

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
June 21, 2022**

THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL held a special called meeting on Monday, June 21, 2022, at 6:00 pm. in the Town Hall Board Room located at 95 East Main Street Franklin, NC.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jack Horton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Vice Mayor Joe Collins, Council Members Stacy Guffey, Mike Lewis, Adam Kimsey, David Culpepper and Rita Salain.

2. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jack Horton opens discussion on the letter of commitment for technical assistance to move forward with the Opportunity Appalachia Grant. Council member Stacy Guffey explains the RFP process for the project. There was discussion to include a report on codes for utilization of historical buildings in the RFP for downtown Franklin. They discussed continuing conversation with the Jacobs family on their commitment to the project and obtaining their letter of support.

Council Member Stacey Guffey made a motion, seconded by Mike Lewis to approve the letter of commitment and move forward with support of the project. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0

3. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Jack Horton opens vote on the contract for the paving of Green Street.

Council Member Rita Salain made a motion, seconded by David Culpepper to ratify the contract for the paving of Green St. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: 6-0

Judy Burnett spoke to the council about the Medication Assistance Program. Mayor Jack Horton explained that we currently do not have a dedicated line item for this program. Judy asks the council to consider creating a line item for this program and donating funds to her shortfall of \$100,000. Mayor Jack Horton suggested to Judy Burnett to speak with our Town manager Amie Owens upon her return.

Mayor Jack Horton opens conversation for the approval of the new budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. There was some discussion on concern over the tax increase.

Vice Mayor Joe Collins makes a motion to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Council Member Stacy Guffey. Council Members David Culpepper, Rita Salain, and Adam Kimsey vote to approve with Council Member Mike Lewis voting to oppose. The motion carried with a vote of 5-1.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Mayor Joe Collins made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mike Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm. The motions carried unanimously. Vote: 6 to 0.

C. Jack Horton, Mayor

Reviewed by: Amanda W. Owens, Town Manager
Acting Town Clerk

Prepared by: Alison Stamey
Fiscal and Budget Analyst