



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

December 2, 2019

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order-** Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
3. **Approval of the November 4, 2019 Town Council Minutes-** Town Council
4. **Recognition of Service for Council Members Adam Kimsey and Brandon McMahan-** Mayor Bob Scott & Town Council
5. **Oath of Office for Mayor and Town Council Members-** Macon County Clerk of Court Vic Perry
6. **Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore-** Town Council
7. **Adoption of the December 2, 2019 Town Council Agenda**
8. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for December 2, 2019**
 - A.) Budget Amendments
 - B.) Tax Refund and Tax Releases
 - C.) Street Closing Request for Whoville Event
 - D.) Approval of the 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule
 - E.) Approval of the 2020 Town of Franklin Holiday Schedule
9. **Public Hearing 6:05 p.m. for Re-Zoning Petition for Dryman Road**
10. **Public Session**
11. **New Business**
 - A.) Board Action on Re-Zoning Petition for Dryman Road- Town Council
 - B.) Letter of Support for NCDOT's Growth Projections for Macon County Transportation Plan- Rose Bauguess
 - C.) Funding Request for Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration- Bobbie Contino
 - D.) Update from Franklin Fire and Rescue- Chief Matthew Breedlove
12. **Announcements**
 - A.) Town Offices will be closed December 24, 25 and 26 in observance of the Christmas Holiday
 - B.) Town Hall Offices will be closed Wednesday January 1, 2020 in observance of New Year's Day
13. **Adjourn**

December 2, 2019 meeting,

The regular meeting of the Franklin Town Council was held on Monday December 2, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice Mayor Barbara McRae and council members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Adam Kimsey, Brandon McMahan, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor McRae.

Approval of the November 4, 2019 Town Council Minutes

Motion was made by Kimsey, seconded by McMahan to approve the November 4, 2019 as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Recognition of Service for Council Members Adam Kimsey and Brandon McMahan

Mayor Scott and the Franklin Town Council recognized Council Members Adam Kimsey and Brandon McMahan for their years of service on the Franklin Town Council.

Oath of Office for Mayor and Town Council

Macon County Clerk of Court Vic Perry administered the Oath of Office for Council Members Joe Collins, Jack Horton, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn. Copies of the oaths of office are attached.

Macon County Clerk of Court administered the Oath of Office for Mayor Robert S. Scott. A copy of the oath is attached.

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Mashburn to reappoint Barbara McRae as Mayor Pro Tempore. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Adoption of the December 2, 2019 Town Council Agenda

Vice Mayor McRae asked to add discussion about funding for sculptures.

Council Member Collins asked to add discussion on liaisons.

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Culpepper to add Discussion on Sculptures as item 11(E) and Discussion on Liaisons as item 11(F). Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

December 2, 2019 meeting continued,

Approval of the Consent Agenda for December 2, 2019

- A.) Budget Amendments
- B.) Tax Refunds and Tax Releases
- C.) Street Closing Request for Whoville Event
- D.) Approval of the 2020 Town Council Regular Meeting Schedule
- E.) Approval of the 2020 Town of Franklin Holiday Schedule

Motion was made by McRae, seconded by Culpepper to approve the December 2, 2019 Consent Agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Hearing 6:05 p.m. for Re-Zoning Petition for Dryman Road

Land Use Administrator Justin Setser told the Town Council that the Town Planning Board recommended approval of the re-zoning but that they did have some concerns about the increase in traffic that would come with re-zoning from a R-1 to a C-3.

Janet Greene spoke against the re-zoning.

Darlene McDowell spoke in favor for the re-zoning.

New Business: Board Action on Re-Zoning Petition for Dryman Road

Council Member Collins said he didn't know if he could justify going against the Planning Board's recommendation of whom the Town Council had appointed to consider issues like this.

Council Member Lewis said he had some traffic concerns for the area.

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. told the Town Council that they could wait to make a decision if they needed more time.

Council Member Horton said that since it was filed in September that he felt a little uncomfortable making a decision tonight.

Motion by Horton, second by McRae to table board action on the Re-Zoning Petition for Dryman Road. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Session

Jonathan Tallent asked the Town of Franklin to consider support for a skate park in town.

Gabe Pangle agreed with Tallent.

Former Council Member Brandon McMahan asked the Town Council to reconsider sick appropriation for Police and Fire Department employees.

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New Business: Letter of Support for NCDOT's Growth Projections for Macon County Transportation Plan

Rose Bauguess updated the Town Council on NCDOT's Growth Projections for Macon County Transportation Plan. She described the growth rates that have been used in the past and the intent to continue to use the same population growth rate of 1.2 percent and employment to population ratio of .42 percent. She said the intent of her presentation was to find out if the Town Council agrees with the projections.

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Culpepper to Support the NCDOT's Growth Projections for Macon County Transportation Plan. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Funding Request for Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration

Bobbie Contino requested \$500 for the Arts Council's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

The Town Council agreed that the request would be better addressed by the Franklin Tourism Development Authority.

New Business: Update from Franklin Fire and Rescue

Franklin Fire Chief Matthew Breedlove updated the Town Council on the property located on 441 for a substation and described how insurance ratings would decrease for homeowners located in the service radius.

Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Hursey informed the Town Council of the Building Committee's intentions of visiting other fire departments to gather information and ideas for a future substation.

New Business: Discussion of Sculpture Funding in East Franklin

Vice Mayor McRae told the Council that the East Franklin sculpture will total \$400,000. The Women's History Trail has raised a significant amount of money for the project through solicitations. Since the project was discussed in the initial budget discussions, she requested that the Council grant \$15,000 from Economic Development.

Council Member Culpepper asked if the Town Council hadn't already granted \$5,000 from Economic Development to the Garden Club.

Town Manager Woodard said they have never formally requested it. She said that if the Town Council wishes, herself and finance could execute the payment and then if the Garden Club returns for the \$5,000 then it can be found if the Board wishes to do so.

Motion made by Collins, seconded by Culpepper to authorize \$15,000 from Economic Development for the sculptures. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

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New Business: Discussion on Department Liaisons

Council Member Collins asked if the Manager could put out some information about each department for the Council Members to consider whether they would like a certain role.

Mayor Scott said that by policy and procedure that the Mayor makes those appointments and that he would be glad to consider ideas.

Comments from the Board

Council Member Horton said that he appreciates the board members and the employees.

Council Member Lewis thanked the employees and stressed how important they are to the Town.

Vice Mayor McRae said that she could see the benefit of making time for reports from representatives for other boards like Economic Development Committee and Program for Progress.

Council Member Mashburn said she was thankful to be able to serve another two years.

Council Member Culpepper thanked Jonathan Tallent and the others who attended to talk about the Skate Park. He said that he seriously thinks it's time to start thinking outside the box and support more ideas for outside recreation.

Council Member Collins also thanked Tallent and the others. He told them not to be discouraged by the structure of the meeting.

Mayor Scott thanked the employees and also suggested a workshop to discuss the future goals of the Town Council.

Announcements

- A.) Town Hall Offices will be closed December 24, 25, and 26 in observance
- B.) Town Hall Offices will be closed Wednesday January 1, 2020 in observance of New Year's Day

December 2, 2019 meeting continued,

Adjournment

**Motion made by Culpepper, seconded by Lewis to adjourn the Town Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.**

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk