

May 20, 2019 meeting,

The Town of Franklin Town Council held a special called meeting on Monday May 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice-Mayor Barbara McRae, Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Dinah Mashburn, and Brandon McMahan were present.

Council Member Adam Kimsey was absent.

Staff persons present were Town Manager Summer Woodard, Finance Officer Kyra Doster, Police Chief David Adams, Public Works Director Nathanael Moore, and Fire Chief Matthew Breedlove.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by McMahan to excuse Kimsey from the meeting. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Discussion on Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented her budget message and the budget by department for 2019-2020.

Land-Use Administrator Justin Setser and Public Works Director Nathanael Moore discussed a ranking system for sidewalk repair and presented some to be repaired during the upcoming fiscal year.

Town Manager Woodard told the board that the budget included a 4% increase on water and sewer fees.

Council Member McMahan asked about the \$40,000 allotment for nonprofits.

The Council unanimously agreed to discontinue nonprofit funding in fiscal year 2019-2020.

Council Member Mashburn said she would like to potentially work with the county on funding half of a drug advocate position.

Mayor Scott said that he would like to see funding for an additional police vehicle added to the budget.

Council Member McMahan suggested using money from the sale of the old Town Hall to pay down some debt.

Council Member Collins said he supports using some of the money to pay down loans with the highest interest. He also said eventually maintenance costs on the police cars would catch up and the Town would have to buy potentially three or four at a time if two were not bought this year.

Vice-Mayor McRae said that \$15,000 for sculptures in the East Franklin area would be appreciated.

Mayor Scott said he was not sure the public was okay with public art at the moment.

Culpepper said he did not know if the Town has enough money to fund special projects.

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McMahan said he doesn't see an additional police car as a special project.

Collins said he thinks with the efforts of Nikwasi around the mound area that the sculpture funding should be included in the budget.

The Town Council directed Woodard to add an additional police car for \$36,000, an art request for \$15,000, and \$20,000 for help funding a drug advocate position to total \$71,000 worth of additional funds. \$40,000 would move from the nonprofit funding pool and \$6,000 from Facilities – Property Maintenance. This would mean that \$214,539 would come from fund balance.

Adjourn

Motion was made by McMahan, seconded by Collins to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk