



**Town of Franklin Council**

**Agenda**

**July 6, 2020**

**6:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order**- Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
3. **Adoption of the July 6, 2020 Town Council Agenda**- Town Council
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2020**- Town Council
  - A.) Approval of June 1, 2020 Town Council Minutes
  - B.) Authorization Agreement for Entegra Bank and United Community Bank
  - C.) Budget Amendments
  - D.) EDA CARES Act Grant Funding Opportunity
  - E.) Re-Appointment of Town Tax Collector
  - F.) Resolution Authorizing Town Tax Collector to Collect 2020 Taxes
5. **Public Session**
6. **New Business:**
  - A.) Presentation of Town of Franklin Employee Service Awards- Mayor Scott
  - B.) Presentation Regarding Outdoor Dining- Brett Murphy
  - C.) Presentation on the United States Census- Debbie Reese
  - D.) Discussion and Update for Pickin on the Square- Town Manager Summer Woodard
  - E.) Discussion on Forest Service- Council Member David Culpepper
7. **Adjourn**

## **July 6, 2020 meeting,**

The Franklin Town Council held its monthly meeting on July 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Jack Horton, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Mashburn.

### **Adoption of the July 6, 2020 Town Council Agenda**

Town Manager Summer Woodard requested to add discussion of the Police Department's pay plan as item 6(F) under New Business

**Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Mashburn to approve the July 6, 2020 Town Council Agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

### **Approval of the Consent Agenda for July 6, 2020**

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Council Member Culpepper said that he would like to add to the Town Council minutes that Town Attorney John Henning Jr. said the comp plan isn't binding and can be changed if something is not working the way it was envisioned.

**Motion was made by Horton, seconded by Culpepper to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

### **Public Session**

There were no speakers.

**Vice Mayor Barbara McRae joined the meeting at 6:05 p.m.**

### **New Business: Presentation of Town of Franklin Employee Service Awards**

**Mayor Scott presented these items.**

**Captain Danny Bates was awarded a 25-year service plaque.**

**Sergeant Laurie Beegle was awarded a 25-year service plaque.**

**Sergeant Tony Ashe was awarded a 25-year service plaque.**

**July 6, 2020 meeting continued,**

**Randy Gibbs was awarded a 10-year service plaque.**

**Retired Detective Tracy Chastain was presented with the Long Leaf Pine Award in appreciation for his commitment to serving the community.**

**New Business: Presentation Regarding Outdoor Dining**

Brett Murphy presented this request on behalf of Root and Barrell restaurant to use property next to the Root and Barrell restaurant for outdoor seating that is owned by the Town of Franklin.

Council Member Culpepper said he thinks this project lines up well with the Comp Plan that the Town approved.

Council Member Collins said he would want to see what it would look like before voting on it.

Council Member Mashburn said this situation is different than the approval for Rockin' Rolle Polle's since that was for use of the sidewalk. She clarified with the Attorney that this property in question is owned by the Town.

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. said that a lease for the property in question could be approved. He said previous ordinance changes opened the door for outside seating and alcohol consumption.

Council Member Horton asked if there was an ordinance that disallowed alcohol on Town owned property.

Henning Jr. said that there is an exception written into the ordinance where a lease could allow it.

Mayor Scott said he is concerned about the fairness.

Council Member Mashburn said she shared his concerns. She said she was worried about setting a precedent and referred to the denial of a previous request from a local business owner who wanted to use the Whitmire Property.

Council Member Culpepper said he thinks the Town owes its neighbors and would like to see what the plan looks like.

Mayor Scott asked if it would be a concrete pad.

Murphy said for ADA purposes it would be best but that they could be flexible.

Mayor Scott asked Henning Jr. if this could be done legally without public input.

Henning Jr. said that it could. He said a public notice should be ran but a hearing wasn't necessary. He said a 30-day public notice would be sufficient.

**July 6, 2020 meeting continued,**

Council Member Culpepper said that the Comp Plan literally calls for outdoor seating and conversion of alley ways.

Council Member Mashburn said she's not against outdoor seating, but that she wants to be cautious with Town property and setting a precedent.

Council Member Collins said that market rate for a lease would be necessary.

Mayor Scott said this move would impact the whole complex.

Council Member Horton said he wasn't ready to vote but would like to get more feedback. He said he wanted to acknowledge the sentiment that Mashburn raised.

Mayor Scott said that he's concerned about future requests from others in concern of town property.

Council Member Culpepper said he hopes that happens.

Council Member Lewis said he agrees.

Murphy asked the Town Council what they would need from him.

Council Member Horton said that he would like to see maps and to look at the property.

Council Member Culpepper said that he thinks there can be restrictions or agreements added to the lease.

Vice Mayor McRae said there was no question that outdoor seating would be good.

**No action was taken.**

**New Business: Presentation on the United States Census**

Debbie Reese presented this item.

**New Business: Update on Pickin on the Square**

Town Manager Summer Woodard presented this item to the Board. She said that even though COVID-19 had put Pickin' on the Square on hold, Donnie Clay is requesting the Board consider some compensation. She said he was normally compensated \$600 per week during Pickin on the Square.

Council Member Collins asked if he was asking for money because he lost some due to booking bands and having to cancel.

Woodard said no.

John Henning Jr. said the Town can't pay somebody for not providing any services.

**July 6, 2020 meeting continued,**

Woodard said that there had been preparation in anticipation of Pickin on the Square but then the pandemic hit.

Council Member Collins said that he could possibly paying some but that he could not justify \$600 per week.

Council Member Culpepper asked if the Town could get a breakdown of expenses from him and then figure out how to proceed.

Woodard said she would do that.

**New Business: Discussion on Forest Service**

Council Member Culpepper presented a resolution to send to the Forest Service that would promote outdoor uses on Forest Service land located in Macon County. Resolution is attached.

**Motion was made by Horton, second by Lewis to approve the Resolution supporting outdoor activities on Macon County Forest Service land. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

**New Business: Discussion of Pay Plan for Franklin Police Department**

Woodard presented this item. Adjusted pay plan is attached. She said this would not mean that there would be pay increases this fiscal year nor was it necessary to vote on it at the meeting. She said she would appreciate a vote on the addition of a Lieutenant position since there has been some shifting in personnel.

Mayor Scott said he saw no reason to delay a vote.

**Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Lewis to approve the Pay Plan for Franklin Police Department as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Pay Plan is attached.**

**Discussion from the Board**

Council Member Horton said the Town's fireworks presentation was great.

Council Member Lewis welcomed Sarah Bishop to the meeting as Finance Officer. He agreed that the fireworks were good and thanked public safety.

Council Member McRae said that she would like to remember Reggie Holland who recently passed away for being a friend to the Town.

Council Member Mashburn said the fireworks were really good and that she appreciated getting home quickly. She also asked Town staff to reach out to NCDOT to possibly change the stop light pattern at the intersection of West Palmer Street and Porter Street.

**July 6, 2020 meeting continued,**

Council Member Culpepper also commended Town staff for the fireworks celebration and suggested that the Town Council consider making it an annual event.

Council Member Collins agreed with Council Member Mashburn's request to the NCDOT.

**Adjournment**

**Motion made by Culpepper, seconded by Lewis to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 7:20 p.m.  
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

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Robert S. Scott, Mayor

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Travis Tallent, Town Clerk