



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

July 1, 2019

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order- Mayor Bob Scott**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae**
3. **Adoption of the July 1, 2019 Town Council Agenda**
4. **Approval of Consent Agenda for July 1, 2019 Consent Agenda**
 - A.) Approval of the June 3, 2019 Town Council Minutes
 - B.) Proclamation for 80's Flashback Day
 - C.) Street Closing Request for Recovery Festival
 - D.) Street Closing Request for Franklin Market Day
 - E.) Budget Amendments
 - F.) Re-Appointment of Dave Jones to the Town Planning Board
 - G.) Approval of SAFER Grant Application for Franklin Fire Department
 - H.) Re-Appointment of Town Tax Collector
 - I.) Resolution Authorizing Town Tax Collector to Collect 2019 Taxes
5. **Public Session**
6. **New Business:**
 - A.) Update on Town of Franklin Comp Plan- Land Use Administrator Justin Setser
 - B.) Update on Joint Meeting Dates with Macon County and the Town of Highlands- Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - C.) Discussion on Purchase of Pumper Truck for Franklin Fire and Rescue- Chief Matt Breedlove and Town Manager Summer Woodard
 - D.) Discussion on Real Property located at Phillips Street- Town Manager Summer Woodard
7. **Legal:**
 - A.) Discussion on Riverbend Water Service Agreement- Town Manager Summer Woodard and Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
8. **Announcements:**
 - A.) Town Hall Offices will be closed Thursday July 4, 2019 in observance of July 4th.
 - B.) The Town of Franklin will be having a July 4th Celebration Downtown at the Gazebo on Thursday July 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - C.) Friday Night Town Hall movie night will be Friday July 5, 2019 and the movie will be Mary Poppins Returns.
9. **Adjourn**

July 1, 2019 meeting,

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Council was held on Monday July 1, 2019 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, Adam Kimsey, Brandon McMahan, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor McRae.

Adoption of the July 1, 2019 Town Council Agenda

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda for July 1, 2019

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Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to approve the July 1, 2019 Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Session

Roland Mock talked about serving alcohol on the sidewalk in front of his restaurant.

Gwen Taylor talked about the Heritage Festival.

Cindy Miles disagreed with cutting the nonprofit funding pool.

Cathy Howman disagreed with cutting the nonprofit funding pool.

New Business: Update on Town of Franklin Comp Plan

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser presented this item.

New Business: Update on Joint Meeting Dates with Macon County and the Town of Highlands.

The Town Council agreed to host the joint meeting at the Franklin Fire Department at 6:00 p.m. on July 30, 2019.

July 1, 2019 meeting continued,

New Business: Discussion on Purchase of Pumper Truck for Franklin Fire and Rescue

Fire Chief Matthew Breedlove told the Town Council that the Cashiers Fire Department had offered to sell the Town of Franklin a pumper fire truck for \$62,500.

Town Manager Summer Woodard explained that the Fire Department had previously sold a pumper truck and needed to replace that truck in anticipation of an ISO inspection.

Chief Breedlove told the Council that all of the equipment on the truck would also be included in the sale and that it is valued around \$50,000.

Council Member Culpepper said the Town should treat it like purchasing a normal vehicle and bid lower.

Council Member Collins said this was an open meeting and said that the Cashiers Fire Department would be aware of how much money had been approved for the purchase. He said he agreed with Council Member Culpepper about bidding lower.

Chief Breedlove told the Council that there were other fire departments who were interested in the truck and that if Franklin Fire had to consider purchasing a new one that the total would be about \$250,000 with no equipment included.

Council Member McMahan said that he believed Chief Breedlove and Assistant Volunteer Chief Ryan Hursey knew what the truck was worth and that the Council should approve the full amount.

Council Member Mashburn said she agreed with McMahan.

Council Member Collins suggested funding \$58,000 while giving the Town Manager the discretion to negotiate if necessary.

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Collins to add \$20,000 from the fire fund balance to an already budgeted amount of \$38,000 with an additional \$2,000 for use by the Town Manager to negotiate the purchase of a pumper truck from Cashiers Fire Department. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 1. McMahan opposed.

New Business: Discussion on Real Property located at Phillips Street

Town Manager Summer Woodard told the Council that there was a potential opportunity to swap Town property located at Phillips Street for a piece of property located on 441 North currently owned by Mr. Phil Drake.

Mayor Scott said that the property on 441 looked like it would be an ideal space for public safety.

July 1, 2019 meeting continued,

Attorney John Henning Jr. told the board that there would need to be proper advertisement before discussions could take place.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to move forward with proper publication of the potential property swap. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Legal: Discussion on the Riverbend Water Service Agreement

Attorney John Henning Jr. said that the water system owners in the previous agreement have had problems paying for water with the Town and in the past few years the system has been run by Carolina Water System, Inc. who now intends to purchase the system. Carolina Water System proposed to pay off the debt owed by the previous owners and move forward with the purchase. He said that once the debt is paid and the purchase is complete then Carolina Water System, Inc. will become customers of the Town.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to approve the Riverbend Water Service Agreement as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Agreement is attached.

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Adjournment

Motion made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 7:10 p.m. p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk