



Town of Franklin Council

Agenda

January 4, 2021

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**- Mayor Bob Scott
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**- Vice Mayor Barbara McRae
3. **Adoption of the January 4, 2021 Town Council Agenda**- Town Council
4. **Approval of the Consent Agenda for January 4, 2021**- Town Council
 - A.) Approval of the December 7, 2020 Town Council Minutes
 - B.) Tax Releases
 - C.) Resolution for Authorization of United Community Bank Fire-Substation Loan
 - D.) Amendment to Macon County Substance Contract
5. **Public Session**
6. **Old Business:**
 - A.) Discussion on Early Retirement for Law Enforcement Officers- Town Attorney John Henning Jr. and Human Resource Director Travis Tallent
 - B.) Discussion on Parades and Demonstrations Ordinance- Town Attorney John Henning Jr.
7. **New Business:**
 - A.) Discussion on Strategic Planning Meeting- Town Manager Summer Woodard
8. **Announcements**
 - A.) Town Hall Offices will be closed Monday January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day
9. **Adjourn**

January 4, 2021 meeting,

The Franklin Town Council held its monthly meeting on January 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room. Mayor Robert S. Scott presided. Vice-Mayor Barbara McRae, Council Members Joe Collins, David Culpepper, Mike Lewis, and Dinah Mashburn were present.

Vice Mayor Barbara McRae and Council Member Jack Horton used Zoom to attend the meeting virtually.

In consideration of members attending virtually, Town Clerk Travis Tallent conducted roll call for each action that was taken.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Scott.

Adoption of the January 4, 2021 Town Council Agenda

Town Manager Summer Woodard asked to add some budget amendments to the consent agenda as item 4(E), discussion of a police cruiser purchase as item 7(B), and a closed session for attorney-client privilege as 7(C).

Motion was made by Horton, seconded by McRae to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Approval of the Consent Agenda for January 4, 2021

- A.) Approval of the December 7, 2020 Town Council Minutes
- B.) Tax Releases
- C.) Resolution for Authorization of United Community Bank Fire-Substation Loan
- D.) Amendment to Macon County Substance Contract
- E.) Budget Amendments

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by McRae to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Public Session

Nobody from the public spoke.

Old Business: Discussion on Early Retirement for Law Enforcement Officers

Human Resource Director Travis Tallent presented this item.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Culpepper to approve the Early Retirement for Law Enforcement Officers Buy Out Policy. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0. Policy is attached.

January 4, 2021 meeting continued,

Old Business: Discussion on Parades and Demonstrations Ordinance

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. presented an updated Parades and Demonstrations Ordinance

Motion was made by Collins, seconded by Mashburn to approve the Parades and Demonstrations Ordinance updates as presented. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

New Business: Discussion on Strategic Planning Meeting

The Town Council directed the Town Manager to begin looking at options for a strategic planning meeting.

New Business: Discussion on Purchase of a Patrol Car

Police Chief Bill Harrell said that a police car had been damaged during Christmas and had been totaled. He said that the parked vehicle was struck by another vehicle and the driver had Geico insurance. A claim was made and it was looking as though the reimbursement for the damaged vehicle would be around \$15,000. He asked the board to use \$45,000 from fund balance in order to replace the vehicle since he could get a replacement fully outfitted for that cost. He said that the insurance payment would be going back into the fund balance.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Lewis to allow \$45,000 from fund balance to be used towards the purchase of a new patrol vehicle with the understanding that the Town Attorney would help to obtain an insurance reimbursement from Geico that would then go back into the fund balance. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Legal: Closed Session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) – To Consult with an Attorney to Protect the Attorney-Client Privilege

Motion was made by Culpepper, seconded by Mashburn to move into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Culpepper to return to open session at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

Motion was made by Mashburn, seconded by Lewis to allow the Town Manager and the Mayor to execute certain real estate documents on behalf of the Town of Franklin. Motion carried. Vote: 6 to 0.

January 4, 2021 meeting continued,

Adjournment

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

Robert S. Scott, Mayor

Travis Tallent, Town Clerk