

## **December 13, 2021 Special Called Meeting,**

The Town of Franklin Town Council held a special called meeting on Monday December 13, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the appointment of the vacated seat on the Town Council and to go into Closed Session. Mayor Jack Horton presided. Vice-Mayor Joe Collins, Council Members David Culpepper, Stacy Guffey, Mike Lewis, and Rita Salain were present.

Staff persons present was Town Manager Amie Owens, Finance Director Sarah Bishop, Town Planner Justin Setser, and Town Attorney John Henning, Jr.

### **Discussion: Appointment of Vacated Council Seat**

Council Member Guffey said some characteristics he would like to see is a heart for the Town of Franklin, a vision of what they would like to see, and somebody who can make fact-based decisions.

Council Member Lewis said he would like to see someone who is honest and has integrity inside the boardroom and out.

Council Member Salain said the person should be willing to work and do what is best for Franklin.

Council Member Culpepper said he would like for the appointee to be objective. He said the board needs different opinions.

Vice Mayor Collins said it was important to have somebody who has an open mind. He said that with two new board members, a new mayor, and a new town manager that it would be helpful to have someone who is familiar with the town and town government. He said that he would nominate Adam Kimsey to fill the vacancy on the Town Council.

Council Member Salain asked to abstain from the vote.

Town Attorney John Henning, Jr. said that she could not abstain unless she had a financial interest in an item according to NC statutes so in this case an abstention would be counted as a yes vote.

**Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Lewis to appoint Adam Kimsey to the Town Council to fill the remaining two years of the vacant seat. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**The Town Council directed the Town Clerk to certify Kimsey's qualifications and in doing so he will be sworn in at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Council meeting.**

### **Closed Session: General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege to discuss handling or settlement of a claim**

**Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Salain to enter into Closed Session under North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney-Client Privilege to discuss handling or settlement of a claim at 4:45 p.m.**

**December 13, 2021 Special Called Meeting continued,**

**Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Guffey to return to open session at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

**Adjourn**

**Motion was made by Salain, seconded by Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 5 to 0.**

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C. Jack Horton, Mayor

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Travis Tallent, Town Clerk