. Highlands has the best policy I've seen. I would like to see us explore this again.

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Items from the Board

Council Member Mashburn – There is a medication take back event this Saturday at the new Ingles on the Georgia Road from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Council Member Culpepper – I just wanted to thank Justin Setser for going to the Economic Development training and getting certified.

Council Member Collins – The Manager and I have been in discussions with the county concerning the old drive-in property. There's some pump stations under county ownership but they fall in our utilities scheme and I think we do most all of the maintenance on them anyway. It looks like there may be a way for us to get those back under our ownership while working on lease options for the drive-in property.

Adjournment

**Motion made by Kimsey, seconded by McMahan to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk

