



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

September 7, 2021

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**- Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**- Vice-Mayor Jack Horton
3. **Awards and Recognitions**
4. **Adoption of the September 7, 2021 Town Council Agenda** - Town Council
5. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for September 7, 2021** - Town Council
 - A.) Approval of August 2, 2021 Town Council Minutes
 - B.) Budget Amendments
 - C.) Forward Rezoning Request to Planning Board
 - D.) Set Public Hearing for Rezoning of Property on Siler Rd
 - E.) Extension of FEPSL until September 30, 2021
 - F.) Multiple Street Closing Requests
6. **Public Hearings**
 - A.) Public Hearing for Annexation of 4.5 Acres on Siler Rd
7. **Public Session**
8. **New Business**
 - A.) Board Action on Public Hearing for Annexation of 4.5 Acres on Siler Rd – Town Council
 - B.) Appointment and Contract for Town Manager – Town Council
 - C.) Proclamation for Constitution Week 2021 – Mayor Bob Scott
 - D.) Acceptance of FEMA 2020 AFG Grant – Fire Chief Ben Ormond
 - E.) No Wrong Door Agreement – Interim Town Manger Justin Setser
 - F.) New Street Name Petition Acceptance – Interim Town Manager Justin Setser
 - G.) Update on Skate Park – Mayor Bob Scott
 - H.) NCDOT Speed Limit Reductions – Interim Town Manager Justin Setser
 - I.) Street Closing Request for Halloween – Allen Pruitt Streets of Franklin Merchants
9. **Announcements**
 - A.) Next Town Council Meeting is Monday October 4, 2021.
 - B.) The Last Free Family Movie night will be on Friday October 1, 2021 in the Lower Town Hall Parking Lot. The Featured Presentation that night will be the Batman 1989.
10. **Adjourn**

September 7, 2021 meeting,

The Franklin Town Council held its monthly meeting on September 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice Mayor Jack Horton, Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Mayor Jack Horton.

Awards and Recognitions

Master Police Officer III Randy Dula was awarded commemoration for earning his Intermediate Law Enforcement Certificate and Tactical Training Certificate.

Sergeant Christy Evans was recognized for her recent promotion to Sergeant.

Adoption of the September 7, 2021 Town Council Agenda

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Lewis to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda for September 7, 2021

- A.) Approval of August 2, 2021 Town Council Minutes
- B.) Budget Amendments
- C.) Forward Rezoning Request to Planning Board
- D.) Set Public Hearing for Rezoning of Property on Siler Road
- E.) Extension of FEPSL until September 30, 2021
- F.) Multiple Street Closing Requests

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Lewis to approve the Consent Agenda for September 7, 2021. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Public Hearing for Annexation of 4.5 Acres on Siler Road

No one from the public spoke.

Mayor Scott declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:10 p.m.

Public Session

Cory McCall said that the parking lot behind his store was blocked during the 80's Flashback event. He also said that blocking Main Street restricts businesses. He said he would like to see a change in Pickin' on the Square with more consideration given to Main Street businesses. He said that the Town lost an asset in the passing of Gwen Taylor. He also thanked the Town Council for their service in consideration of the pandemic.

Jimmy Verran Jr. spoke of issues in the Rolling Hills community concerning crime.

Lynette Wiles spoke of issues in the Rolling Hills community concerning crime.

September 7, 2021 meeting continued,

New Business: Board Action on Public Hearing for Annexation of 4.5 Acres on Siler Road

Council Member Collins asked if the 4.5 was correct.

Interim Town Manager Justin Setser said that the 4.5 was a typo and that it was actually 9 acres. He then reviewed the application.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Culpepper to approved the Annexation of 9 acres on Siler Road. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0. Annexation ordinance is attached.

New Business: Appointment and Contract for Town Manager

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to approve an employment contract and appoint Amanda Owens as Town Manager. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Proclamation for Constitution Week 2021

Mayor Scott read the Proclamation for Constitution Week 2021.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Horton to proclaim September 17 – 23, 2021 as Constitution Week. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0. Proclamation is attached.

New Business: Acceptance of FEMA 2020 AFG Grant

Fire Chief Ben Ormond presented this information. He said the Fire Department requested \$51,410 and was awarded \$48,961.90. The Town's 5% contribution would be \$2,448.10. He said in anticipation of the grant, the required amount had been budgeted.

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Lewis to accept the FEMA 2020 AFG Grant. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: No Wrong Door Agreement

Interim Town Manager Setser presented this item. He said the agreement is the same as the one approved in the previous fiscal year.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Culpepper to approve the No Wrong Door agreement with Macon County. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: New Street Name Petition Acceptance

Interim Town Manager Setser presented this item. He said the proposed name for the new street is Town Summit Lane.

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Lewis to accept the new street name petition for Town Summit Lane. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

September 7, 2021 meeting continued,

New Business: Update on Skate Park

Anders Ike from J.E. Dunn said that they are looking at 3 bids for the project. He said there is a total of 5 but that 2 are based in California. He said the company is looking for permission to begin moving dirt to the Memorial Park. He said designs for the park by an architect look to be about \$14,000 to \$15,000.

Council Member Collins said he was under the impression that the design of the park would allow for the area to still be useable for activities besides a skatepark but that now it appeared that may not be the case. He said the Town is still committed to a skatepark but that the location that had been chosen may not be the best option.

Council Member Culpepper said that he thinks there are 2 better spots in the dog park property and the Whitmire property. He said he is concerned about flooding issues at Memorial Park. He said if it goes to Memorial Park then they may just be replacing one use for another.

Council Member Collins said that Memorial Park is the only park that the Town has. He suggested looking at other sites. He suggested continuing the meeting to Monday, September 13, 2021 and visiting the Whitmire property and dog park to consider moving the site to one of those locations.

The Town Council agreed that they would continue the meeting and reconvene at the other proposed sites to consider the placement of the skatepark.

New Business: NCDOT Speed Limit Reductions

Interim Town Manager Setser presented the request for speed limit reductions.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Collins to approve the NCDOT speed limit reductions.

Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

New Business: Street Closing Request for Halloween

Alan Pruitt and Brooke Real from the Main Street Merchants requested that Town Council close Iotla, Phillips, and Main Streets on October 30, 2021 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. for Halloween events.

Mayor Scott said that he had received a lot of complaints about Main Street being closed the weekend before. He asked if it would be possible for a police officer to be present on Main Street to help slow traffic instead of closing the street.

Police Chief Bill Harrell said an officer could be present but he was not sure that it would be an effective way to keep attendees safe.

Council Member Mashburn said that the Council had discussed safety a lot last year when the street was closed.

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to allow the street closings as long as no parking lots are blocked. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

September 7, 2021 meeting continued,

Items from the Board

Council Member Lewis said that he wanted to send condolences to the family of Gwen Taylor.

Council Member Culpepper encouraged the public to get vaccinated.

Mayor Scott suggested that the Town Council go on record supporting the vaccination.

Council Member Collins said it's a duty to get vaccinated.

Council Member Mashburn said she is vaccinated and will be getting a booster.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Collins at 7:25 p.m. to continue the meeting to September 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. to take place at the Whitmire property then to go to other locations for discussion of the skatepark location. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk