



**Town of Franklin Council
Agenda
January 3, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order-** Mayor Jack Horton
2. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Vice-Mayor Joe Collins
3. **Oath of Office**
 - A.) Adam Kimsey, Council Member
4. **Adoption of the January 3, 2022 Town Council Agenda -** Town Council
5. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for January 3, 2022 -** Town Council
 - A.) Approval of December 6, 2021 and December 13, 2021 Town Council Minutes
 - B.) Tax Bill Releases
 - C.) ADA Policy Statement and ADA Grievance Policy
 - D.) Approval of construction contract for Maple Street sewer project
 - E.) Approval to purchase fire department vehicle
6. **Public Hearings**
7. **Public Session**
8. **New Business**
 - A.) Request Approval for Events and Street Closures – Dave Linn
 - B.) Update Skatepark – Anders Ike, Project Engineer, JE Dunn
 1. Request Approval of Skatepark Design – Amie Owens, Town Manager
9. **Items from Council**
 - A.) Council Retreat – Mayor Jack Horton
10. **Announcements**
 - A.) Next Town Council Meeting is Monday February 7, 2022
 - B.) Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday- Monday, January 17, 2022 – Town Offices Closed
11. **Closed Session**
 - A.) Enter into Closed Session under North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege to discuss handling or settlement of a claim.
12. **Adjourn**

January 3, 2022 meeting,

The Franklin Town Council held its monthly meeting on January 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Jack Horton opened the meeting. Vice Mayor Joe Collins, Council Members David Culpepper, Mike Lewis, and Rita Salain were present.

Council Member Stacy Guffey attended the meeting via Zoom call.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Joe Collins.

Oaths of Office for Mayor and Town Council Members

Adam Kimsey was sworn in as Town Council Member by Mayor Jack Horton.

Adoption of the January 3, 2022 Town Council Agenda

Motion was made by Salain, seconded by Lewis to adopt the Town Council Agenda for January 3, 2022. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda for January 3, 2022

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Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Collins to approve the Consent Agenda for January 3, 2022. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Hearings

There were none.

Public Session

Gary Murphy from the Root and Barrell Restaurant requested the Town Council to consider a lease for property located between the restaurant and Town Hall.

New Business: Request Approval for Events and Street Closures

Dave Linn presented this request.

Police Chief Bill Harrell recommended that if approved, Mr. Linn coordinate with the Police Department a month prior to each event as reminder and to ensure that no disruptions had occurred.

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Kimsey to approve the street closings as requested. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. List of times, dates, and streets are attached.

January 3, 2022 meeting continued,

New Business: Update on Skatepark and Approval of Design

Anders Ike of JE Dunn provided an update. He said construction is schedule to begin April 1.

Town Manager Amie Owens said that Sk828 had raised \$10-15K so far for the project.

Vice Mayor Collins asked how much the park was going to cost. He said that Council still does not know if the Town will be adding money for the project.

Town Manager Owens said that once a design was chosen then they could provide an accurate cost estimate.

Steve Suttles from JE Dunne said that monies will be matched and discounted materials can be provided.

Council Member Salain said she was worried about the liability for the Town if somebody gets hurt.

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. said that by statute liability is forgiven assuming the right signage is posted.

Council Member Lewis said that the Council had already committed to funding a design so that the Council should vote on one of the designs presented.

Town Manager Owens said the first design was by the Sk828 community and the second design was similar but with changes made by Pillar Designs.

Council Member Culpepper said it is safe to assume that the second option presented is the preference of the designer.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Lewis to move forward with the second design as presented by Pillar Designs. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Items from Council: Council Retreat

Mayor Horton said it would be nice to have dinner on a Friday evening to plan an agenda and then meet up again on Saturday morning to discuss the items.

Council Member Culpepper said January 21 and 22 would work.

Mayor Horton said that a facilitator had been used in the past and that the Town Manager could reach out to Region A or WCU to see if one would be available. He said the Town Council should send a list to the Manager for discussion in the time leading up to the Retreat.

Items from Council: Discussion

Council Member Culpepper said that if the Town was not going to support the Skatepark then they should not move forward with it but he believes they should support giving the kids a place to go and enjoy.

Council Member Culpepper encouraged the public to submit their qualifications if they may interested in filling the vacancy.

General Discussion

Vice Mayor Collins said that he thinks there are some good people on the council and that he thinks the board has a lot of potential.

Council Member Culpepper congratulated the new Council Members. He said he would like to have a retreat in early 2022.

Mayor Horton suggested that the Council Members send the dates that they would not be available in January.

Council Member Salain said that she had a lot to learn but was willing to do the work to do so.

Council Member Lewis thank Finance Director Sarah Bishop for her work on the annual audit.

Council Member Guffey said that he though everybody on the Council has a heart for the town.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Culpepper to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

C. Jack Horton, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk