

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
JUNE 19, 2024**

**THE FRANKLIN TOWN COUNCIL** held a special called meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. 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 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:**

Vice Mayor Stacy Guffey, Council Members, David Culpepper, Mike Lewis, Robbie Tompa and Rita Salain.

Absent: Council Member Joe Collins

Mayor Horton thanked Town Manager Amie Owens and Town Department Directors for all their work on the FY 2024/2025 Budget. He also thanked Fire Chief Ben Ormond and Town Council Board Members for attending the Macon County BOCC budget meetings.

***Council Member David Culpepper made a motion, seconded by Council Member Robbie Tompa to excuse Council Member Joe Collins due to his absence. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5 to 0.***

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

A.) Request approval of the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget and Budget Ordinance- Town Manager Amie Owens

Town Manager Owens pointed out that everyone had a copy of the budget ordinance. The FY 2024/2025 Town Budget is \$11,941,449 which is an 8% increase over the FY 2023/2024 Budget. The general fund tax rate will remain the same at \$0.33 per \$100 valuation of taxable property. The Franklin Fire District tax rate, set by the Board of County Commissioners, will increase from \$0.0524 to \$0.07.

Town Manager Owens thanked the Department Directors and Staff for being fiscally responsible and for all their work on the budget. She also thanked Town Council for all their support.

Mayor Horton recognized Fire Chief Ben Ormond and Chief Ormond thanked Town Council for all their support on the fire district tax increase.

Councilman Lewis thanked County Commissioners Danny Antoine, Gary Shields and Josh Young for their support of the Franklin Fire District tax.

***Council Member Rita Salain made a motion, seconded by Council Member Mike Lewis to approve the Budget and Budget Ordinance for FY 2024/2025 as presented. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5 to 0.***

**3. ADJOURN**

***Vice Mayor Stacy Guffey made a motion, seconded by Council Member David Culpepper to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m. The motion carried unanimously. Vote: 5 to 0.***

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C. Jack Horton, Mayor

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Nicole Bradley, Town Clerk